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CHICAGO CLOSES WEAK FOR THE GRAIN OPTIONS

All Futures Are Fractionally Lower Than Friday—Liverpool Cables Are Higher.

World Office,
Saturday Evening, Dec. 22.

Liverpool wheat and corn futures closed to-day ½d higher than Friday.

At Chicago, May wheat closed ⅝c lower than Friday, May corn ⅜c lower, and May oats ⅜c lower.

Chicago car lots to-day: Wheat, 78; contract, 35. Corn, 346, 0. Oats, 105, 19.

Northwest cars to-day, 473; week ago, 580; year ago, 532.

India wheat shipments this week, 560,000; last week, 160,000; last year, 768,000.

Winnipeg car lots Saturday, 105; year ago, 209.

Brantford Market.

Brantford, Dec. 22.—To-day (Saturday) is considered as Christmas market day. There is a large attendance at the market and a fairly good supply of everything displayed. A large number of visitors from the surrounding country came in on the morning trains, and the streets are thronged with people making their Christmas purchases. Following are the prices on the market: Butter, 25c to 28c per lb.; eggs, 35c to 37c dozen; chickens, 60c to $1 pair; ducks, $1 to $1.40 per pair; geese, 90c to $1.40 each; turkeys, 15c to 18c per lb.; beef, $4 to $6.50; pork, $8.50 to $9.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were large, as is customary at Christmas time. Trade was brisk, there being thousands of customers, as well as visitors, who attended the market to see the butchers' display of meats and poultry, which has been seldom, if ever, equaled, and never surpassed.

Wheat—Five hundred bushels sold as follows: 400 bushels fall at 72c to 73c; goose, 100 bushels at 67c.

Barley—Five hundred bushels sold at 54c to 55c.

Oats—Fifteen hundred bushels sold at 39c to 40c.

Hay—Thirty loads sold at $14 to $16 per ton for timothy and $11 to $12 for mixed.

Dressed Hogs—Prices easier at $8.25 to $8.50 per cwt.

Potatoes—Farmers' loads sold at about 70c per bag.

Apples—Deliveries large, with prices easy at $1.50 to $2.75 per barrel. Snows were plentiful at $1.75 to $2.50 per barrel.

Poultry—Deliveries were not large, considering that it was a Christmas market, and prices, consequently, took a rise all round. Turkeys sold at 16c to 18c per lb.; geese at 10c to 12c; ducks, 11c to 15c; chickens, 10c to 12c; old fowl, 9c to 10c per lb.

Butter—Deliveries large, with prices easy at 25c to 30c per lb., one bulk selling at 27c to 28c.

Eggs—New-laid eggs were more plentiful, but, it being Christmas, there was an extra demand. Strictly new-laid sold at 50c and 55c, and 60c was paid for one or two single dozen lots, but the bulk sold at 50c per dozen. Eggs held for a month or six weeks were selling at 35c to 40c.

Market Notes.

Tom Lightfoot and his large staff of employes were busy. Mr. Lightfoot's supply of vegetables was greater and grander than ever before, and on Monday he expects to be busier than on Saturday, and would like his customers to come early in the day.

Mrs. Appleton, as usual for 40 years past, was at her poultry stand at the market, where she did a large trade, as usual, serving her customers from all parts of the city.

From end to end of the many stalls on the market everybody seemed to be doing a good trade, and the old St. Lawrence Market did really for once again put one in mind of bygone days of 30 or 40 years ago.

M. P. Mallon, wholesale dealer in poultry, handled over 16 tons on Saturday, buying 100 turkeys from one farmer alone, for which he paid 18c per lb. for the bulk of them. Mr. Mallon has had a prosperous year, his business having increased fully 25 per cent. since a year ago.

John Abate, sunny Italy's leading representative on the St. Lawrence Market, was kept busy supplying his many customers with the good things which he dispenses at his several stalls. John is a general favorite with farmers, as well as citizens, frequenting the market.

