FUTURES ARE ERRATIC ADVANCE IS NOT HELD

Liverpool Quotations Are Strong, But Chicago Prices Subside Near the Close.

World Office.
Wednesday Evening, Dec. 18.

Liverpool wheat futures closed to-day 2½d higher. Corn, ⅝d up.

At Chicago, Dec. wheat closed ⅝c higher, Dec. corn 1⅞c lower, Dec. oats ⅝c higher.

Winnipeg car lots of wheat to-day 173, last year 89.

Northwest car lots of wheat to-day 495, last week 653, last year 413.

Chicago car lots of wheat to-day 22, contract 8, Corn 241, contract 8. Oats 159, contract 4.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 1000 bushels of grain, 30 loads of hay, 1 load of straw and a few dressed hogs.

Wheat—Three hundred bushels sold as follows: 200 bushels fall at 97c, 100 bushels goose at 87c.

Barley—Three hundred bushels sold at 71c per bushel.

Oats—Four hundred bushels sold at 51c to 52c per bushel.

Hay—Thirty loads sold at $19 to $21 per ton.

Straw—One load loose sold at $10 per ton.

Grain—		
Wheat, spring, bush	$0 96	to $....
Wheat, fall, bush	0 97	....
Wheat, goose, bush	0 87	....
Wheat, red, bush	0 98	....
Rye, bush	0 83	....
Peas, bush	0 88	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 64	0 65
Barley, bush	0 71	....
Oats, bush	0 51	0 52
Seeds—		
Alsike, fancy, bush	$8 00	to $8 25
Alsike, No. 1, bush	7 50	8 00
Alsike, No. 2, bush	6 75	7 25
Red clover, No. 1, bush	9 50	....
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, new, per ton	$19 00	to $21 00
Cattle hay, ton	12 00	14 00
Straw, loose, ton	10 00	....
Straw, bundled, ton	16 00	....
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Potatoes, per bag	$0 85	to $0 95
Apples, per barrel	1 75	3 50
Apples, snow, barrel	2 50	3 50
Onions, per bag	1 00	1 25
Poultry—		
Turkeys, dressed, lb	$0 13	to $0 15
Geese, per lb	0 09	0 10
Spring chickens, lb	0 09	0 11
Spring ducks, lb	0 09	0 11
Fowl, per lb.	0 07	0 08
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb	$0 27	to $0 33
Eggs, strictly new - laid, per dozen	0 45	0 55
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$4 50	to $5 50
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	7 50	8 50
Beef, choice sides, cwt	7 25	7 75
Lambs, dressed weight	0 08½	0 09½
Mutton, light, cwt	7 50	9 00
Veals, common, cwt	5 00	6 00
Veals, prime, cwt	8 50	10 00
Dressed hogs, cwt	7 50	8 00

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

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

Hay, car lots, ton, bales	$17 00	to $17 50
Potatoes, car lots, bags	0 75	0 80
Evaporated apples, lb	0 09	0 09½
Turkeys, dressed	0 12	0 13
Geese, dressed	0 09	0 10
Ducks, dressed	0 09	0 10
Chickens, dressed	0 09	0 10
Old fowl, dressed	0 06	0 07
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0 27	0 28
Butter, tubs	0 26	0 27
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 30	0 31
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 29	0 30
Eggs, new-laid, dozen	0 30	....
Eggs, cold-storage, dozen	0 22	....
Cheese, large, lb	0 12½	....
Cheese, twin, lb	0 13¼	....
Honey, extracted, lb	0 13	0 13½

Live Poultry Wholesale.

Turkeys, young	$0 10	to $....
Turkeys, old	0 09	....
Geese, per lb	0 07	0 08
Ducks, per lb	0 07	0 08
Chickens, fancy, large	0 09	0 10
Chickens, medium	0 06	0 08
Fowl	0 05	0 07
Squabs, per dozen	2 00	3 00

Hides and Tallow.

