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HANDSLEIGHS FOR COAL DELIVERIES

The shortage of coal in London and throughout the whole Dominion has been the cause of much suffering. Lack of delivery facilities to take care of the 100 and 500-pound lots, all that can be spared by the majority of dealers, has brought into play all manner of extemporized systems, but the kiddies' handsleigh is one of the most popular both here and elsewhere.

HOME MUSICALE IS ARTISTIC SUCCESS; SANATORIUM AIDED

Women's Music Club Program Pleasing.

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All Numbers of Assisting Artists Exceptionally Well Rendered.

The musicale given by Mrs. John Daly last evening in her spacious home on Princess avenue on behalf of the Woman's Music Club for the benefit of the Byron Sanatorium for Tuberculous Soldiers, proved a marked success artistically, socially and in point of attendance. More than a hundred people enjoyed the delightful program presented. Whitney Scherer, pianist, assisted by Mrs. E. Wyatt, soprano; Miss Elsa Mitchener of Toronto, soprano, and Miss Florence Eggleston, violinist.

Mr. Scherer, who possesses not only abundant technic, but is richly endowed as well with intellectual appreciation and artistic temperament, played with brilliancy such numbers as the Verdi-Liszt arrangement of Rigoletto; the "Turkish March," Beethoven-Rubinstein; Liszt's "Campanella" and the "Erl-King," Schubert-Liszt, the last, one of his finest efforts of the evening, the effect of differentiation of the voices admirably managed. The Brahms's arrangement of the quaint Gluck "Gavotte" was delightfully done and the artist's nicety of singing tone revealed in "Dedication" (Schumann-Liszt) and a Liszt "Liebestraum," which was given as a final encore.

Mrs. Wyatt was in splendid voice and her contributions to the program a genuine treat, including "Break of Day" (Sanderson); "Call Me Back" (Denza); Schubert's "Serenade" with violin obligato played by Miss Florence Eggleston, and three encore numbers, a "Lullaby" by Kate Vennah, "I know a Lovely Garden" (Guy D'Hardelot), and an inspiring interpretation of "The Year's at the Spring" (Mrs. H. A. Beach).

Miss Elsa Mitchener's exceptional dramatic power was demonstrated in her gripping presentation of "The Cry of Rachel" (Salter), voice, attitude and facial expression of the young artist conveying to the audience the story of the abandonment of woe. Her versatility was next revealed in her immediate change from the tragic to the humorous when she sang as an encore and with delicious drollery, "The Little Pigs." Luzzi's "Ave Maria" was given with fine devotional feeling and in marked contrast, immediately after, the whimsical bit, "Chrysanthemums." With a voice of such richness and resonance and artistic ability of such an order, a bright future seems assured for Miss Mitchener.

The audience would have enjoyed hearing more from Miss Florence Eggleston, who appeared only once on the program, playing with finish the Wieniawski "Legende" and as an encore a charming interpretation of "Schon Rosmarin" (Fritz Kreisler).

Accompaniments were admirably played by Miss Raymond and Miss Nora Little.

Refreshments were served during an intermission, Mrs. A. D. Jordan and Mrs. W. E. Robinson pouring coffee in the dining-room at an attractive table adorned with a great cluster of Richmond roses and crossed bands of satin ribbon in the club colors, green, blue and gold, finished with bows at the edges of the table. A. MINOR.

WAR EXEMPTION CASES TIED UP QUEBEC COURTS

Montreal, Jan. 16.—The council of the Montreal bar, decided today to appeal to the minister of justice to relieve the situation here regarding superior court cases being held up as a result of the judges of the superior court being engaged on exemption appeals, under the M. S. A. It was stated that there were upwards of 22,000 exemption appeals in the Montreal district, and that the judges could not possibly get through with the work before the end of June. The bar will take definite action on the matter next Monday.

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NO RESULTS OF PEACE MEETING AT PETROGRAD

Fail To Reach An Agreement Regarding Exchange of Prisoners.

LENINE APPEALS FOR FOOD

Russian Troops Close to Starvation, and Govt. Calls for Voluntary Supplies.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—Great dissatisfaction is expressed by the German newspapers at the slow progress of the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, and the Russians are charged with proroguing them deliberately. This delay is affecting the negotiations in progress at Petrograd where, according to the Weser Zeitung of Bremen, the discussions regarding exchange of prisoners has yielded no results thus far. The Tageblatt of Berlin makes a similar complaint regarding the work of the special German commercial commissions now in Petrograd.