Lemon Bros., at the Clyde, altho busy all fall, had a record crowd of new patrons from all over Ontario on Saturday; and so popular has this house become that they need a dining room of twice the capacity.

Grain—		
Wheat, spring, bush	$0 00 to	$0 00
Wheat, goose, bush	0 67	....
Wheat, fall, bush	0 72	0 73
Wheat, red, bush	0 73	....
Peas, bush	0 80	....
Barley, bush	0 54	0 55
Oats, bush., new	0 38	0 40
Buckwheat, bush	0 60	....
Rye, bush	0 76	....
Seeds—		
Alsike clover, fancy	$6 30 to	$6 60
do. No. 1	6 00	6 20
do. No. 2	5 25	5 40
do. No. 3	4 50	4 80
Red clover, new	7 25	7 50
Red clover, old	6 50	6 90
Timothy, No. 1	1 50	1 80
Timothy, No. 2	1 20	1 40
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$15 00 to	$16 00
Hay, mixed	11 00	12 00
Straw, bundled, ton	15 00	16 00
Straw, loose, ton	7 00	8 00
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per bag	$0 70 to	$0 75
Apples, barrel	1 50	2 75
Cabbage, per dozen	0 30	0 40
Onions, per bag	0 75	0 80
Poultry—		
Turkeys, dressed, lb.	$0 16 to	$0 18
Geese, per lb.	0 10	0 12
Hens, per lb.	0 07	0 08
Spring chickens, lb.	0 11	0 12
Spring ducks, lb.	0 11	0 14
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 25 to	$0 30
Eggs, strictly new-laid, dozen	0 50	0 55
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt.	$4 50 to	$5 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt.	7 00	8 00
Lambs, dressed, lb.	0 09	0 10
Mutton, light, cwt.	8 00	9 00
Veals, prime, cwt.	9 00	10 00
Veals, common, cwt.	6 00	7 00
Dressed hogs, cwt.	8 25	8 50

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

The prices quoted below are for first-class quality; lower grades are bought at correspondingly lower quotations:

Potatoes, car lots, bag	$0 80 to	$0 85
Hay, car lots, ton, baled	11 00	12 00
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0 25	0 26
Butter, tubs	0 23	0 24
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 25	0 26
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 28	0 29
Butter, bakers', lb.	0 17	0 18
Eggs, new-laid, dozen	0 30	....
Eggs, cold storage	0 22	0 23
Turkeys, per lb.	0 11	0 13
Geese, per lb.	0 09	0 10
Ducks, per lb.	0 09	0 10
Chickens, per lb.	0 08	0 09
Old fowl, per lb.	0 06	0 08
Cheese, large, lb.	0 13	0 14
Cheese, twins, lb.	0 14¼	0 14½
Honey, 60-lb. tins	0 11	0 12
Honey, 10-lb. tins	0 12	....
Honey, dozen sections	1 75	2 00
Evaporated apples, lb.	0 08	0 09

Hides and Tallow.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front-street, Wholesale Dealers in Wool, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Tallow, etc.:

Inspected hides, No. 1 cows, steers	$0 11¾	
Inspected hides, No. 2 cows, steers	0 10¾	
Country hides, cured	$0 10½ to	$0 10¾
Country hides, green	0 09½	0 09¾
Calfskins, No. 1, city	0 12	....
Calfskins, No. 1, country	0 11	....
Lambskins, each	1 00	1 10
Horsehides	3 50	3 75
Horsehair, No. 1, per lb.	0 30	....
Tallow, per lb.	0 05½	....

Junction Live Stock.

There are over 40 carloads of live stock at the Union Stock Yards for sale at Monday's market.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The following were the last quotations at the board of trade call board. All quotations, except where specified, are for outside points:

Bran—$20 bid, Toronto.

Winter wheat—No. 2 white, buyers 69c, sellers 70c; No. 2 mixed, sellers 70c; No. 2 red, 68c bid, sellers 71c.

Shorts—No quotations.

