FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

PRICES WERE GOOD AND DEMAND STRONG

Offerings On London Market Were Rather Light This Morning.

LONDON, Dec. 13.

This morning's market was a quiet one. Not a great deal of produce, large or small, was offered, but prices were good and the demand for nearly everything was strong.

Hay is worth from $16 50 to $17 50. Oats are a trifle better in price, and sell as high as $1 43 per cwt.

Straw brings from $8 to $8 50 per cwt. The demand was good today, and only two or three loads were offered, these selling at $17 and $17 50.

There is an especially strong demand for dairy produce, eggs and the larger fowls in dressed poultry.

Local dealers say they will pay 19c per lb. wholesale for all the turkeys they can obtain this week, as they require a great number to fill their orders. But the week following they claim that a drop in the price is very likely to take place. The large poultry packers say they are out of the market, having failed to secure the turkeys necessary for the Northwest market. The Winnipeg dealers have in the emergency secured their supply from the northwestern states. Local dealers are very anxious to secure all they can this week. The feeling is that there are still quite a number of turkeys in the country.

Another drop in the price of live hogs is predicted by local buyers. However, the price paid yesterday was $6 35 per cwt. One local buyer stated that he was shipping from Middlesex points outside of London at only $6 15 per cwt.

Grain, Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt	1 35	to	1 35
Oats, per cwt	1 35	to	1 43
Grain, Per Bushel.			
Wheat, per bu	87	to	87
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, per ton	16 50	to	17 50
Straw, per ton	8 00	to	8 50
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, store lots, lb	24	to	25
Butter, creamery, lb	27	to	28
Butter, dairy, wholesale	27	to	28
Butter, fancy, retail, lb	30	to	32
Eggs, dairy half-price	40	to	50
Eggs, fresh-laid, doz	40	to	40
Eggs, crate, wholesale	30	to	35
Honey, section, doz	1 75	to	2 50
Honey, extracted, lb	11	to	13
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, lb, retail	20	to	21
Turkeys, lb, wholesale	18	to	20
Turkeys, old toms, lb	16	to	17
Chickens, per pair	60	to	1 50
Chickens, lb, wholesale	12½	to	13
Chickens, lb, retail	14	to	15
Old fowl, per lb	8	to	9
Ducks, per pair	1 75	to	2 00
Ducks, lb, wholesale	13	to	13
Ducks, lb, retail	14	to	15
Geese, lb, wholesale	11	to	12
Geese, lb, retail	13	to	13
Poultry, etc., Alive.			
Turkeys, per lb	14	to	15
Ducks, per lb	9	to	10
Chickens, per lb	9	to	10
Old fowl, per lb	6	to	7
Butchers' Meats.			
Lamb, per lb	10	to	11
Beef, young, cwt	7 00	to	9 00
Dressed hogs, choice	8 50	to	8 75
Veal, per cwt	10 00	to	11 00
Beef cows, cwt	7 00	to	8 50
Mutton, per cwt	7 50	to	9 00
Heavy hogs, cwt	8 50	to	8 50
Live Stock			
Select hogs, cwt	6 15	to	6 35
Fat sows, cwt	4 50	to	5 00
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	2 00
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	6 50
Milch cows, each	40 00	to	60 00
Small pigs, pair	4 00	to	8 00
Hides and Wool.			
Lambskins, each	60	to	70
Hides, No. 1, lb	10	to	10
Hides, No. 2, lb	9	to	9
Hides, No. 3, lb	8	to	8
Wool, unwashed, lb	12	to	12
Wool, washed, lb	20	to	20
Calskins, per lb	12	to	14
Tallow, rough, lb	2 1-3	to	3 1-5
Tallow, rendered, lb	5	to	5½
Sheepskins, each	60	to	70
Vegetables.			
Beets, per bu	50	to	50
Artichokes, per peck	25	to	25
Parsnips, per bu	35	to	40
Potatoes, per bag	1 35	to	1 40
Turnips, per doz	20	to	25
Radishes, doz bunches	30	to	30
Apples, per bbl	2 00	to	2 75
Celery, doz bunches	40	to	40
Cauliflower, per doz	75	to	1 50
Carrots, per bu	35	to	35

DAIRY.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—Cheese—Trade quiet; finest westerns, 14½c to 14¾c; finest easterns, 13⅞c to 14¼c. Butter—Demand good; choicest creamery, 30½c to 31½c; seconds, 29c to 30c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Butter—Unsettled; receipts, 9,852 packages; creamery, 30c to 35c; state dairy, tubs, 24c to 31c. Cheese—Firm; receipts, 1,521 boxes.

