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Grain and Produce Steady and Fairly Active—Federal Stock Advances—Cox & Co.'s Private Wire Despatch—Failures Throughout Ontario—Foreign Reports.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 6.

Stocks at home were somewhat firmer to-day with an upward tendency, while in New York the market declined. The London market was strong and shows a little improvement. The grain and produce markets show little change, being steady and fairly active.

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Toronto.

This morning the local stock market was moderately active with a fair demand from the shorts. Bank shares were steady, and the opinion seems to be in favor of a slight rally. Montreal sold ½ higher at 202½ while Ontario remained unchanged, selling at 107. Toronto advanced 2 points to 180 bid and Merchants' 1 higher at 120 bid. Commerce was also better at sales of 111¼ and 111½. Imperial sold at 128. Federal was firmer, advancing 2 points, there being several sales at 73, the stock closing at that figure. Dominion sold at 206 and Standard at 120½. The Loan and miscellaneous shares were inactive. British America Assurance was easy at 87 bid and Western firmer at 123½ bid. Consumers' Gas sold at 176 and Northwest Land was easier at 49½ bid. Freehold Loan sold at 161 and Building and Loan was wanted at par with holders asking 105. London and Canadian is easier at 142½ bid. Ontario Industrial sold at 95, with other stocks remaining unchanged.

In the afternoon the market was fairly active. Ontario sold at 107¼ and Commerce at 111¼. Federal advanced 3 points to 80, with sales at that figure. Dominion sold at 206½ and Western Assurance at 124½. Forty shares Canada Northwest Land changed hands at 50. Other stocks unchanged.

Transactions for to-day were: Morning—Montreal 10 at 202½. Ontario 16, 10, 5 at 107. Commerce 40, 10 at 111¼, 20 at 111¾. Imperial 12 at 128. Federal 5 at 78, 20 at 77½, 10 at 77¾, 25 at 78. Dominion 50 at 206½. Standard 20 at 120¾. Consumers' Gas 5 at 176. Freehold 21 at 161. Ontario Industrial 10 at 95. Afternoon—Ontario 5 at 107¼. Commerce 20 at 111¼. Federal 10, 10 at 80, 10 at 79½, 30, 5 at 80. Dominion 29, 30, 40 at 206½. Western Assurance 20 at 125, 20 at 124¾. Canada Northwest Land 40 at 50.

Following are the closing prices on the local stock board:

	Sls.	Bys.		Sls.	Bys.
Montreal	203	202	N. W. Land Co.	50	48¾
Ontario	107¼	107	Can. Per.	108	106
Toronto	181½	180	Freehold	162	161
Merchants'	121½	120	West. Can.		180
Commerce	111¾	111	Can. L. & A.	134	
Imperial	128	128	B. & L. Ass'n	105	100
Federal	80	79½	Farmers' L. & S.		118
Dominion	207	206½	L. & C. L. & A.		162¾
Standard		120	People's Loan	114½	113
Hamilton		138	Lon. & Can.		90
B. America	90	88¾	Man. Loan		
West. Ass'ce	124¾	124½	Ont. L. & D.	124	120
Can. Gas	176	174	Dom. Invest.		
D. Telegraph		93	Cent. Can. Loan		112
M. Telegraph	93¾	93	Ont. & Invest.	101	
Union	82¾	82¾	Ont. Ind.	95	

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

The New York stock market opened irregular but in the main a shade lower. After rallying for a short time the tendency was then downward for the rest of the day, closing from ½ to 1½ lower than yesterday.

Cox & Co. received a private wire despatch from New York to-day which says: A digestive press message shows that unless Congress does something immediately to relieve situation we shall see financial disaster before many months.