Spring wheat—None offering.

No. 2 goose—65c bid, sellers 66c.

Manitoba, No. 1 hard, no quotations; No. 1 northern, 80c bid, sellers 81c; No. 3, no quotations.

Buckwheat—Buyers 53c.

Barley—No. 2, 50c bid; No. 3X, 50c sellers; No. 3, 40c bid, sellers 50c.

Rye—Sellers 71½c, buyers 70c.

Oats—No. 2 white, buyers 35¾c, sellers 36c; No. 2 mixed, buyers 35¼c.

Peas—No. 2, 79c bid, sellers 82c.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, sellers 51¾c, Toronto.

Winnipeg Wheat Markets.

At the Winnipeg option market to-day the following were the closing quotations: Dec. 73¼c bid, May 76¼c bid, July 77⅝c bid.

Flour Prices.

Flour—Manitoba patent, $3.75, track, Toronto; Ontario, 90 per cent. patents, $2.70 bid for export; Manitoba patent, special brands, $4.50; strong bakers', $4.

Toronto Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.28 in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $3.88 in barrels. These prices are for delivery here; car lots 5c less.

Chicago Markets.

Marshall, Spader & Co. (J. G. Beaty), King Edward Hotel, reported the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec.	74⅝	74⅝	74⅝	74½
May	78	78	77½	77⅝
July	77⅛	77¼	77	77
Corn—				
Dec.	41¼	41¼	41	41
May	43⅝	43⅝	43¼	43¼
July	43⅛	43⅛	43⅜	43⅜
Oats—				
Dec.	33¾	33¾	33¼	33¼
May	35⅞	35⅞	35½	35½
July	33½	33½	33⅛	33⅛
Pork—				
Jan.	16.15	16.20	16.15	16.20
May	16.52	16.62	16.52	16.62
Ribs—				
Jan.	8.65	8.70	8.65	8.70
May	8.80	8.90	8.80	8.87
Lard—				
Jan.	8.90	9.05	8.90	9.05
May	8.95	9.17	8.95	9.17

Chicago Gossip.

John Dickinson & Co. wired H. G. Davidson, 8 Colborne-street, as follows:

Wheat—It is not unusual at this season to have dull markets, and possibly the same may continue until the end of the year, but we see nothing to cause any important decline in wheat, nor is there any change in the general situation adverse to holders. We think the Russian shipments will continue light; interior supplies have been forced to the ports of Odessa and the seaboard owing to stringency of money in the interior. Much of this wheat is of a poor quality and is not wanted by English millers, so must find a continental market. The farmer is showing his confidence by holding his wheat for better prices, and there is no reason why the farmer should not be able to some extent to dictate prices for the future. We still advise purchases of May wheat and look for better prices and a more active market in the near future.

Corn—We expect to see good speculative buying of May corn, if the price declines a little, and we continue to advise purchase.

Oats—The Washington estimate of 964,000,000 bushels of oats, or about 100,000,000 bushels more than previously estimated, had a somewhat staggering effect on oats. The report will, of course, delay the advance, which was generally expected, and it may be well to take profits on long oats.

New York Dairy Market.

New York, Dec. 22.—Butter—Steady, unchanged; receipts, 4443.

Cheese—Quiet, unchanged; receipts, 3470.

Eggs—Easy; receipts, 4264; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, fancy, selected, white, 38c to 40c; do., choice, 35c to 37c; do., mixed, extra, 34c to 36c; western fresh, 28c; official price, 28c; seconds, 26c to 27½c.

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 6s. Futures steady; Dec. nominal, March 6s 5d, May 6s 4¼d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 4s 3d; do., old, 4s 4d. Futures dull; Jan. 4s 1¼d, March 4s 0½d.

Hops—At London (Pacific coast), dull, £3 5s to £4 [illegible].

Peas—Canadian firm, 6s 10d.

Flour—St. Louis fancy winter steady, 28s.

Beef—Extra India mess strong, 75s 6d.