Most of the newspapers assert Germany will never think of completely evacuating the occupied Russian territory before peace has been brought about on all fronts.

BOLSHEVIKI GOVT. APPEALS FOR FOOD.

London, Jan. 16.—Three appeals issued by the Bolsheviki Government in Petrograd on Tuesday are contained in a Russian official wireless communication received here. One is signed by the council of people's commissaries for war and the central committee for army supplies and begins:

"To all; Immediate help is necessary. The army, which is standing patiently and bravely on guard for the freedom of the country, is perishing from famine; their provisioning has ceased. Several regiments are entirely without bread, and the horses are without fodder. Every citizen of Russia, in this fateful hour, do your duty immediately."

Warn Against Disorder.

Railwaymen and others concerned with transportation are warned that if found guilty of violence or disorder, or attempts to capture military foodstuffs they will be punished severely. The proclamation says:

"The army, confident in you, is fulfilling its duty and awaits your immediate help."

Another proclamation addressed "To all at the front, particularly the 12th Special Army," informs them that the central committee chosen by the delegates at the last conference of the armies, has been formed in Petrograd for the purpose of provisioning the armies, and calls for the fullest detailed information from local army committees regarding supplies and needs. It concludes:

"Only by friendly co-operation, only in harmony and by strong physical effort shall we be able to conquer the anarchy existing here."

The third proclamation begs all at the front to telegraph the central committee where and when commands for organizing army supplies shall be sent.

MINERS OF STATES FOR GOVT. OWNERSHIP IN DEMOCRATIC WAY

Convention to Reaffirm Stand Taken Several Years Ago.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 17—The resolutions committee of the United Mine Workers of America in biennial convention here, is expected to report favorably a resolution advocating Government ownership of the coal mines of the country, provided they are conducted along democratic lines. The miners convention of 1914 went on record in favor of federal ownership and the present gathering of coal diggers, according to leaders among the delegates, will reaffirm the stand taken four years ago.

Another resolution to be reported with a favorable recommendation will oppose the employment of women in hazardous occupations or in positions where they are compelled to do rough work.

A resolution advocating an independent labor party, such as exists in England, will be negatived on the ground that it is a question for the American Federation of Labor to settle.

DROPPERS OF MESSAGE NOT TREATED AS SPIES

Amsterdam, Jan. 16.—The Wolff Bureau, the German semi-official agency, denies a report that Entente aviators caught distributing President Wilson's message in Germany from the air would be shot as spies. It says:

"The fact that the message obtained the widest publicity in all German newspapers suffices to brand the story as ridiculous invention."

In discussing a plan to drop copies of President Wilson's message from airplanes, the London Daily Chronicle on January 11 said it had been announced that the German Government would shoot as spies all pilots caught dropping propaganda.

An Amsterdam dispatch dated Monday reported the newspaper Les Nouvelles as saying that a number of allied airplanes last Thursday dropped a thousand copies of President Wilson's message on occupied areas in Belgium.

CITY NOT HOARDING COAL, SAYS MAYOR, AFTER PROBING STORY

Charge Made at School Board Meeting Untrue.

FAIR SUPPLY AT HALL

Some of It Will Be Used to Relieve Distress in the City.

Mayor Somerville investigated the story that there was an abundance of coal at the city hall, when the utilities commission was asking other bodies to supply coal to the commission for distribution.

"The facts are simply these," said his worship: "William Buchanan supplied us with two loads of coal, as he agreed under contract. A third load was to be taken to the customs office, but that was closed, so the driver brought it to the city hall and put it into the cellar. The supply will not last long, but we intend using as much of it as we can to relieve distress. We have no intention of hoarding it in any way, but will hand it out as best we can."

The charge that the city was hoarding coal was made yesterday at a meeting of No. 2 committee of the board of education. A request made by the utilities commission that the board turn over its supply of coal to the city and close the schools if necessary was laid over.

It was pointed out that considerable coal had come to the city hall, and until it was known what disposition the city would make of that, the committee could not see its way clear to close the schools.

COUNTY WANTS ROADS TO COME UNDER NEW PROVINCIAL SCHEME

Deputation Meeting Minister of Works in Toronto Today.

A deputation, whose members were recently appointed by the Middlesex County Council to interview the minister of public works, is in Toronto today, and will meet Hon. Finley MacDiarmid some time this afternoon.

Those who made up the deputation were: Warden Blaikie, B. C. Broks, John Currie, D. A. Graham and David Smith.