PRODUCE
CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

[Special to H. C. Becher.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
Dec	93⅝	94	93¼	93½
May	97¾	98¼	97½	97¾
July	94	94½	94	94⅜
Corn—				
Dec	62¼	63	62¼	63
May	63⅜	63⅜	63⅜	63¾
Oats—				
Dec	47	47¼	47	47¼
May	49	49¼	49	49¼
July	46	46¼	46	46¼
Pork—				
Jan	15 70	15 70	15 62	15 65
Lard—				
Jan	8 97	9 02	8 97	9 07
Ribs—				
Jan	8 15	8 25	8 15	8 25

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WINNIPEG, Dec. 13.—Close—Wheat—December, 94⅜c; May, 99c.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 13. — Close — Wheat—December, $1 00½.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—Close—Wheat—Spot, steady; No. 2 Manitoba, 7s 11d; No. 3 Manitoba, 7s 7d; futures, steady; December, 7s 4 d; March, 7s 3¾d; May, 7s 2¾d. Flour—Winter patents, 27s 6d. Hops—(In London) Pacific coast, £11 to £12. Beef—Extra India mess, 88s 9d. Pork—Prime mess, western, 93s 9d. Hams—Short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 53s 6d. Bacon—Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 48s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 50s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 48s 6d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 50s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., 49s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 47s; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., 49s. Lard—In tierces, prime western, 45s 3d; American refined, 45s 9d. Cheese—Canadian finest white, 70s; colored, 70s 6d. Corn—Spot, firm; U. S. mixed, 6s 5¾d; futures steady; January, 5s 8¼d; February, 5s 5d. Butter—Good U. S., 112s. Tallow—Prime city, 25s 6d. Petroleum—Refined, 6¾d. Linseed oil—37s.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Though the tone of the grain market is slightly stronger this morning, there is no advance in prices from yesterday's closing.

WINNIPEG, MAN., Dec. 12.—From the commencement of business the Wheat Market was decidedly active and options opened quarter to three-eighths higher than Monday, and closed ⅝c to ¾c higher. There was a good cash demand for low grades, and export trade is reported much better. The receipts are continuing fairly steady, 650 cars being in sight for inspection, and the weather forecast is fair and milder for today and Wednesday. Cash grain—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 94⅝c; No. 2 Northern, 91⅝c; No. 3 Northern, 84⅝c; No. 4, 78⅝c; No. 5, 68⅝c; No. 6, 60c; feed, 57½c; No. 1 rejected seeds, 97⅞c; No. 3, 94⅜c to 95⅝c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 56c. Oats, No. 3 white, 44½c to 45c. Rye, No. 2, 85c to 86c. Bran, $23 to $23 50. Flour, first patents, $4 80 to $5 10; do., seconds, $4 40 to $4 70; first clears, $3 20 to $3 65; do., seconds, $2 20 to $2 60.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 12.—Close—Wheat—December, 99⅝c; May, $1 04⅝ to $1 04½; July, $1 05⅝ to $1 05¾; No. 1 hard, $1 00½; No. 1 northern, $1; No. 2 do., 97⅜c to 97⅞c; No. 3, 94⅝c to 95⅝c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 56c to 57c. Oats—No. 3 white, 44½c to 45c. Rye—No. 2, 85c to 86c; bran, $23 to $23 50. Flour—First patents, $4 80 to $5 10; do second patents, $4 40 to $4 70; do., first clears, $3 30 to $3 65; do., second clears, $2 20 to $2 60.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Barley—Feed or mixing, 80c to 95c; fair to choice malting, $1 08 to $1 21. Timothy seed—$12 50 to $15. Clover—$12 50 to $20.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Trade is inactive here. Cables from Liverpool are stronger, but prices here are unchanged. The barley trade is over, with prices nominal. Oats unchanged.

Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, are quoted at $3 45 to $3 50, seaboard. Manitoba flours firm, as follows—First patents, $5 50; second patents, $5; and strong bakers', $4 80, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—The demand is limited, and prices unchanged. No. 1 Northern is quoted at $1 07½, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern at $1 04½; and No. 3 at $1 00½, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—The market is dull and steady. No. 2 white, red and mixed, new, quoted at 88c to 89c, outside.

Peas—Trade is quiet, with offerings fair; good shipping peas quoted at $1 05 to $1 10, outside.

Oats—The market continues quiet, and prices are unchanged. Car lots of No. 2 Ontario quoted outside at 43c to 43½c, and of No. 3 at 42c to 42½c; on track, Toronto, 46c to 46½c; No. 2 Western Canada oats, 46c, and feed, 44c, Bay ports.

Barley—The market is very dull, with trade practically over and prices nominal.

Corn—Trade quiet and prices steady; No. 3 American yellow quoted at 67½c to 68c, Toronto freight.

Rye—Car lots in good demand, with the market firm at 93c, outside, for No. 2.

Buckwheat—Market dull, with prices firm at 60c to 61c outside.

Bran—The market is firm. Manitoba bran, $24, in bags, Toronto freights. Shorts, $25 50 to $26.

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—The local grain market continues strong at yesterday's closing prices.

CATTLE PRICES AT TORONTO MARKET

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—Cattle—Today's run, combined with yesterday's left over cattle, has the market well filled. Common and medium cattle are not in demand for the Christmas season, there being hardly any sales in these classes. Choice butchers are selling well, with an easy top of $6 50. Receipts, 70 cars, with 800 cattle, 375 sheep, 700 hogs, 80 calves. Today's quotations: Export cattle, choice, cwt, $6 40 to $6 75; do, medium, $5 75 to $6; do, bulls, $4 50 to $5 50; butchers' cattle, choice, $5 70 to $6 50; do, medium, $5 to $5 50; do, common, $3 to $4 60; butchers' cows, choice, $4 25 to $5 40; do, medium and common, $2 75 to $3 90; do, canners, $1 50 to $2; do, bulls, $2 50 to $5 50; feeding steers, $4 55 to $5 30; do, bulls, $3 25 to $4 25; stockers, choice, $4 25 to $4 50; do, light, $2 75 to $3 25; springers, $35 to $65; lambs, $5 25 to $5 75; sheep, ewes, $3 25 to $4 25; calves, $3 to $8; bucks, $3; hogs, f. o. b., $6 25; do, fed and watered, $6 50.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 31,000; market 10c to 20c lower; beeves, $4 55 to $8 90; Texas steers, $4 to $5 75; western steers, $4 40 to $6 65; stockers and feeders, $3 10 to $5 60; cows and heifers, $1 90 to $6 15; calves, $5 50 to $8. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 35,000; market steady to 5c lower; light, $5 45 to $6 10; mixed, $5 75 to $6 25; heavy, $5 85 to $6 27½; roughs, $5 85 to $6; good to choice heavy, $6 to $6 27½; pigs, $3 75 to $5 40; bulk of sales at $5 85 to $6 20. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 45,000; market 10c lower; natives, $2 60 to $4; yearlings, $4 25 to $5 90; native lambs, $4 to $6 10; westerns, $4 25 to $6 10.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 250 head; fairly active; prime steady, others 5c to 10c lower. Veals—Receipts, 175 head; active and 25c higher, $5 to $9 25. Hogs—Receipts, 2,900 head; active and 5c to 10c higher; heavy, $6 50 to $6 55; mixed, $6 40 to $6 50; Yorkers, $6 15 to $6 40; pigs, $6 to $6 10; roughs, $5 70 to $5 80; stags, $4 50 to $5 50; dairies, $6 to $6 40. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5,400 head; active and steady.

HIDES.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Hides—Trade is fairly good, wit hall coming forward taken at firm prices. City inspected, No. 1 steers and cows, 12½c per lb.; No. 2 stock, 11½c, and No. 3, 10½c. Country stock, cured, 11½c to 12½c per lb, and green ,11c, at outside points.