Pork—Prime mess, western, steady, 85s 9d.

Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., quiet, 57s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., easy, 47s 6d; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., steady, 56s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., dull, 51s; do., heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., dull, 50s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 45s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., quiet, 52s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., steady, 43s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, easy, 45s; American refined, in pails, easy, 46s 6d.

Cheese—Canadian, finest white, quiet, 60s 6d; do., colored, quiet, 62s 6d.

Tallow—Prime city strong, 28s. Turpentine—Spirits firm, 49s 9d. Linseed Oil—Quiet 23s. Petroleum—Steady, 5½d. Rosin—Common firm, 10s 6d.

Produce in Britain.

London, Dec. 22.—(C.A.P.)—There has been a slow market for Canadian cheese, with prices unaltered. Bacon brands were at one time rather weak, but now show a steadier tone on a basis of 50s to 52s; exceptionally good, 53s to 54s.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—John Rogers & Co. of Liverpool, cable: Canadian steers, 11½c; Canadian ranchers, 10½c.

New York Grain and Produce.

New York, Dec. 22.—Flour—Receipts, 17,142 barrels; exports, 8727 barrels; sales, 2200 packages; market steady, but dull. Rye flour, dull. Buckwheat flour, quiet. Buckwheat, steady. Cornmeal, steady. Rye, steady. Barley, steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 50,000 bushels; exports, 11,518 bushels; sales 700,000 bushels, futures; spot, irregular; No. 2 red, 79¾c, elevator; No. 1 red, 82c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 84c, c.i.f., Buffalo; No. 2 hard winter, 78¼c, c.i.f., Buffalo. A covering movement among December wheat shorts closed that option ⅝c net higher to-day, whereas later months were ½c lower on liquidation and absence of any support. Sales including No. 2 red, May, 83¾c to 83⅞c, closed, 83¾c; July, 83 1-16c to 83⅛c, closed 83⅛c; Dec., 81⅛c to 81¼c, closed 81⅛c.

Corn—Receipts, 51,600 bushels; exports, 10,080 bushels; spot, steady; sales, 10,000 bushels futures, 32,000 bushels spot; No. 2, 53c, elevator, and 50¾c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 2 white, 53c. Option market was quiet and easier, closing partly ¼c net lower; Jan., closed 51½c; May, 50⅝c to 50⅞c, closed 50⅝c; Dec., closed 52¼c.

Oats—Receipts, 55,500 bushels; exports, 1680 bushels; spot, steady; mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs., 39c to 39½c; natural white, 30 to 32 lbs., 40c to 41c; clipped white, 36 to 40 pounds, 40c to 44c.

Rosin, steady. Turpentine, steady, 70c to 70½c. Molasses, quiet. Sugar, raw, weak; fair refining, 3 1-16c to 3 3-32c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 9-16c to 3 19-32c; molasses sugar, 2 13-16c to 2 27-32c; refined, quiet.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Steady—Hogs 15c Lower at Buffalo.

New York, Dec. 22.—Beeves—Receipts, 225; nothing doing; feeling dull and weak. Exports, 1385 cattle, 20 sheep and 7400 quarters of beef.

Calves—Receipts, 226; very little doing; about steady; common to fair veals, $5 to $8.25; barnyard calves, $3; coarse southern calves, $3.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 840; sheep extremely dull; medium lambs not wanted; choice would sell about steady; choice sheep and wethers, $5.25 to $5.50; medium ewes, $4; common and medium lambs sold at $5 to $6.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 33,500; nominally lower on Buffalo advices.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 350 head; market quiet; prices unchanged.