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

Inspected hides, No. 1 cows, steers	$0 03	
Inspected hides, No. 2 cows, steers	0 05	
Country hides, cured	$0 05	to $....
Calfskins	0 10	....
Kips	0 08	....
Horsehides, No. 1, each	2 50	....
Horsehair, per lb	0 37	....
Tallow, per lb	0 05	0 06
Wool, unwashed	0 12	0 13
Rejects	0 16	....
Lambskins	0 75	0 85
Deerskins, green	0 13	....

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

The following were the last prices made at the call board of the Toronto Board of Trade. Prices are for outside shipping points, except when mentioned:

Winter wheat—No. 2 white, no quotations; No. 2 red, 94c buyers; No. 2 mixed, sellers, 94c, buyers 92c.

Spring wheat—No. 2 Ontario, no quotations; No. 2 goose, no quotations.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, no quotations; No. 2, sellers $1.14, Goderich.

Barley—No. 2, sellers, 70c, outside; No. 3X, no quotations; No. 3, no quotations.

Oats—No. 2 white, buyers 47c, Toronto; No. 2 mixed, buyers 46c, Toronto.

Bran—Sellers $20, buyers' bags.

Buckwheat—Buyers 58c.

Rye—No. 2, buyers 79c.

Peas—No. 2, sellers 85c, buyers 82c.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, no quotations.

Flour—Ontario, 90 per cent. patent, $3.65 bid for export. Manitoba patent, special brands, $5.80; second patents, $5.20; strong bakers', $5.

Toronto Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, $4.40 in barrels, and No. 1 golden, $4 in barrels. These prices are for delivery here; car lots 5c less.

New York Sugar Market.

Sugar, raw, firm; fair refining, 2.50c to 2.35c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.85c; molasses sugar, 3.00c to 3.05c; refined, steady.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures to-day:

Wheat—Dec. $1.05⅜ bid, May $1.13⅜ bid. Oats—Dec. 43c bid, May 50c bid.

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.	98½	99¾	98⅛	99¼
May	105	107	104⅜	104⅞
July	99	99⅝	98	98
Corn—				
Dec	58¾	59¼	57⅞	57⅞
May	59½	59¾	58⅝	58⅛
July	58⅛	58¼	57⅛	57⅛
Oats—				
Dec.	51⅝	51⅞	50⅞	50⅞
May	54⅞	55¼	54	54⅛
July	49	49¼	48⅝	48⅝
Pork—				
Jan	12.65	12.65	12.65	12.65
May	13.05	13.12	13.00	13.10
Ribs—				
Jan	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
May	7.00	7.05	6.97	7.02
Lard—				
Jan.	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75
May	7.77	7.82	7.77	7.82

Chicago Gossip.

Marshall, Spader & Co. to J. G. Beaty at the close:

Wheat—There was a deluge of bullish news early, which caused a sharp upturn in wheat and caused a general covering by shorts. An attempt to take profits on reports of improved weather in Argentine found the market in an overbought condition, with the short element pretty well eliminated. It looks as tho the trade had taken the recent news rather seriously and accumulated a good bit of wheat, so that unless advices continue of a very bullish nature we will probably get some severe setbacks.

Ennis & Stoppani wired to J. L. Mitchell at the close of the market:

Wheat—Closed ¼c lower than last night's close, after one time being 2c higher. The market, while nervous, developed more action than of late over a range of about 2c. Shorts were filled with an Argentine damage scare early and reports of an awakening of export business. Later the Argentine news was reassuring and the exports accomplished were set at 20 loads only at the seaboard. The rise of 2½d at Liverpool and advance of 3c at Antwerp were the main factors in the early strength. Longs took profits in a hurry on the rise and the heaviness in corn was somewhat disconcerting to the longs. Broomhall special Russian report was bullish, showing severe frosts in southwest and no snow protection.

Corn—Closed 1c lower. The December option was weak, with considerable liquidation in it by prominent elevator people. The corn bulls were inactive to-day and the early wheat strength failed to boom corn, long taking profits and Snow's report was considered bearish; he puts the crop at 2,500,000,000 bushels.

Oats—Closed strong and higher on good demand by Armour and several prominent longs.