Calfskins—The market here remains unchanged at 14c to 15c.

Horsehides—$3 to $3 25.

Horsehair—Farmers' or peddlers' stock, 33c to 35c.

Tallow—Solids quoted at 5½c; cakes, 6½c.

Wools—Unwashed, 13c to 14c; washed, 19c to 21c; rejections, 15c to 15½c per lb., at country points.

SUGAR.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—There was a moderate trade here today, with prices steady. Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, as follows: Granulated, Redpath's, $5 85; do., St. Lawrence, $5 85; Imperial, granulated, $5 70; Beaver, granulated, $5 70; No. 1 yellow, Acadia, $5 45; Golden yellow, St. Lawrence, $5 45.

These prices are for 100 lbs., Toronto delivery, in less than cars. When sold in barrels, price is 5c higher. Car lot prices 5c less all through.

COTTON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Cotton—Futures closed steady; closing bids: December, 8.89c; January, 8.61c; February, 8.65c; March, 8.71c; April, 8.75c; May, 8.81c; June, 8.85c; July, 8.91c; August, 8.94c; September, 8.98c; October, 9.05c; November, 9.03c. Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 9.20c; gulf, 9.45c. Sales, 900 bales.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 12.—Cotton—Spot, good business; prices 6 points lower; American middling, fair, 5.54d; good middling, 5.18d; middling, 4.92d; low middling, 4.78d; good ordinary, 4.62d; ordinary, 4.42d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 2,000 were for speculation and export, and included 9,800 American. Receipts were 64,000 bales, including 56,700 American. Futures opened quiet and closed quiet and steady.

APPLES.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Apples—The market is steady; snow No. 1, $5; do. No. 3, $4 25; King, No. 1, $4; do. No. 3, $3 50; greenings, No. 1, $3 25; do. No. 2, $2 75; Baldwin, No. 1, $3 50; do. No. 2, $3; Spy, No. 1, $4 50; do. No. 2, $3 75; good cooking, No. 1, $3 do. No. 2, $2 50.

TORONTO STOCK MARKET PRICES

Russell Motor, com	94	93½
Russell Motor, pfd	105½	..
Sawyer-Massey, com	38	37½
Sawyer-Massey, pfd	92½	..
St. L. & C. Navigation	96	..
Sao Paulo Tram	181	180½
Shredded Wheat, com	75	74¾
Steel of Canada, com	32	32½
Steel of Canada, pfd	..	89½
Toronto Railway	..	136
Twin City, com	103⅞	103½
Winnipeg Railway	241	..
Conlagas	650	640
Crown Reserve	282	280
La Rose	395	385
Nipissing Mines	750	..
Trethewey	61	..
Bank of Commerce	214	213¼
Dominion Bank	..	229¼
Bank of Hamilton	200	197½
Imperial Bank	223½	..
Merchants' Bank	200	..
Metropolitan Bank	..	190½
Molsons Bank	..	204½
Bank of Montreal	..	246½
Bank of Nova Scotia	..	250
Royal Bank	239½	238½
Standard Bank	..	223½
Bank of Toronto	205	..
Traders' Bank	145½	145
Union Bank	..	148
Canada Landed	168	162
Canada Permanent	..	176
Central Canada	..	187½
Colonial Investment	..	75½
Dominion Savings	..	72
Hamilton Provident	..	135
Huron & Erie	..	200
Huron & Erie, 20% paid	..	190
Landed Banking	..	140
London & Canadian	..	119
National Trust	..	200
Ontario Loan	..	165
Ontario Loan, 20% paid	..	150
Toronto General Trusts	..	178½
Toronto Mortgage	..	132
Toronto Savings	..	195
Union Trust	180	175
Black Lake, bonds	33	31
C. U. R. debenture stock	..	100
Dominion Steel, bonds	..	93½
Electrical Dev., bonds	90½	90½
Laurentide Paper, bonds	..	108
Mexican Electric, bonds	87½	..
Mexican Power, bonds	92	91½
Ogilvie Flour, Series B	..	93
Porto Rico Railway, bonds	92	..
Province of Ontario bonds	..	101½
Quebec L., H. & P., bonds	84	..
Rio, 1st mortgage bonds	..	101¼
Steel of Canada, bonds	99½	..