Veals—Receipts, 300 head; slow and lower, $4.25 to $8.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 6800 head; fairly active; 15c lower; heavy, mixed, yorkers and pigs, $6.35 to $6.40; roughs, $5.30 to $5.75; stags, $4.25 to $5.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 13,000 head; dull; sheep steady; lambs 15c lower; lambs $5 to $7.25; yearlings, $6 to $6.25; wethers, $5.25 to $5.50; ewes, $4.75 to $5; sheep, mixed, $3 to $5; Canada lambs, $7 to $7.10.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Estimated receipts, 400; steady; beeves, $4 to $8.60; cows and heifers, $1.50 to $5.10; stockers and feeders, $2.40 to $4.50; Texans, $2.55 to $4.50; westerns, $3.90 to $5.60; calves, $5.75 to $7.75.

Hogs—Estimated receipts, 18,000; 5c lower; mixed and butchers', $5.95 to $6.25; good, heavy, $6.15 to $6.25; rough, heavy, $5.80 to $6; light, $5.85 to $6.20; pigs, $5.40 to $6.10; bulk of sales, $6.05 to $6.20.

Sheep and Lambs—Estimated receipts, 1500; steady; sheep, $3.75 to $5.50; lambs, $4.75 to $7.65.

Germany Fears U.S. Invasion.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Deutsche Tage Zeitung, the most important of the agrarian organs, printed an article to-day headed "The Surrender of Germany to the American Meat Trust," in which the writer said that information had been obtained from a trustworthy source to the effect that the German-American tariff commission was discussing the importation of American live cattle into Germany by way of Hamburg, the slaughter of the cattle there and the transportation of the meat to various places in Germany in refrigerator cars.

The article concluded with expressing the hope that no minister would be found to carry out a plan which would ruin Germany's cattle raising.

British Cattle Markets.

London, Dec. 22.—Canadian cattle in the British markets are quoted at 10c to 12½c per lb.; refrigerator beef, 9¾c per lb.

NEW YORK ESCAPES A STRIKE

Settlement Reached With Railroad Yardmen, Averting Xmas Tie Up.

New York, Dec. 23.—There will be no holiday strike of railroad yardmen in this city.

This much was made known last night at the conclusion of a conference between railroad officials and representatives of the employes who recently demanded an increase of 5 cents an hour in wages coupling with the demand a threat to stop work under the old schedule to-day.

It was agreed to submit the difference of one cent between the offer of the railroads and the demand of the men to arbitration. A final settlement is to be made late next month.

REVENGE OR ROBBERY?

Shooting of Capt. Macklin May Be Due to Discharge of Soldiers.

El Reno, Dec. 22.—No motive has yet been found for the shooting at Fort Reno last night by a negro of Capt. Edward A. Macklin of the 25th United States Infantry. Captain Macklin was so much improved this evening that the hospital physicians said he would recover. The negro is still at large.

To-day's developments served only to add to the mystery of the shooting. Captain Macklin was not allowed to talk. Other officers at the fort are loth to believe that the negro was one of the discharged soldiers who sought revenge.

The testimony of Captain Macklin as to the Brownsville affair shows that he did not place the blame for it upon the members of his company. The motive may have been robbery.

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FOUR STORES WIPED OUT IN BIG NORTH BAY BLAZE

Number of Syrian Families Forced Into Street With Temperature 10 Below.

North Bay, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Fire broke out at 3 o'clock this morning in the drygoods store of Chamandy Bros. and before the flames could be controlled the grocery of Chapple Bros., the drygoods store of Chamandy Bros., the grocery of K. George and the confectionery store of M. Barrowsadi were in ashes, and a number of Syrian families, tenants of the blocks burned, were shivering in the street scantily attired with the mercury about ten below zero, with the few articles of household furniture saved from the blaze huddled around them.

The flats over the stores burned were occupied by a number of Syrian families, who had barely time to escape with their lives, so rapidly did the flames spread.

Chapple Bros., grocers, suffer a total loss on stock, and fixtures valued at $15,000, insurance $7400. The building owned by Chamandy Bros. was insured for $1200. The Chamandy brick block, valued at $6500, was insured for $5100, with stock of drygoods valued at $20,000, insured for $12,000. K. George, grocery, insurance $3000. Barrowsadi, confectionery, no insurance, loss small.