John McFarland, M. P. P. for East Middlesex, accompanied the delegation, and will introduce the members to the minister of public works.

The object of the interview is to get the minister to authorize the designation of certain leading county roads as inter-provincial roads. Increased grants for maintenance and construction are provided for these roads.

The county council went on record at the last session as favoring the scheme, but before the idea can be put into operation it must have the sanction of the minister of public works.

The members of the deputation are expected to return early Thursday morning.

68,000 H. P. SHORT IN "OFF PEAK" SALE, DECLARES MANAGER

Power Shortage in Ontario Is Strikingly Illustrated.

General-Manager E. V. Buchanan of the utilities commission has returned from Toronto where he attended the meeting of the Hydro-Electric Association. He reported that there was a large attendance of the members, and the theme of discussion was power conservation.

"We have a market for 68,000 horsepower more than we are now selling at night, off the peak load," he declared. "This is for carbide and other companies actively engaged in making munitions. You can see how essential it is to reduce the consumption of power to the lowest possible point."

GASOLINE, POURED IN CITY SEWERS, TOO GREAT MENACE

Fire Chief Seeking Law to Prohibit Practice.

Fire Chief John Aitken has called attention to the fact that large amounts of gasoline from garages, etc., are being poured into sewers. He had a conference with City Engineer H. A. Brazier on the subject today, and it is probable that as a result a bylaw will be introduced into the council prohibiting this practice.

"It is a very dangerous practice" said the chief. "It will result in an accident, and possibly a big blaze some day unless it is stopped. I am going to suggest that something be done to prevent it. A bylaw would be effective, in my judgment."

FINANCIAL, MARKET AND COMMERCIAL SECTION

OATS GO TO $2.60 ON MARKET TODAY

All Price Records of London Broken Today.

20 CENTS ADVANCE MADE

Brisk Bidding for the Scanty Supply Causes Unusual Jump.

A jump of 20c in the price of oats occurred on the market today. This is the largest straight increase recorded for many months, and brings the price of oats to the highest value ever registered in this district. Owing to the storm the supply of oats, and in fact every kind of produce has been much below par. Demand for the grain was brisk and when a few loads appeared on the square, as high as $2.60 per cwt. was offered before bidding stopped. Several loads sold on Tuesday at $2.55.

Demand for hay is not of the best. The supply is poor, but prices have not ascended. The light offerings are liable to boost prices at any moment. The markets of the past few days should not be taken as an indication of the strength of trade, because of the fact that there was very little produce offered.

There appears to be a temporary shortage of potatoes owing to the tie-up of shipments due to the storm. Railway blockades in Western Ontario are still reported, and it is unlikely that shipments of tubers will come into the city for several days. On the market potatoes have not appeared for two weeks. Vegetables are also scarce but a movement in the market was maintained by the sale of a number of bunches of rhubarb, lettuce and radishes.

There have been no live stock offerings locally since Friday last. Farmers will not yet take the chance of being frozen to come into the city to dispose of their produce. It is reported that transactions in live hogs have been negligible throughout the district for some days. When shipping facilities are again normal a good offering of porkers is looked for. The market is expected to be firm.

Chickens were in good demand on Tuesday and because of the small supply sold at advanced prices. While the majority of the birds went for 26c per pound, several brought as high as 30c. Butter is unchanged. With the advent of mild weather it is expected that butter will decrease in price as margarine is reported to be more popular each day with marketers.

Grain, Cwt.—			
Oats, per cwt	$2 40	to	$2 60
Grain, Bushel—			
Wheat, per bu	2 12	to	2 12
Oats, per bu	80	to	82
Vegetables—			
Celery, per doz	30	to	50
Cabbage, dozen	40	to	60
Home-grown potatoes, per bag	2 00	to	2 25
Hay and Straw—			
Hay, ton	12 00	to	14 75
Straw, per ton	7 50	to	8 50
Dairy Products, Retail—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	48	to	50
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	48	to	50
Butter, crocks, lb.	48	to	50
Butter, store lots, lb.	48	to	52
Eggs, per doz.	50	to	55
Dairy Produce, Wholesale—			
Butter, creamery lb.	46	to	50
Butter, dairy, lb rolls	47	to	50
Butter, crocks, lb.	48	to	52
Eggs, crate lots, doz.	45	to	46
Eggs, basket lots, doz.	45	to	52
Poultry, dressed, Retail—			
Spring chicken, lb.	26	to	30
Ducks, pound	23	to	26
Geese, pound	23	to	24
Turkey, pound	30	to	32
Live Stock—			
Hogs, per cwt	17 00	to	17 50
Small pigs, pair	12 00	to	16 00
Butchers' Meats—			
Dressed hogs, cwt	22 50	to	23 00
Fat sows, cwt	13 50	to	13 50
Beef, per cwt	13 00	to	16 50
Veal, per cwt	20 00	to	22 00
Heifer beef, cwt	16 00	to	16 00
Lambs, per cwt	20 00	to	22 00
Hides and Wool—			
Wool, unwashed, lb.	50	to	50
Wool, washed, lb	60	to	62
Calfskins, per lb	19	to	20
Cow hides, No. 1	15	to	15
Cow hides, No. 2	14	to	14
Cow hides, No. 3	13	to	13

LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Receipts at the Union stockyards were very light today on account of the railway blockades. Total receipts were 18 cars, including 157 cattle, 969 hogs and 13 sheep. Quotations:

Cattle—Exporters, choice, per cwt, $12@13; do, bulls, $9@11; butchers, choice, $10 50@11 85; do, medium, $7 75@8 55; do, common, $6 25@7 50; do, cows, choice, $8 75@10; do, medium, $7 50@8 25; do, canners, $6@6 25; do, bulls, $7 50@8 50; feeding steers, $8 50@9 75; stockers, choice, $7 75@8 75; do, light, $6 50@7; milkers, choice, each, $90@140; springers, each, $90@135; calves, $15@16.

Sheep—Ewes, cwt, $12 50@14 50; bucks and culls, $7 50@9 50; lambs, $19@19 50.

Hogs—Fed and watered, cwt, $19.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; beeves, $8 25@13 60; steekers and feeders, $6 85@10 90; cows and heifers, $5 85@11 85; calves, $8 50@15 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; market strong; light, $15 65@16 40; mixed, $15 85@16 50; heavy, $15 85@16 55; rough, $15 85@16; pigs, $12 50@15 25; bulk of sales at $16 10@16 45.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000; market firm; lambs, $14 25@17 50; wethers, $9 75@13 25.

Montreal, Jan. 16.—The storms which prevailed during the week-end had a material effect on the offerings at the C. P. R. stockyards, and the run was very light. This morning there were 25 cattle, 75 sheep and lambs, 225 hogs and 50 calves on the market. Quotations:

Choice steers, $13; good steers, $11@11 75; medium steers, $10@10 50; butcher bulls, choice, $10@10 25; do, good, $9 25@9 75; butcher cows, choice, $10@10 50; do, good, $9 50@9 75; canning cows, $5 50@6.

Sheep, $12@13; lambs, $14@16.

Grass calves, $7@8; milk calves, $14@16.

Hogs—Choice selects, 19 75.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 125; steady.

Calves—Receipts, 25 head; steady, at $7@17 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,200; easier; heavy, $18 50@18 60; mixed, $18 50@18 55; yorkers, $18 50; light yorkers, $17@17 50; pigs, $17; roughs, $16 50@17; stags, $14@15.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,400; steady; lambs, $13@19 50; others unchanged.

GRAIN.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Opening: Corn—January, $1 27X; May, $1 24⅝.

Oats—January, 7½c; May, 76c.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Announcement that a railroad executive had been proposed to handle corn shipments only, and that the plan was intended especially to hasten the movement of grain within the ensuing three or four weeks, led today to a material drop in corn prices. The market was also bearishly affected by a renewal of peace talk.

Opening quotations, which ranged from ⅛c to ¼c to ½c lower, with January at $1 27⅜ and May at $1 24⅝@1 24¾, were followed by an additional set-back.

Oats eased down with corn. Selling pressure, however, was light.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Oats opened unchanged to ⅛c lower for May, at 85⅛@85c

Flax opened unchanged for May at $3 25.

Inspections on Tuesday were 329 cars, of which 152 were contract.

PROVISIONS.

Liverpool, Jan. 16.—Beef—Extra India mess, 360s.

Hams—Short cut, 131s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 152s; clear bellies, 161s; long clear middles, light, 160s; do, heavy, 159s; short clear backs, 157s; shoulders, square, 128s

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, 133s; American refined, in pails, 136s 3d; do, in boxes, 135s.

OILS.

Liverpool, Jan. 16.—Tallow—Australian (in London), 72s.

Turpentine Spirits—123s.

Rosin—Common, 67s 6d.