Charles W. Gillett to Peter J. Morgan:

Wheat—The market was extremely nervous in the early trading, as even advocates of higher prices were afraid the advance had been too rapid. Opening prices were about unchanged, but when Liverpool closed 2½d higher and Antwerp 3¾c higher, there was further shipment by the leaders at a time when the offerings were very light and a rapid advance of 1½c occurred, which was lost again in a few minutes. The Wall-street interest, which covered short wheat yesterday and contributed largely to the advance, sold about half a million more to-day, around $1.06, and later in the day some of the large market leaders were also credited with selling. I believe the short interest has been pretty well eliminated and that the long interest have been able to unload large amount of wheat at a profit, but that they will be buyers again on any important recession. Rain was again reported in the Argentine and Broomhall wired that the crop would be damaged. Cash prices at Minneapolis showed no change relative to futures and larger millers were taking about all offerings of best grades. The legitimate situation is two-sided as the United States have imported 12,000,000 for the first five months and are near a point where curtailment of export sales would appear conservative. The market to-night is in a healthier condition than for some time past and while I look for some break in the early trading to-morrow, would only advise sales on the bulges.

Corn—Cash was ½c to 1½c up, with drying and mixing houses the best buyers. The market did not respond to the early strength in wheat, as the rapid advance late yesterday afforded an opportunity for a large amount of scattered profit-taking by holders and market leaders were not disposed to take these offerings at top prices. New corn has been only slightly improved by cold weather, as it is so damp that freezing only increases the danger of further damage, when it thaws out. Unless there is important selling by leaders to-morrow the market should show only moderate further declines and ultimately the market will probably sell considerably higher.

New York Grain and Produce.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Flour—Receipts, 21,435 barrels; exports, 26,348 barrels; sales, 3300 barrels; firm, with a fair trade; Minnesota patents, $5.35 to $5.70; winter straights, $4.50 to $4.70; Minnesota bakers' $4.50 to $5; winter extras, $3.75 to $4.20; winter patents, $4.85 to $5.25; winter low grades, $3.65 to $4.10. Rye flour, firm. Buckwheat flour, steady. Cornmeal, steady. Rye, steady.

Wheat—Receipts, 89,000 bushels; exports, 200,470 bushels; sales, 4,100,000 bushels. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, $1.04¾, elevator; No. 2 red, $1.06¾, f.o.b., afloat; No. 1 Northern Duluth, $1.21⅝, f.o.b., afloat; No. 2 hard winter, $1.15⅞, f.o.b., afloat. An early 1⅜c advance in wheat, on reports of rains in Argentina was later lost on news that the weather was improving. Foreign houses sold in New York, but had fair orders for cash wheat. Final prices showing ¼c to ½c net loss represented low prices for the day. December closed at $1.06¾; May, $1.11¾ to $1.13⅜, closed $1.11¾; July, $1.06 to $1.07½, closed $1.06.

Corn—Receipts, 13,975 bushels; exports, 44,354 bushels; sales, 10,000 bushels. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 72c, elevator, and 66¼c, f.o.b., afloat; No. 2 white and No. 2 yellow, nominal, f.o.b., afloat. Option market was firmer on covering by December shorts and closed ½c higher to ¼c lower; Dec., 71c to 71½c, closed 71½c; May, closed 67⅝c.

Oats—Receipts, 67,500 bushels; exports, 4895 bushels. Spot, firm; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 55c; natural white, 26 to 32 lbs., 57½c to 60c; clipped white, 32 to 40 lbs., 59c to 65c.

Rosin, quiet. Turpentine, quiet, 47½c. Molasses, steady.

New York Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Butter—Steady, unchanged; receipts, 6871.

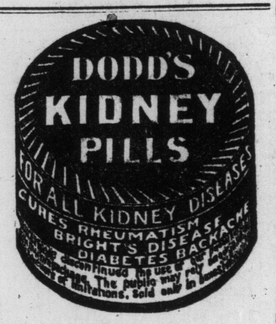
Cheese—Firm, unchanged; receipts, 3717.

Eggs—Steady, unchanged; receipts, 7521.