Morning Sales: Duluth-Superior, 10 at 79⅞; Toronto Railway, 20 at 137¼; Maple Leaf, 2 at 61½; do, preferred, 20 at 98; Conlagas, 50 at 630, 150 at 640; Twin City, 15 at 103⅞; Mackay, 25 at 81; Trethewey, 200 at 63; Rogers, 5 at 188; Sao Paulo, 25 at 180½, 50 at 181; Sawyer-Massey, 1 at 38, 75 at 37½, 20 at 37¾, 105 at 38; do, preferred, 10 at 91¼, 15 at 91½; City Dairy, 63 at 58; Niagara, 1 at 162, 1 at 160; Dominion Steel, preferred, 30 at 101½; Consumers' Gas, 20 at 195; Imperial Bank, 7 at 223½, 10 at 223; Union Bank, 1 at 148; Traders' Bank, 44 at 145; Bank of Toronto, 6 at 204½; Bank of Commerce, 100 at 212, 100 at 213, 15 at 212¾; Steel of Canada, 100 at 32½; do, bonds, $3,000 at 99½, $2,000 at 99½, $1,000 at 99½, $500 at 99½ and interest; Colonial Loan, 1 at 75½.

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TORONTO, Dec. 13.—Stock Exchange quotations:

	Sellers.	Buyers.
Black Lake, com	..	1½
Amal. Asbestos, com	4	..
Amal. Asbestos, pfd	20	..
Black Lake, pfd	7	6½
B. C. Packers, A	..	95
B. C. Packers, B	..	99
B. C. Packers, com	..	74
Bell Telephone	..	144
F. N. Burt, com	115	..
F. N. Burt, pfd	118	117¾
Canada Cement, com	28	..
Canada Cement, pfd	..	89
Canadian General Electric	110	..
Canadian Machinery, pfd	94	..
Canadian Locomotive, com	..	33½
Canadian Locomotive, pfd	..	90
Canadian Pacific	240	239¾
Canadian Salt	..	100
City Dairy, com	58½	57½
City Dairy, pfd	..	104
Consumers' Gas	..	193½
Crow's Nest Pass Coal	80	..
Dominion Canners	..	64½
Dominion Canners, pfd	..	105
Dominion Steel, com	..	56
Dominion Steel, pfd	102	101
Dom. Steel Corporation	57	55
Dom. Telegraph	..	104
Duluth-Superior Traction	80	79¾
Electrical Dev., pfd	..	65
Lake Superior Corporation	27	..
Mackay, com	81	..
Mackay, pfd	72	..
Maple Leaf, com	62	61
Maple Leaf, pfd	99	98
Mexican Pawer	88	86
Mexico Tramway	..	121
Montreal Power	..	189½
Minn., St. Paul & S. S. M.	135	134
Niagara Navigation	165	..
Pacific Burt, com	..	39
Pacific Burt, pfd	..	90¼
Penmans, com	58	56
Penmans, pfd	86	85
Porto Rico Railway	74	73¼
R. & O. Navigation	..	120¼
Rio de Janeiro Tram	..	111½
Rogers, com	..	187
Rogers, pfd	111¾	..

Montreal Stock Sales—Morning Session.

C. P. R., 7 at 241¼, 25 at 240⅝, 50 at 240¾, 25 at 140¼, 50 at 239⅞, 50 at 240; Power, 314 at 189¾, 13 at 190, 135 at 189½, 125 at 190, 60 at 189⅞, 435 at 190, 100 at 190¼, 250 at 190¼, 25 at 190¾; Montreal Railway, 50 at 231; Toronto Railway, 221 at 137; Detroit, 75 at 66 10 at 69¼; Illinois, preferred, 25 at 90½; Soo, common, 25 at 123¼; Steel Corporation, 50 at 56, 50 at 56⅛; Cement, 200 at 27½; do, preferred, 125 at 89; Coal, preferred, 1 at 111; Crown Reserve, 1,000 at 278, 700 at 280; Steel of Canada, 10 at 33; Scotia, preferred, 10 at 135, Sherwin-Williams, preferred, 2 at 95, 45 at 95½, 14 at 96; Canadian Locomotive, preferred, 35 at 90½, 2 at 90¾; Eastern Townships Bank, 1 at 183½; Bank of Commerce, 7 at 211, 15 at 212; Ban kof Montreal, 40 at 248½; Rubber, bonds, $4,000 at 98; Steel of Canada, bonds, $1,000 at 99½; Coal, bonds, $1,000 at 97½; Iron, bonds, $3,000 at 94½; Dominion Cotton, bonds, $5,000 at 102.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.