Petroleum—Refined, 1s 6⅝d.

Linseed Oil—61s 6d.

Cottonseed Oil—68s 6d.

War Kerosene—No. 2, 1s 2¾d.

COTTON.

Liverpool, Jan. 16.—Cotton—Futures closed barely steady. New contracts: January, 23.64d; February, 23.44d; March, 23.13d; April, 22.95d; May, 22.78d. Old contracts (fixed prices): January, 22.26d; January and February, 22.16d; February and March, 22.07d; March and April, 21.98d; April and May, 21.90d; May and June, 21.82d; June and July, 21.74d.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Jan 16.—Closing prices today were:

British 5 per cent loan	93⅝
British 4½ per cent loan	99¾
Consols, for money	55⅛
Atchison, com.	87
Baltimore & Ohio	54
Canadian Pacific	155½
Chesapeake & Ohio	53½
Chicago Great Western	8½
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	49
De Beers	13¼
Denver & Rio Grande	8
Erie, com.	21
Erie, 1st pfd.	31
Grand Trunk	9⅝
Illinois Central	96½
Louisville & Nashville	117½
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	7½
New York Central	71
Norfolk & Western	108
Ontario & Western	21
Pennsylvania Railway	48
Rand Mines	3
Reading Railway	74
Southern Railway	26
Southern Pacific	85
Union Pacific	116
United States Steel	95

STEEL FOREIGN HOLDINGS.

New York, Jan. 16.—Foreign holdings of United States Steel Corporation's common stock at the end of the quarter closed December 31, 1917, amounted to 484,190 shares, a gain over the total on December 30 of 7,681 shares. This was the first increase in the ownership of Steel shares outside this country since the great liquidating movement began after the outbreak of war in 1914. In the September quarter the corporation's stock books showed a slight decline from the June quarter's holdings, but previously the quarterly shrinkage had been extensive, particularly in 1915. At the end of June, 1914, fully 1,274,247 shares of common stock were owned abroad.

The largest gain for any outside country was shown by Canada in the December, 1917, quarter, the 41,639 shares then being 7,659 shares more than the aggregate net gain by all the nations combined, being reduced in the final result through a decline of the holdings of other countries. England's block of stock, amounting to 173,074 shares at the end of 1917, was 1,139 shares fewer than on September 30. French owners increased their holdings by about 200 shares, while Holland's remained unchanged. Germany reduced her holdings of both common and preferred somewhat, and Austria reduced her preferred stock substantially.

WALL STREET.

New York, Jan. 16—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Advances of 1 to 2 points were registered by popular stocks at the opening of today's market. United States Steel, Union Pacific, Atchison, Marine preferred, Atlantic and Gulf, Texas Company, American Smelting and Mexican Petroleum led the movement, which also included Ohio Gas and some of the war specialties. There were a few irregular features, St. Paul preferred losing a point and General Motors 2 points. Liberty bonds were again inclined to react, the second fours establishing a new low record at 96.16.

Noon.—Early gains were increased for the most part before selling for profits brought about a reaction. In the case of United States Steel and a few other leaders the set-back ranged from large fractions to a point. Trading quieted at noon, but the market hardened again on another rally in equipments. Liberty 2½s sold at 98.54 to 98.50, first fours at 97.50 to 97.30, and second fours to the new minimum of 96.10.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Thomson & McKinnon, brokers, Royal Bank Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for The Advertiser as follows:

New York, Jan. 16.