Liverpool Grain and Produce.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—Wheat—Spot No. 2 red western winter, steady, 7s 7¼d; futures, strong; Dec., nominal; March, 8s ¾d; May, 8s ⅛d. Corn, spot, prime mixed American new, firm, 5s 4½d; do., old, firm, 5s 6d; futures, firm; Dec., nominal; Jan., 5s 3⅞d.

Pork, prime mess western, steady, 86s 3d. Lard, prime western, in tierces, quiet, 41s 9d; American refined, in pails, quiet, 43s 9d. Turpentine spirits, dull, 34s 6d. Rosin, dull, 9s 3d.



CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Steady—Hogs and Cattle Are 10c Lower at Chicago.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Beeves—Receipts, 1517; steers, badly demoralized and 15c to 40c lower; bulls, dull to 10c lower; cows, slow and 10c to 15c lower; steers, $3.55 to $5.65; tops, $5.75; general sales, $4 to $5.35; bulls, $2.50 to $3.80; cows, $1.00 to $3.60; few extra fat, $3.85 to $4.10. Exports to-day, 750 cattle and 1400 quarters of beef; to-morrow, 800 cattle, 1100 sheep and 6500 quarters of beef.

Calves—Receipts, 1370. Veals, active and firm. Barnyard calves, 15c to 25c higher; western; calves, ; very nearly nominal veals, $5 to $9.75; culls, $4 to $4.50; barnyard calves, $2.75 to $3.25; few western, $4.12½.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 12,541; sheep, 15c to 25c lower; lambs, 15c to 25c lower; common to choice sheep, $2.75 to $5; culls, $2 to $2.50; lambs, $6.25 to $7.35; two cars, $7.40; culls, $5; Canada lambs, $7.

Hogs—Receipts, 8338; market, weak, at $4.80 to $5.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 600 head; dull; prices, unchanged.

Veals—Receipts, 250 head; active and steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 12,000 head; slow, and 15c to 25c lower; heavy and mixed, $4.75 to $4.85; yorkers, $4.65 to $4.75; pigs, $4.50 to $4.55; roughs, $4.10 to $4.35; stags, $3.25 to $3.75; dairy, $4.50 to $4.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 16,000 head; very slow; sheep, steady; lambs, 25c to 35c lower; lambs, $5 to $6.75; a few $7; yearlings, $5.50 to $5.75; wethers, $4.75 to $5; ewes, $4 to $4.75; sheep, mixed, $2 to $4.50; Canada lambs, $2 to $6.50.

Montreal Live Stock.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—About 300 head of butchers' cattle, 50 milch cows, 100 calves, 300 sheep and lambs and 250 fat hogs, were offered for sale at the East End Abattoir to-day. There were no extra cattle on the market and trade was slow, as the butchers had bought most of their supplies on Monday. Prime beeves sold at 4½c to 5¼c per lb.; pretty good cattle, 3¼c to 4¼c, and the common stock, 2½c to 3c per lb. Milch cows sold at from $25 to $60 each, but some of them were remarkably fine, large cows. Grass red calves sold at 2¼c to 3c per lb., and the young veals at $2.75 to $4 each. Sheep sold at 3¼c to 3¾c, and lambs at 5¼c to nearly 6c per lb. Good lots of fat hogs sold at about 6¼c per lb. Messrs. Johnston and Bessner of Bonsecours Market, this week bought an extraordinary fine bull at 6c per lb., and two very fine heifers at $1 each.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000; market steady; steers, $3.90 to $6.25; stockers and feeders, $2.40 to $2.50; cows, $2.75 to $4.50; heifers, $2.50 to $5.25; bulls, $2.60 to $4.90; calves, $3 to $7.

Hogs—Receipts, 46,000; market, about 10c lower; choice heavy shipping, $4.75 to $4.80; light butchers, $4.70 to $4.75; light mixed, $4.55 to $4.60; choice light, $4.60 to $4.65; packing, $4 to $4.60; pigs, $3.75 to $4.25; bulk of sales, $4.50 to $4.60.