[Special to H. C. Becher.]

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Amal. Copper	63¾	64¾	63⅝	64¼
Anaconda Copper	39	39¼	39	39½
Amer. Beet Sugar	53¾	53¾	53½	53½
American Sugar	115	..	..	..
Amer. Foundry	53⅞	53⅞	53¾	53¾
Amer. Refining	72¾	73½	72½	73
Atchison, com	106¼	106¼	105⅝	106
Baltimore & Ohio	102¼	..	..	..
Brooklyn Transit	76⅛	76½	76⅛	76⅛
Canadian Pacific	241	241	239½	240¼
Chesapeake & Ohio	73	73⅝	73	73½
Consolidated Gas	138½	..	..	..
Erie, com	31¾	31¾	31	31⅝
Erie, pfd	51½	..	..	..
G. Northern, pfd	128¼	128¾	128	128½
Kansas & Texas	29¾	30	29½	29¾
Louisville & Nash	156⅝	156⅝	156½	156½
Lehigh Valley	177⅝	178¼	177⅛	178¼
Missouri Pacific	38⅞	38⅞	38¼	38½
New York Central	106	106½	105½	106½
Northern Pacific	118½	118⅞	118	118½
Norfolk & Western	108	108	107⅞	107¾
National Lead	49¾	50¼	49¾	50¼
Ontario & Western	39⅞	..	..	..
Pennsylvania	122	122¾	122	122¼
Reading	150⅝	151½	150	151½
Republic Steel	24	..	..	..
Rock Island, pfd	46½	..	..	..
Southern Railway	29⅝	29¾	29⅝	29¾
Southern Pacific	112	112¼	111½	112¼
St. Paul	110¼	111	110¼	111
Union Pacific	173¾	174⅝	172⅞	174⅛
U. S. Steel	64½	65½	64½	65½
U. S. Steel, pfd	109½	110⅝	109½	110⅝
Wabash, com	7	..	..	..
Wabash, pfd	17½	17¾	17½	17¾
Western Union	79¾	80	79½	79½
Soo Railway	133¼	..	..	..

Wall Street, Noon.

New York, Dec. 13.—(Wall street, noon)—Price movements were narrow throughout the morning, and with no incentive to trade on either side of the market, operators did little. Bearish sentiment was encouraged by the quick collapse of the vigorous bull movement with which the week began, and the drift of prices was downward. Pressure was most noticeable against the transcontinental railroad stocks. U. S. Steel showed good resistance to selling, and ruled slightly above yesterday's closing despite the weakness at other points. The buying of this stock was stimulated by further report of improved trade conditions. A break of 1⅝ to 2¾, a new record in Great Northern Ore certificates, attracted some attention, because of the persistent reiteration of rumors that the dividend would be passed. Railroad stocks lost ground steadily. Canadian Pacific fell 1⅝, and Union Pacific and New York Central 3. Bonds were easier.

The London Market.

London, Dec. 13.—Money was in strong demand and discount rates were steady today. The stock market opened steady and during the early session showed considerable strength. Later prices eased off and closed below best. Home rails and rubber shares were active leaders, and consols improved a quarter of a point. Japanese bonds recovered steadily.

American securities opened around parity, and then advanced on light coverings. Later the market eased off in the absence of Wall street support. Prices hardened slightly in the late trading, but the closing was uncertain.

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME IS PRAISED

Dr. Bruce-Smith's Inspection Proved Very Satisfactory, He Reports.

Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith's report of the inspection of the Protestant Orphans' Home will be of considerable interest to many. He says:

"An official visit of inspection was made to the Protestant Orphans' Home, London, on Dec. 6, 1911, when there were 28 boys, 18 girls—a total of 46 children in residence.