Following are the opening and closing prices of the chief stocks on the New York Exchange to-day:

	Opg	Clo.		Opg.	Clo.
Can. Pac.	55	54⅞	St. Paul & M.	107¼	106¼
N. Y. C.	109	108⅝	Mis. Pac.	81	80
Can. South	57⅝	56⅞	N. Y. & N. E.	39¾	39¼
Lackawanna	132⅝	132¼	North. Pac.		
Erie	31⅞	29⅞	" pfd.	47½	46¾
" pfd.	49⅞	47¾	Omaha	40⅞	39⅝
Ill. Cent.	116¾	116¼	Ore. R. & N.	30	28
N. J. Cent.	75⅞	74½	Ore. & Trans.	21	20¾
Mich. & Tex.	19	17¾	Pac. Mail	39¼	38¾
Louis & Nash.	62¾	62	Chic. & St. P.	77¾	76⅝
Lake Shore	93¼	93	Union Pac.	56	57⅝
Mich. Cent.	88	86¾	W. U. Tel.	79¾	78⅞

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EUROPEAN AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The London market showed considerable activity to-day, with an upward tendency. American securities were freely dealt in.

The Bank of England rate remains unchanged at 4.

Canadian Pacific sold to-day at 57¾ in London, 55 in New York and 55¾ in Montreal.

In London to-day Hudson Bay Company stock was quoted at 22½, and Canada Northwest Land at 2½.

Oil City reports oil to-day inactive, opening at 76¾, touching 76½, and 76¾, and closing 76¼.

London financial quotations to-day were: Morning—Consols, 101 11-16 for money and 101 5-16 for account; U. S. 4's 129; U. S. 4½'s 110. Erie Coup. 31; Erie 2d's 101¾; C.P.R. 56¾; N.Y.C. 112; Ill. Cent. 126. Afternoon—Consols, 101 9-16 for money and 101¾ for account; C.P.R. 56¾; Erie Coup. 30¾; Erie 2d's 101¾; N.Y.C. 112¼.

The failures reported in Ontario including three in Toronto are: The Perfection Spring Bed Co., (L. J. C. Jordan), 828 Yonge-street, is offering its creditors 50 cents on the dollar on about $10,000 liabilities, and Geo. Plumer, butcher, offers 35c on the dollar on about $2900. The bailiffs are in possession of McKay Bros', printing establishment, King-street west, on the foreclosure of a chattel mortgage. The troubles in outside places of the provinces are as follows: John M. Phillips, marble, Almonte, assigned; G. A. Lightfoot, butcher, Dundas, called meeting of creditors; G. Gagne & Co., tailors, Ottawa, assigned; James Wilson, bakery, Paris, offering 20 cents on the dollar; W. T. Crispin, hardware and general store, Strathroy, assigned. Nova Scotia—Thos. McDonald, general store, Guysboro, offering 20c on the dollar; Jesse Cunninger, sawmill, Melrose, assigned; Robert A. Waterman, butcher, New Glasgow, assigned; Ronald Gillis, general store, North Sydney, assigned. New Brunswick—Geo. W. Browning, dry goods, Portland, assigned.

Foreign exchange is quoted by Gzowski & Buchan to-day as follows:

IN NEW YORK.	Posted.	Actual.
Sixty days' sterling	$4.81½	$4.81½ to
Sterling demand	$4.83½	$4.84½ to

TORONTO.	Between Banks. Bid.	Asked.	Counter.
New York Funds	¼ dis	1-16 dis	¼ to ⅛
Sixty days' sterling	8 5-16	8 5-16	8⅜ to 8½
Demand do.	8 15-16	9 1-16	8⅞ to 9⅛
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Grain and Produce.

The grain market at home was fairly active to-day while in England it was quiet, wheat being dull with a poor demand though corn is steady with a fair demand.

The Chicago market opened steady at about last night's prices and on heavy realizing sales declined 1½ cents on wheat, 1½c on corn, 40c on pork, 30c on lard and 17½ on short ribs lower than yesterday's close.

The report of the receipts of hogs to-day from the Chicago stock yards is: Receipts 31,000, official receipts yesterday 25,172, shipments 1438, left over about 8000. Cattle receipts 9500. Market steady.

On call at the Board of Trade to-day: No. 2 fall wheat was offered at 83c, with 83½c bid. No. 2 red winter offered at 83c January delivery, 83½c bid. One car of wheat by sample was offered at 77c with 71c bid. Oats were offered at 37c on the track but no bid. No. 1 hard wheat offered at 88c on track with 85c bid. No. 1 Northern offered at 85c with 83c bid.