Sheep—Receipts, 22,000; market, weak; sheep, $3 to $4.50; lambs, $5.40 to $6.20; yearlings, $4.20 to $4.80.

British Cattle Markets.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—London cables are firmer, at 11c to 12½c per lb., dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9½c per pound.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

Ferris Alteen, general merchant, doing business at Latchford and Cobalt, has made an assignment to Richard Tew. Mr. Alteen commenced business in the north four or five months ago. The liabilities are placed at $8000. Tightness of money is given as the cause.

A. J. McRae, general merchant, Bruce Mines, and the Northern Supply Co. of Temiskaming, has assigned to N. L. Martin. Liabilities heavy. Mr. Martin has also been appointed liquidator of the Boehmer Erb Company, Berlin, Ont. The company ran a large departmental store and the liabilities are heavy.

D. M. Grant, general merchant, Rossseau Muskoka, recently assigned, shows assets of $30,284 and liabilities of $31,549. Inspectors have been appointed to look after the estate.

The Novelty Advertising Co. of Toronto has assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson. The business was conducted by H. Maughan. The assets and liabilities are small.

A Freak Shot.

Once in a great while a combination of favorable circumstances results in a phenomenal or freak shot, such as is described.

Shaft No. 27 of the American Smelting Company's property at Webb City, Mo., was being sunk. At a depth of 100 feet below the surface, eight holes, six feet deep were drilled from the outer edge of the shaft toward the sump cut holes. They were loaded with 87 sticks (about 36 pounds) of Forcite gelatine powder.

This explosion resulted in hurling a boulder about 10 feet out of the shaft's mouth, a total lift of 110 feet, and landed it on the surface about 25 feet to one side. The size of this boulder is about 4 feet by 4 feet by 5 feet, and weighs 12,352 pounds, or about six tons.

The size of the shaft up which it was blown is 5 feet by 7 feet in the clear, cribbed with 2 by 6's laid flat. Near the top of the shaft is a scratch on the cribbing a faction of an inch deep and about four feet long. The grazing of the boulder at this point in its upward flight was doubtless responsible for the curving of its trajectory from the perpendicular to one side, so that it lit on the surface dump instead of falling perpendicularly to the bottom again.

U.S. Mint Buys Silver.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The director of the mint to-day purchased 253,000 ozs. of silver at 52.71 cents a fine ounce. The silver is to be delivered in lots of 100,000 ozs. at San Francisco and Denver, and 53,000 ozs. at Philadelphia.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson's Outlook.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Premier Robinson to-day denied that he would resign if successful in the coming elections and contest in Westmoreland County for the commons, while Mr. Emmerson takes the general managership of the I. C. R.

However, said Robinson, in the event of Mr. Pottinger resigning I know of no man better qualified to succeed him than Mr. Emmerson.

It is believed Mr. Robinson will be succeeded by Attorney-General McKeown if the Liberals are successful in the coming elections.

Railroad Reduces Rates.

On account of Christmas excursions, the Grand Trunk Railway System will sell return tickets at the following reduced rates: Single fare, good going Dec. 24 and 25, returning on or before Dec. 26, 1907. Fare and one-third, good going Dec. 21 to 25, returning on or before Jan. 3, 1908. For further information and tickets, call at city Office, northwest corner King and Yonge-streets.

Government Horse Buyer Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Rufus Rand, purchasing agent of horses for the Canadian Government, dropped dead of heart disease on Central Park West to-day. He was 76 years old.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION AGAIN HOLDS THE FLOOR

R. L. Borden Moves for a Return of Incidental Papers and is Successful.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—(Special).—The Japanese immigration question was brought up in the house again to-day by Mr. Borden, who moved for a return of papers relating thereto. The premier refused to comply, on the ground that this was not the proper time. He defended the ratification of the treaty with Japan on the ground that this government had always made a difference in dealing with Japanese and Chinese immigration; that in 1903 a commission was appointed to investigate the whole question and its recommendation was made in view of the assurance of Japan that the immigration of Japanese to Canada would be controlled in accordance with an arrangement existing, which was necessary, and that the government had relied upon the assurance of Japan.