"On inspection many excellent improvements are noticed, particularly the introduction of the new hot water system of heating from two modern boilers, doing away with the four old furnaces. Four new baths have been installed. Six new sinks for the kitchen have also been put in. Painting has greatly improved the interior in many parts. The beds and bedding, halls, dormitories, closets, drainage, ventilation, and water supply, were all found satisfactory.

"The children are provided with wholesome food, and every care is evidently taken to conduct this home carefully and prudently.

"My visit of inspection impressed me most favorably in regard to the excellent order in which everything was found.

"The Government grant for the past year was $227 68.

(Signed) "R. W. BRUCE SMITH."

Dec. 6, 1911.

SERIOUS BREAK IN BIG WALKERTON DAM

Feared That Whole Structure May Be Washed Away Shortly.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Walkerton, Dec. 13.—Another serious break has occurred at the new power dam, and all the work that has been done during the last month is ruined. The river is now forming a new channel near the dam, and it is feared that at any moment there may be a rise in the water which will wreck the whole of the work done during the summer, and cause a loss of thousands of dollars. Only a few weeks ago a large piece was washed out of the structure.

CITY HALL SITE IS NOW IN THE AIR

Suggestions Are Pouring In From Citizens Who Would Like to Have Something to Say in the Matter.

The question of a site for the new city hall will not be dealt with by the present council. One of the first things to be taken up by the board of 1912 will be the selection of a suitable place for the proposed new structure.

Already the prospective candidates for office are being canvassed as to their opinions regarding the best location, and many electors are pledging their votes to the men who will support their suggestions.

In a quiet way at least this matter will have quite a bearing on the result of the poll on Jan. 1.

The contest has largely settled down to the five sites—the "V" on Richmond street; Dundas and Waterloo; the market square, the court house, and the bank property now occupied by the Merchants and Montreal banks. There is a possibility of a compromise location being taken up, and some suggest Queen's avenue near Hymas Hall. In any event, it will be some time before the matter is disposed of.

A conundrum was proposed at the city hall today, something along this line: If it took the council one year to sell the present city hall, how long will it take them to select a site?

It is a mathematical problem that, and the one who can guess the answer correctly will be little short of a mind-reader or soothsayer.

STAND IS INDORSED

W. C. T. U. Pleased With Dr. Sproule Regarding Intoxicants at Social Functions.

The W. C. T. U., at their regular meeting on Thursday afternoon, indorsed the stand taken by Hon. Dr. Sproule in prohibiting the use of intoxicants at social functions.

The members also expressed their appreciation of the part Mrs. Sproule played in bringing about this event.

Mrs. Wright, Dominion president, in a talk on local option, said that in the last 34 years 3,000 drinking places had been closed through the efforts of the temperance workers, and that today the half of Ontario is "dry."

Mention was made of the effort that is being put forth in Owen Sound to repeal the bylaw on Jan. 1.

The president, Mrs. Ashplant, presided.

CAN'T RAISE THE BAIL

Pair Charged With Sensational Robbery Have Been Remanded.

[Canadian Press.]

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—James Chilman and Joseph Acheson, the two young men charged with the sensational $8,000 robbery at the Canadian Express office last September, were remanded today until Monday as the result of an arrangement between the crown attorney and their lawyers. Neither has yet succeeded in raising the $10,000 bail required.

—To Subscriber—We know of no art institute in London by the name you ask.

Only Half.

The machinery at the London street railway powerhouse failed Tuesday afternoon, and as a result only half power is being furnished the cars. The schedule is being interfered with, all the cars running behind time.

Hospital Trust.

The final meeting of the hospital trust for the year is being held this afternoon at Victoria Hospital. The question of a switchboard for the institution is the most important matter under discussion. The accounts for the year will be passed.

Aged Lady Dead.

Mrs. Louis Craven, wife of Mr. Geo. Craven, of lot 1, con. 3, Lobo Township, died yesterday at her home in her 88th year. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon to Campbell's Cemetery, the services to be conducted at 1:30.

Mothers' Club Meeting.