The car lots received at Chicago to-day are: Winter wheat 7, spring wheat 228, corn 315, and oats 137.

LOCAL STREET MARKET.

The local market showed fair activity to-day at steady prices: Wheat steady, with sales of 600 bushels at 83c to 84½c for fall, 77c to 83½c for spring, and 72c to 73½c for goose. Barley steady, 4500 bushels selling at 60c to 77c. Oats sold at 37c to 40c for 202 bushels, and peas are nominal at 60c to 60c. Hay firm, with sales of 24½ loads at $12 to $16 a ton. Straw sold at $9.50 to $12.50 a ton for six loads. Dressed hogs quoted at $6.25 to $6.50. Beef $3 to $5 for forequarters, and $5 to $7 for hindquarters. Mutton $6 to $6.50; lamb at $6.50 to $7.50; veal, $6.50 to $8.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The retail market continues quiet with no material change in prices, quoted as follows: Beef 12c to 14c; sirloin steak at 15c to 14c; round steak 10c to 11c. Mutton, legs and chops 12c to 13c; inferior cuts 8c to 10c. Lamb 7c to 8c for fresh, and 11c to 12c for hindquarters. Veal, best joints 12c to 13c; inferior cuts 6c to 8c. Pork, chops and roasts 10c. Venison, carcass $4 to $5; haunches $3 to $10. Butter, lb. rolls 22c to 25, large rolls 20c to 22; inferior 16c to 18c. Lard, tubs 9c to 10c. Cheese 11c to 12. Bacon 10c to 12c. Eggs 20c to 22c. Turkeys 5½c to 7c per lb. Chickens, per pair 20c to 25c. Geese 40c to 60c; box lots 5c to 6c per lb. Ducks 35c to 60c. Partridges 55c to 60. Potatoes, per bag 80c to 90c. Apples, per barrel $2 to $2.25. Beets, per bush. 60c to 75c. Onions, bushel $1.50 to $1.80. Celery 60c to 90c a doz. Turnips, bag 40c to 50c. Carrots, bag 40c to 60c.

THE CHICAGO MARKET.

The following table shows the fluctuations of the Chicago market to-day:

		Open-ed.	Clos-ed.	High-est.	Low-est.
Wheat	Dec.	$ 78⅛	$ 76⅞	$ 79 1-8	$ 76⅝
"	Jan.	78⅝	77⅝	78⅝	77⅝
"	Feb.	79⅛	78	79⅛	78
"	March	79⅝	79⅝		
"	May	81⅛	81¼	81⅝	81 1-16
Corn	Dec.	46⅝	46⅞	46⅞	46⅝
"	Jan.	47	46	47½	46
"	Feb.	46⅝	46¼	46⅝	46¼
"	March				
"	May	45⅝	45	46⅛	45⅝
Oats	Dec.				
"	Jan.	30⅛	30	30⅛	30
"	Feb.	30⅛	30	30⅛	30
"	March				
"	May	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝	32⅝
Pork	Dec.				
"	Jan.	14.30	14.07½	14.02½	14.02½
"	Feb.	14.35	14.02½	14.30	14.02½
"	March	15.27½	15.02½		15.02½
"	May	15.45	15.20	15.10	15.05
Lard	Dec.	7.39½	7.17½	7.32½	7.17½
"	Jan.	7.45	7.22	7.32	7.22
"	Feb.	7.52½	7.27½	7.40	7.25
"	March	7.57½	7.45	7.57½	7.45
"	May	7.82	7.67½	7.80	7.65
Short ribs	Dec.	7.22	7.22		
"	Jan.	7.45	7.32	7.35	7.32
"	Feb.	7.57½	7.37½	7.50	7.37½
"	March	7.80	7.67½	7.82½	7.67½
"	May	7.95	7.80	7.95	7.80