In offering his resolution, Mr. Borden said that it was remarkable that when the subject was presented in concrete form a few days ago by Mr. Smith of Nanaimo not a single member of the government had given any information to the house.

"We were waiting for the other side," said a Liberal member.

The resolution of Mr. Smith of Nanaimo appeared to be a bit of gallery play. It had been said that there had been assurances imparted to the members on the other side of the house which had not been given to parliament as a whole, and Mr. Borden complained that information to which the people were entitled should have been held back.

After dealing with the charge that he had endeavored to provoke race prejudice, Mr. Borden showed that the government had received ample warning of the difficulties that would arise if effective restrictions were not put into effect. The premier had been warned in 1900 by Mr. Morrison, then a member of this house from British Columbia, of the undesirable character of Japanese immigration, the premier declaring that in view of the fact that the Japanese government had taken the matter into its own hand, the resolution proposed by Mr. Morrison was unnecessary. In 1903 further warnings were sounded when Mr. Borden declared that closer relations with Japan would lead to large influx of Japanese. At that time Hon. Mr. Fisher stated that the arrangement made with Japan to restrict immigration would be respected.

A Statement Demanded.

The leader of the opposition again demanded a definite statement from the government as to the character of the assurances given by the Japanese; also its reliance upon those assurances. It had been said that the question had been dealt with a view to the interests of the government. The assurances given by Japan had not been effective, as there had been an enormous influx of Japanese into British Columbia. The question was decidedly an economic one. We could not change the conditions that exist, and it was impossible for white labor to successfully compete with Japanese labor in British Columbia.

In view of this, the country should know what is the attitude of the government, what the result of the mission of the postmaster-general had been. It had been stated in the press that the mission had come to an end, that the treaty would not be amended, that the assurances of Japan restricting immigration would be repeated.

An Educational Test.

Sir Wilfrid replied that there could be no doubt as to the intentions of the government, but Mr. Borden was entitled to a full answer. The question should be treated with calmness. He had always taken the ground that they could not apply to the Japanese the same treatment that applied to the Chinese, and the commission that investigated the question had so recommended. Mr. Borden should have remembered that the action of the government was based on the recommendation, and that the assurances given by Japan were sufficient. Should, however, these assurances not be effective, it might be necessary to adopt an educational test, as required by the Natal Act.

"Does he understand that while the treaty remains in its present form it will be competent to pass the Natal Act?" asked Mr. Borden.

"While the treaty is in effect it is impossible to pass the Natal Act," replied Sir Wilfrid.

Sir Wilfrid stated that on the return of Mr. Lemieux the correspondence asked for would be brought down. If it was found that the agreement had been wilfully and systematically violated, it might be necessary to denounce that treaty, but if it had been evaded by designing parties, the matter ought to be easily arranged. Since Japan is an ally of the sovereign, would it not be better, asked Sir Wilfrid, that the restrictions should be carried out by the Japanese themselves?

The premier referred to the newspaper despatches of the failure of Mr. Lemieux's mission, which he refused to rely on. The journalist apparently had more information than the government.

Mr. Borden asked when would Mr. Lemieux return, and Sir Wilfrid replied that he would sail direct on Jan. 3.

F. D. Monk (Jacques Cartier) referred to the cable messages which indicated that the mission of Mr. Lemieux had come to an end, and that the Japanese government had declined to give him a note that it would restrict emigration. Had the government failed to make known to Japan the popular feeling in Canada, that we would not give up our absolute control over immigration? By the treaty we had entirely abandoned that control, and he believed that had we made known to Japan that we intended again to assume control, it would have strengthened the hands of Mr. Lemieux in Japan.

Mr. Smith of Nanaimo, interrupting, declared that we had not abandoned control; that immigration from Japan was under the same restrictions as from other countries.

Said Canada Was Sold Out.