Trunk Lines and Grangers—	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30.
Baltimore & Ohio.	50⅝	51¼	50⅝	51
Erie, com.	14⅛	14¾	14⅛	14¾
Erie, 1st pfd.	23½	24½	23⅛	24½
Great Northern	86	..	..	..
New York Central	68	..	..	..
Rock Island	18¼	19	18¼	19
St. Paul	43	43¼	42	42
Wabash, com.	21	21⅝	21	21⅜
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison, com.	83⅜	83¾	83	83
Canadian Pacific	137⅝	137⅝	136¾	137
Missouri Pacific	20¼	20½	20¼	20½
Northern Pacific	81½	82	81½	81¾
Southern Pacific	81⅛	81⅛	80⅞	80⅞
Southern Railway	22⅝	..	..	..
Union Pacific	112	112	111¼	111½
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio	50⅛	50¾	50⅛	50¾
Pennsylvania	45⅞	45⅞	45½	45½
Reading Railway	71½	72¼	71	72¼
Tractions—				
Brooklyn Transit	42	42	41⅞	41⅞
Interboro, com.	7¾	..	..	..
Industrials—				
Allis-Chalmers	18¼	..	..	..
Am. Beet Sugar	73½	74	73½	74
American Can	35⅞	36	35⅞	36
American Car	69X	..	..	..
Am. Locomotive	54	54½	54	54½
Am. Smelters	79¼	80¼	79¼	80½
Baldwin Loco	58	58⅞	58	58½
Central Leather	35½	..	..	..
Corn Products	30¾	30¾	30⅝	30⅝
Col. Fuel & Iron	33½	..	..	..
Distillers	35¾	36¼	35¾	36
Dome Mines	8 8	8⅝	8½	8½
General Electric	128¾	129¼	128¾	129¼
General Motors	110	111¾	110	111¾
Goodrich Rubber	37½	..	..	..
G. Northern Ore	23⅞	..	..	..
Marine, com.	21⅞	22¼	21⅞	21⅞
Marine, pfd.	88⅞	89½	88½	89
Studebaker	43	48⅞	48	48½
U. S Rubber	52	..	..	..
Westinghouse	40¼	40X	40¼	40¾
Willys-Overland	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞	16⅞
Coppers—				
Anaconda Copper	61¼	61⅞	61¼	61⅞
Chino Copper	41⅝	41¾	41⅝	41¾
Inspiration	43	..	..	..
Miami Copper	30½	..	..	..
Nevada Con.	18⅝	..	..	..
Utah Copper	78¾	79½	78¾	79½
Oils—				
Am. Cotton Oil	25	..	..	..
Cal Petroleum	13½	14½	13½	14½
New Mexican	8¼	86⅝	84	85½
Texas Oil	140½	143	140½	143
Steels—				
Bethlehem Steel	74½	75¼	74⅛	74½
Crucible Steel	55¾	57⅞	55½	56¾
Lackawanna	76	..	..	..
Pressed Steel Car	60¾	..	..	..
Republic Iron	74⅛	74⅛	73¾	74
Railway Steel	48⅝	50¼	48⅝	50
U. S. Steel	90½	91⅜	90½	91
U. S. Steel, pfd.	105½	..	..	..
Bonds—				
Anglo-French 5's.	88½	89	88½	88⅞

FLOUR

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Listed quotations at Toronto are:

Flour—Manitoba: First patents, $11.50, bags; second patents, $11; strong bakers, $10.60; Ontario winter, 90 per cent patents, $9.80, bulk, seaboard

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $35 per ton; shorts, $40, delivered, Montreal, carlots.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $11.60; seconds, $11.10; strong bakers, $10.90; straight rollers, $5.25@5.40.

Rolled Oats—Bags, 90 lbs., $5.30.

Bran—$25.

Shorts—$40.

Middlings—$48@50.

Moullie—$56@58.

Minneapolis, Jan. 15.—Flour—Unchanged.

Bran—$32.50.

ALL COARSE GRAINS IN GOOD DEMAND

Offerings at Winnipeg Were Light.

WAIT FOR HIGH PRICE

Stock Holders Not Selling at Present Quotations.

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—There is a continued good demand for all coarse grains, but the offerings are very light, and there is little doubt but what the holders of stocks are waiting for higher prices before selling. The demand for cash barley remains steady and strong, with prices firm and offerings light. The flax market was very quiet and offerings practically nil. Oats futures closed unchanged for May and ¼c higher for July. Barley closed ⅛c down for May. Flax closed 9½c down for January and 4½c lower for May.

Futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Oats—(Old contract)—				
May	..	..	..	85⅛
Oats—(New contract)—				
May	85	..	..	85⅛
July	83	..	..	83⅝
Barley—				
May	1 49¾	..	..	1 49¼
Flax—				
Jan.	..	..	..	3 15
May	3 29½	..	..	3 26

Cash grain:

Oats—No. 2 Canadian western, 88⅛c; No. 3 C.W., 82¾c; extra No. 1 feed, 81⅝c; No. 1 feed, 77⅝c; No. 2 feed, 74⅝c.

Barley—No. 3 Canadian western, $1.43; No. 4 do., $1.38½.

Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $3.20; No. 2 C.W., $3.17; No. 3 C.W., $2.99.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Grain quotations are as follows:

Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 winter, $2.22, in store, Montreal; Manitoba, No. 1 northern, $2.23½, in store, Fort William; No. 2 northern, $2.20½; No. 3 northern, $2.17½.

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