LATER—Wheat—Dec. 76½c, Jan. 77⅞c, Feb. 79c, May 84½c. Corn—Dec. 43½c, Jan. 43c, Feb. 43½c, May 45½c. Oats—Jan. 30c, Feb. 30c, May 32½c. Pork—Jan. $14.07½, Feb. $14.62½, May $15.10. Lard—Dec. $7.17½, Jan. $7.20, Feb. $7.35, May $7.65. Short ribs—Jan. $7.25, Feb. $7.37½, May $7.55. (Cash quotations were: No. 2 spring wheat 76½c to 76½c, No. 2 red 77½c, No. 2 corn 49½c to 49½c, No. 2 oats 31c, pork $14.25 to $14.40, lard $7.20 to $7.22½, short ribs sides $7.45 to $7.55, dry salted shoulders $5.50 to 6c, short clear sides $8.05 to $8.10. Receipts—Flour 34,000 bbls, wheat 96,000 bush, corn 176,000 bush, oats 111,000 bush, rye 8000 bush, barley 71,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 28,000 bbls, wheat 26,000 bush, corn 58,000 bush, oats 88,000 bush, barley 59,000 bush.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Cotton dull at 1-16c decline, gulf 10½, uplands 10½c. Flour—Receipts 38,676 pkgs, steady, unchanged, sales 19,500 bbls. Wheat—Receipts 78,100 bush, exports 32,005 bush, sales 30,056,000 bush futures, 178,000 bush spot; options weak, closing heavy at a decline of ⅛c to ½c; spot ½c to ¾c lower; No. 2 red Dec. 89½c to 90c. Jan. 90⅛c to 91½c, Feb. 91½c to 92½c, May 94½c to 95 9-16c. Malt—firm at $1 for two rowed state, $1.15 to $1.20 for Canada city made. Corn—Receipts 22,600 bush, exports 33,223 bush, sales 2,040,000 bush futures, 64,000 bush spot, spot ¼c to ½c and options ½c to 1½c lower; closing 2 Dec. 63½c, Jan. 62½c to 64½c, Feb. 62½c to 63½c, May 62 11-16c to 64½c. Oats—Receipts 46,000 bush, sales 680,000 bush futures, 107,000 bush spot, ½c to ½c lower, fairly active; No. 2 Dec. 37½c to 38½c, Jan. 38c to 38½c, May 39½c to 40 3-16c, No. 2 white to 38½c, mixed western 38c to 40c, white do. 40c to 46c. Sugar firm, standard "A" 5¼c, cut loaf and crushed 7⅞c, powdered 7c to 7⅛c, granulated 6 13-16c to 6¾c. Eggs steady, 24c to 27c.

BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

Beerbohm reports to-day: Floating cargoes—Wheat quiet and firm, corn nil. Arrivals—Corn sold nil. Waiting orders—Wheat 3, corn 1. Cargoes on passage—Wheat quiet and steady. Corn steady, fair demand. Good cargoes Walla wheat off coast, 32s 9d, was 32s 6d; October shipments 34s, was 33s 9d. French country markets firm. Paris—Steady. Liverpool—Wheat, not much demand; corn firmer. No. 1 Calcutta, 6s 10½d; No. 2, 6s 7½d, unchanged. American red winter, 6s 9d; white Michigan 6s 10d; shipping, 6s 10d; all three 1d dearer. Peas, unchanged. Shipments from India to United Kingdom—Wheat 12,500 qrs.; do. continent wheat 15,000 qrs.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool reports to-day: Wheat dull, poor demand, holders offer freely; corn firm, fair demand. Prices: spring wheat 5s 8d to 6s 10d, red winter 5s 8d to 6s 10d, No. 1 Cal. 6s 10d to 6s 11d. Corn 5s 3d. Peas 5s 7d. Pork 65s. Lard 37s 9d. Bacon 35s. Cheese 55s 6d.

OSWEGO BARLEY MARKET.

Oswego reports barley unchanged to-day at the following prices: No. 2 ex Can. 87c, No. 1 Can. 90c, No. 1 bright 92c. Sales, 5000 bush. No. 2 ex. Can. at 87c.

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