The Syrian families living over the stores lost practically everything, with no insurance.

The total insurance loss is $32,700, divided among the following companies: Traders, Metropolitan, Monarch, Hamilton, Canadian, Anglo-American, Merchants, Northern, London, Caledonian, Royal, Montreal, Canada, Home, Standard, York, Hartford.

MR. ROBINETTE RETURNS.

Studied Negro Problem in South During Six Weeks' Vacation.

T. C. Robinette, K.C., who has just returned from a six weeks' holiday, taken with a view of recuperating his health, run down with too close application to his legal practice, says he never felt better in his life than at the present. He gained 15 pounds in weight and if appearance be an index, he looks the picture of physical health.

His vacation was spent mainly in the Southern States, including and to the south of the Carolinas, and whilst in the country of the cotton fields, he made a special study of the negro question. He is of the opinion that the southern people handle the colored problem admirably, and in an infinitely better and more practical manner than it is managed in the Northern States. He considers that the alleged threatened dominancy of the negro element is only an alarmist cry, and is practically without foundation in the existing social-economic relations prevailing.

"Why," said Mr. Robinette, "there was not sufficient colored labor available this season to harvest the cotton crop, and three shiploads of Germans, from Europe, had to be temporarily imported to reckon with the situation."

"Were they obliged to work side by side with the negroes?" Mr. Robinette was asked.

"No," said he, "the color line in the south is a matter of strict punctilio in all the departments of industry, and white labor, when availed of, is kept carefully apart from the other."

The procedure of the courts and judicature in the southern halls of justice impressed him as being very fine and dignified, and in matters of jurisprudence very much the same as the English and Canadian tribunals. In conclusion, Mr. Robinette said, "I am now feeling specially fit and restored, ready to resume work and fulfil fresh duties with renewed vigor."

SPORTING GOODS IN DEMAND

Warren's Report That 200 Tobogans Have Been Sold This Season.

One of the most attractive Xmas windows on King-street Saturday was the display of holiday sporting goods at the Warren Sporting Goods Company. Every article in the gaily decorated store suggested popular and useful presents. There were toboggans, snowshoes, every kind of skates, sweaters of every hue and weight, guns and rifles, everything to make the heart of the small boy as well as the older folks glad at this happy time.

Twenty-five toboggans were sold Saturday, bringing the record up to 200 for the season; 200 pairs of snowshoes have been bought, demonstrating their popularity as holiday gifts. The firm are showing everything in the skate line. Permanent hockey skates of every description being the most sought for. With one of the largest stocks of sweaters in town, Warren have supplied a couple of dozen of Toronto clubs and several out-of-town clubs with specially designed and monogrammed outfits. The "Special" toboggan, ten feet long, a family affair, is making a great hit, and Santa Claus has a pack with a lot of dinky toboggans for the small boys, who love a lively clip in exclusive society.

Guns, rifles, gun cases and shell cases, appreciated gifts, are displayed in one of the handsomest hardware cabinets in Canada. A full stock of shelf hardware and big lines of cutlery are being offered at prices that cannot be beaten. To complete the winter dress in the moccasin line one can get a choice that is not equaled anywhere. Sporting goods for all seasons, cricket, football, baseball and golf supplies, canoes, canvas boats and gasoline launches, complete one of the largest and most up to date stocks of sporting goods in Canada.

CALL STRIKE OF JEWISH PUPILS

Rabbis Plan Unique Objection to Celebration of Christmas.

New York, Dec. 22.—Having failed to persuade the board of education to stop the celebration of Christmas in the public schools, Rabbis and other Jews have decided to call a strike of school children of their race. If their plans are successful Monday morning will see the schools of the east side depleted of a large percentage of their usual attendance.

Jews representing the reformed and the orthodox synagogues went before the commission on elementary schools on Dec. 11 and presented their side of the question. When the board of education met last Wednesday and took no action, the Jews decided to call a strike.