St. Gerge's School Mothers' Club met in the kindergarten on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. H. H. Bingham gave an interesting address, and solos were rendered by Mrs. Wyatt and Mrs. Chapman. A violin selection was also given by Mrs. Harris. Refreshments were served.

Salvation Army Funeral.

The funeral of the late Thomas Cluff, who died suddenly on Sunday evening at his boarding-house on Dundas street, was held this afternoon from the parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke, under the auspices of the members of the Salvation Army. The services were conducted at 2:30 by L. .t. Walton, and interment was made at Woodland Cemetery. Mr. Cluff was formerly a pianist at the Salvation Army.

Late Mrs. Loney.

Mrs. Joseph Loney, of 25 Thornton avenue, who died on Saturday, was buried yesterday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Canon Craig, of the Church of St John the Evangelist. The pallbearers all relatives, were Messrs. J. and G. Loney, J. and D. McCallum, and W. and J. Sullivan.

Interment at Mount Pleasant.

The burial of Mr. George Hiscock, who died a few days ago, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. B. Stinchcombe, 77 Askin street, was made on Tuesday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services at the residence of Mrs. Stinchcombe were in charge of Rev. Mr. Walker, of the Wortley Road Baptist Church.

No Trace of Relatives.

The police have as yet been unable to locate any trace of relatives of George Saul, notice of whose death in Middleton, N. Y., was received in this city yesterday. The telgram made reference to an estate, for it is thought that those who are interested will be discovered before long if they are now in this district.

Lambeth Pastor Officiated.

The funeral of Inez Mary Topping, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Topping, of Brick street, was held Tuesday afternoon from the residence of her parents, interment being made at Brick Street Cemetery. The services were conducted at the home by Rev. R. J. Garbutt, of Lambeth. The pallbearers were Stanley Norton, William Blinn, Verne Baker, Owen Tunks, John Curtis and Charles Foster.

Immigration Secretary.

Mr. W. W. Lee, immigration secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in the city today with a view to organizing classes for language study among the foreign residents of the city. It is the intention of the association to hold these classes in the homes of the foreigners, and to secure competent teachers to teach them. Similar classes have proved of great benefit in other cities, and it is thought that there is considerable need for them in London, as many immigrants from foreign countries are seriously handicapped in Canada by their lack of even a rudimentary knowledge of English. Many of them are not able to either read or write their native tongue.

Court Welcome Officers.

Court Welcome, No. 12, I. O. F., elected the following officers for the incoming year, which are as follows: C. D., Wm. Evans; court physicians, Dr. Holmes and Dr. Pingel; C. R., W. M. Collins; V. C. R., John C. Fitzgerald; R. S., Ezra Moyer; F. S., John Baskette; treasurer, F. J. Darch; orator, Wm. Ball; S. J. C., H. E. Straitch; organist, J. W. Lee; S. W., George Curwood; J. W., Arthur Smith; S. B., John R. Treneman; J. B., Robert Gilmore; trustee board, Thos. Ball and William Jenkins; F. committee, E. M. Lomaz and H. J. Linington; central committee, Thos. Ball, H. J. Linington, W. M. Collins, Wm. Ball, Frank Bissett, John C. Fitzgerald, Wm. Jenkins.

WOLSELEY BARRACKS WON FROM SEVENTH

A Keen Contest in a Shooting Match Held at Armories.

An interesting shooting match took place Tuesday night at the armories, between the sergeants of Wolseley Barracks and the sergeants of the Seventh Fusiliers, which was won by the R. C. R. by eight points.

The contest was very exciting on account of the closenes of the score. Quartermaster-Sergt. Dunlevy, the captain of the R. C. R. team, shot remarkably well. Color-Sergt. Butler, the captain of the Seventh team, put on a perfect score. The possible score attainable was 35.

Following are the scores:

Royal Canadian Regiment.

Q. M. S. Dunlevy	5 5 5 5 5 4	5—34
Q. M. Sergt. Black	4 5 4 5 5 5	5—33
Sergt. Dunkerley	4 4 5 5 5 5	5—33
Sergt. Freeland	4 5 4 5 4 5	5—32
Sergt. Raymond	5 5 4 4 5 2	4