

TO THE TRADE:

JANUARY 4TH. Goods arriving from the four quarters of the earth. Customers making selections from new goods. Letter orders daily increasing. Travellers' orders larger in volume than usual, are making our warehouses the centre of still greater activity in the city.

General Dry Goods, Men's Furnishings, Haberdashery, Woollens and Carpets.

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WEEKLY ISSUES EDITS.

Hardware Menes Prohibited-Zones of Cultivation Closed-Fermed Around the Towns. Havana, Jan. 2.-Gen. Weyler has issued orders bearing date of yesterday, etc. of them prohibits the storage or sale of hardware, saddlery, clothing, provisions or medicines in fortified towns.

Board of Trade Matters. The Election of Officers to Take Place on Tuesday, Jan. 26. The Railway Committee of the Council of the Board of Trade met in the afternoon in view of the Government's intention to refer to the Grand Trunk and Ferry Railway.

W. & L. E. Gets Into Cleveland. New York, Jan. 2.-A traffic arrangement which goes into effect immediately has been arranged between the Wheeling & Lake Erie and the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Companies, whereby the former is to enter Cleveland over the latter's line.

Married a Millionaire's Daughter. Part Huron, Mich., Jan. 2.-James Russell Elliott of London, Ont., and Miss Emeline Williams Mills, second daughter of Nelson Mills, the millionaire lumberman of Marysville, Mich., were married last night at the home of the bride's father.

Business Embarrassments. Peterboro, N. H., Jan. 2.-The Peterboro estate is expected to show assets and liabilities nominally the same, about \$3000. A meeting of creditors will be held in the assignee's office on Friday next.

Nothing For a New Year's Gift Like one of our Large EASY-CHAIRS They're as comfortable and durable as good material and workmanship can make them. We have more than we want to carry over stocktaking.

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THE Davies Brothers Co. 251 YONGE-STREET.

CANADIAN CREDIT ABROAD.

A Substantial Advance in Prices of Choice Investments.

Large Increase in Deposits of Canadian Banks - Range in Prices of Lending - Speculative Issues - Active Speculation in Wheat - The Bank Clearings at Toronto Show a Big Gain.

During 1896 there was an unusually good demand for choice investments, and the result is much better prices. Canadian bonds and debentures advanced 4 to 5 per cent. Dominion 3 per cent. are now selling in London at 104, and Toronto 3 1/2 per cent. debentures at 104. This speaks well for the credit of Canada in the money market of the world.

Locally the money market ruled pretty steadily throughout the year. The deposits of chartered banks increased \$7,000,000 during the year, while those of other savings banks and loan companies increased \$5,000,000, making an increase of \$12,000,000. The total amount of deposits of all kinds on Nov. 30 was \$286,450,000.

Speculation on the Toronto Stock Exchange was not so active as in the previous year. The favorite stocks were Commercial Cable and Postal Telegraph. There was a wide range in the prices of both these securities, but final sales were near the highest of the year.

Wheat Markets Advancing. The wheat market has been exceedingly interesting for some months past. Speculation shows a large increase, and the steady advance in prices has afforded ample scope for money-making.

Wheat - The market is quiet and firm, with limited offerings. Red and white winter wheat is in demand. Barley nominal at 28 to 30c. Oats firm, 300 bushels selling at \$2.20 to 2.40. Feed unchanged. Bran is quoted at \$7 to \$7.50 west, and shorts at \$7.50 to \$8.

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WHEAT MARKETS ADVANCING

The Sentiment is Bullish and Higher Prices Predicted.

Decrease in Cash Reserves of New York Banks - Money Tighter in London - Consols are Higher - Wall Street Clearings are Stronger - Provisions in Chicago are More Active - Latest Commercial News.

Monday Evening, Jan. 2. Cash wheat in Chicago is higher at 80 1/2c. May wheat on curb 84 1/2c to 85c. Put on May wheat 86c, calls 86 1/2c. Put on May corn 25c, calls 25 1/2c. At Toledo clover seed closed at \$5.42 for March.

Receipts of wheat at Chicago today 600,000 bushels, against 500,000 last week. The market is quiet and firm, with limited offerings. Red and white winter wheat is in demand.

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STOCKS, DEBENTURES & INSURANCE.

Miners, Prospects and Mining Shares in British Columbia and Ontario.

BRITISH MARKETS. Liverpool - Market closed today. London - Closed - Wheat on passage firm. Malacca - Market quiet and steady.

CHICAGO MARKETS. Henry A. King & Co. report the following statement on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day: Wheat - Jan. 85 1/2c, Feb. 85 1/2c, Mar. 85 1/2c, Apr. 85 1/2c, May 85 1/2c, June 85 1/2c, July 85 1/2c, Aug. 85 1/2c, Sept. 85 1/2c, Oct. 85 1/2c, Nov. 85 1/2c, Dec. 85 1/2c.

STOCKS, BONDS & DEBENTURES BOUGHT AND SOLD. JOHN STARK & CO. 61, 880, 26 Toronto Street, FINANCIAL.

Both the Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges were closed today. The net gold balance of the United States Treasury is \$130,747,000. An important feature in London today is the decline in the open market discount rate to 2 1/2 per cent.

Consols are higher at 112 for money and account. Canadian Pacific is stronger today in London at 57 1/2. St. Paul closed at 75 1/2. Erie at 15 1/2. Reading at 15 1/2. N.Y. & N.H. at 10 1/2. Illinois Central at 9 1/2. United States 4 per cent. bonds are firmer at 120 to 120 1/2.

SKATES. Climax Skates ALL SIZES AND GRADES. HOCKEY STICKS. Aikenhead Hardware Co. 6 Adelaide St. E.

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Wonderful Mid-Winter Sale Means to You.....

It means that about one-half the amount usually expended in clothes will dress you in the finest IMPORTED FABRICS, cut in the LATEST PREVAILING STYLE, CAREFULLY AND NEATLY FINISHED, AND FITTED PERFECTLY.

We want to double the number of buyers this month. The prices will attract you, and we'll guarantee to please on style, make-up, fit and finish.

29 COATS AND VESTS. All-Wool West of England Material, to be made in the popular Prince Albert style; \$27 has been the price; we'll make them now at \$19.

35 SKATING COATS. The demand for them is increasing, but the only way we can make them at a low price is by using UP ENDS OR OVERCOATINGS; this is the best lot we've turned out yet; you may have your choice of them made to order at \$17.

Is it necessary to mention that to order a pair of Trousers without seeing a Score's Guinea Trousers at \$5.25 would be the height of folly?

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