The committee made plans to appeal to Jewish parents thru the Jewish press to keep their children away from school Monday, and this has been done. The board does not regard the agitation as serious.

FOR OSHAWA'S MAYORALTY.

Oshawa, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Dr. Kaiser will be a candidate for the mayoralty here against present Mayor Fowke. The doctor is a progressionist, who believes Oshawa will be the next city in Ontario. He wants the railways to give the town better service, and proposes, if elected, to do things.

MORE PARK LAND.

The acquisition of the block of land bounded by Wilton-avenue, Sackville-street, Sydenham-street and Arnold-avenue, for park purposes, was recommended by the parks and exhibition committee at a special meeting Saturday.

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This Preference Stock shares equally in all profits and dividends of the Company in excess of the 10 per cent. minimum.

CALLS—$10 per share on application and $10 per share on allotment, and the balance in calls of $10 per share as required at intervals of not less than two months.

The Western issue having been wholly taken up by the Ranching, Farming and Commercial men of Western Canada, and more than half of the present issue has been already subscribed.

The only packers of Beef, Pork and other Food Products of the Ranches and Farms of Western Canada.

This Company has already about 1,000 shareholders, all of whom have paid for their shares in cash on equal terms, and shares are allotted by priority of application.

DIRECTORS' MEETING REPORT.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 3rd November, inst., duly confirmed by a resolution of the Board at a meeting held on the 20th November, inst., the following report was made by the Acting Secretary:—

The whole of our first issue has been subscribed in Western Canada; in fact, it was considerably over-applied for, and allotments have been made and Share Certificates issued for over $200,000 in the Capital Stock of the Company in Western Canada alone.

The Eastern issue, just made, is also going very rapidly, over $60,000 having already been subscribed, and applications for Shares are averaging over $3,000 daily.

I do not know that I can give you much further information than you already have, except to remark that the price of cattle, live weight, ranges in Western Canada from 2c to 2½c per lb., with unlimited supplies available, against much higher prices in the United States.

When in the can it is worth from 10c to 20c per lb. and costs only the fraction of the value to put it there, cans and cases included.

The present price of canned beef ranges from $9 to $20 per case of 4 dozen 2-lb. cans, 96 lbs. of beef being in each case, and as each of our Canneries will have a capacity of 2,500 cases per day, a slight calculation will demonstrate that substantial dividends may reasonably be expected.

The Company intends operating Canneries and Packing Houses in at least six of the principal cattle centres in Western Canada, two of which will be erected and equipped forthwith, and it will be observed that the Shareholders embrace a large percentage of the principal people in Western Canada, and through its membership the Company indirectly commands a large proportion of the cattle resources of Western Canada.

As considerable towns always arise in the vicinity of a large Packing and Canning industry (Packing Town, Chicago, has a population exceeding 200,000 persons, and many others have from 2,000 to 5,000 inhabitants), this company should purchase at first cost one or two whole sections containing an area of one square mile each on the line of railroad with river frontage. This should be utilized for their factories and Canneries in each centre and a considerable portion cut up into town lots and either leased or sold; the profits from which should largely supplement the Company's capital.

Judging from the results achieved by Packing Houses elsewhere it is probable that these shares can be subdivided within a year or so in order to avoid the appearance of excessive dividends being paid (say into 10 fully paid $100-Shares for each Share held), and it may be mentioned that one firm, amongst many others in the United States, have subdivided their stock many times, until the original capital of $100,000 is now by subdivision nominally twenty millions ($20,000,000), or, in other words, 200 Shares fully paid $100-Shares of bonus have been issued the holder of each original Share held, and for many years have paid, and are paying, substantial dividends upon that increased capitalization, and the prospects with this Company are quite equal, both in quantity of cattle available and markets, to those of the Packing Houses on the other side of the line. As an indication of the magnitude of operations involved in the meat-packing industry, it may be mentioned that one firm alone of the many operating in Chicago, and that by no means the largest, issued the following in their last annual report:—

EXTRACT FROM REPORT, JUNE 30TH, 1905.

"An interesting brochure published by Swift & Co., the Chicago packers, gives statistics of the past year's business. The total sales for the year aggregated over $200,000,000, representing shipments of 350 carloads daily. In a single day were slaughtered in the company's seven packing plants 11,875 cattle, 16,553 sheep and 34,562 hogs.

AUDITOR'S AND FINANCIAL REPORT.

Mr. D. A. Pender, Chartered Accountant, now read his financial report and Statement confirming the Secretary's Report, and the Share Subscriptions, Receipts and Expenditure to date.

The following resolution was unanimously carried at a full meeting of our Board of Directors:—

RESOLUTION:

Moved by the Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, seconded by Mr. J. A. Banfield:

"That after hearing the report of the Company's Secretary, and of the Company's Auditor, the Directors are satisfied that ample capital has been already subscribed to justify the commencement of active operations in the direction of immediately purchasing land (from the Government or C. P. R), and erecting and equipping the first Cannery of the Company." Carried.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board of Directors, held at the Company's Offices on Friday last, the 23rd inst., Dr. J. Halpenny and Mr. J. McLaughlin, duly qualified foundation Shareholders, were elected Directors of the Company.

A Committee of three Directors was also appointed, with power to act, to inspect and investigate suitable localities for the immediate erection and equipment of the Company's Canneries and Packing Houses in Western Canada.

Plans of Cannery Buildings, with estimates of material and cost of erection, were also laid on the table.

Also details and estimates of the Plant, Machinery and Equipment for one Cannery having a capacity of 2,500 cases per day, considered by the meeting, the Managing Director stating that with what funds the Company has in hand, the next call upon the Shareholders would furnish all the capital needed for building and thoroughly equipping the first Cannery of the Company with the modern and up-to-date machinery and equipment provided for in the estimates now before the meeting.

The estimates for the Company's first building unit provide for an erection 175 feet long, 60 feet wide, two stories of 15 feet each high.

The machinery equipment will be new and modern, thoroughly up-to-date, and will cost the Company about $16,000, and is to be ordered immediately the company's first site is chosen.

It will be thus evident that the Company is very much in earnest, and will commence active packing operations at the earliest possible moment.

NOTE—Preference Shares in the Company may still be obtained, but they are going very rapidly, subscriptions averaging about $3,000 daily. The Shares are $100 each, payable in $10 calls at intervals of two months.

NOTICE

In consequence of the great inquiry at the Company's Offices for Prospectus and Forms of Application for Shares, the Company begs to notify that Prospectus and Application Forms can be obtained upon request at any branch of "THE TRADERS BANK OF CANADA" throughout the Dominion. Also request for same by letter or postcard will be at once despatched to applicants from the Company's Offices in Winnipeg.

Application for 10 p. c. Preference Shares.

(Incorporated under the Companies' Ordnance, 1905)

To the Directors:
Imperial Bank Building, First Floor, Corner McDermot Avenue and Albert Street Winnipeg.

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for.....10 per cent. Preference Shares in "MALCOLM'S" WESTERN CANNERIES, Limited, and I agree to accept the same or any less number that may be allotted to me, subject to the Company's Deed of Incorporation, this Prospectus, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association, to which I hereby subscribe, and request my name being attached thereto, for the number of shares allotted to me.

In consideration thereof I herewith enclose ne sum of .....

.....Dollars

being the Application Deposit of Ten Dollars ($10.00) per share, payable thereon.

Name in full..... Occupation.....

Address..... Date.....

Certificates for Shares will be Issued on Allotment.

Cheques and Postoffice Orders to be made payable to the order of the Secretary, Mr. F. H. MALCOLM, at the Company's Banking Account, The Traders Bank of Canada, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

King Oscar's Health.

Stockholm, Dec. 22.—To-day's bulletin shows that King Oscar's condition is further improved.

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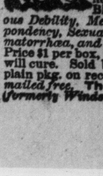
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