Mr. Monk could find no reserve in the Japanese treaty, as in the U. S. treaty. He continued that there was no evidence of diplomacy in dealing with the question. Certainly there was no such diplomat in the government as Macdonald or Cartier. In short, we had been sold out. He attacked the argument that the denunciation of the treaty would interfere with the friendly relations between the British Empire and Japan. Treaties had been abrogated without serious result.

When the British Columbia members spoke on this question the other day there seemed to be a spirit of entente cordiale between them and the government. It was a sort of play. Mr. Monk would not hesitate one moment to denounce the treaty when we had exhausted diplomacy to secure the effective carrying out of the restrictive regulations by Japan herself.

Sydney Fisher quoted Hansard to show that no member of the house except Mr. Kennedy had raised a word of objection to the treaty.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had given no assurance to the opposition during that debate that Japanese immigration would be limited to 500 or 600 yearly.

Mr. Lennox quoted from the Hansard Sir Wilfrid's assurance to that effect. After quoting freely from the records to show that the Conservatives had urged the government to make the treaty, Mr. Fisher declared that he believed Japan was desirous and had been so all thru to adhere to the arrangement for restricted emigration made with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It would be an injury to Canada if the treaty were denounced.

Mr. Fisher Takes the Credit.

Mr. Fisher spoke of the efforts he had made to improve trade relations between Canada and the United States and quoted figures to show that subsequent to his visit, in 1897, to Washington, arrangements were so made that the export of lambs from Canada to the United States had wondrously increased.

"And does the hon. minister claim credit for that?" asked Mr. Henderson of Halton.

"It was due directly and distinctly to me," replied Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Foster demanded, under the rules, that the document be produced upon which the premier based his statement that an assurance had been given to Canada that Japanese immigration would be restricted, regardless of the treaty stipulation of reciprocal free entry.

Sir Wilfrid's reply was that until the Canadian commissioner had returned from the mission to Japan the document would be considered as confidential.

Mr. Borden stated that reference having been made by members on the government side to an undertaking to that effect, given in writing by the Japanese consul-general at Ottawa (Mr. Nosse), surely that document could be tabled.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier answered that the document in question was confidential. If confidential how could it be in debate? was the opposition's retort.

The prime minister merely shook his head.

"Then," said Mr. Foster, "do we understand the same obstruction applies to this as to the other?"

Sir Wilfrid nodded.

"Then," returned Mr. Foster, with a snap, "I consider the excuse a very flimsy one."

Mr. Borden's motion carried and the Speaker, having declared Mr. Borden's motion carried, adjourned the house until 2 p.m. on Jan. 8.

In reply to Mr. Ames, the finance minister stated that the coming into force of the new French treaty would not affect Canada's position in respect to the surtax on goods imported from Germany.

Killed Colonel of Police.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—A colonel of police named Kalchak was killed and several officers and policemen were wounded in a fight to-day, while the guardians of the law were searching a house on Vasili Island, a section of this city. The police were finally put to flight and the revolutionists succeeded in escaping.

Record Breaker Turbiner.

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 18. — The turbine torpedo-boat destroyer Tartar broke all records in fast steaming in her final trials over the official course, attaining a speed of 37.037 knots. She also established a new record for a six hours' trials, covering 233 miles in that time.

They Were Seven.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Seven young Scotch women who arrived aboard the Anchor Line steamship California found out before the ship was half a day from Glasgow that they were all bound for America on a similar mission—marriage.

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The Acme Loan & Savings Company

NOTICE OF MEETING.

Take notice that a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Acme Loan and Savings Company will be held at the Head Office of the Company, Peterkin Building, No. 154 Bay-street, Toronto, on Friday, the 24th day of January, 1908, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of taking into consideration, and if approved, of ratifying and accepting an agreement dated November 14th, 1907, provisionally entered into under authority of the Loan Corporations Act by the Directors of The Acme Loan and Savings Company, and the Directors of The Standard Loan Company, for the sale by The Acme Loan and Savings Company, of its assets and undertaking to the Standard Loan Company upon the terms and conditions prescribed in the said agreement, which agreement may be inspected by any shareholder at the Head Office of the Company.

Dated at Toronto, Ont., the 14th day of December, 1907.

By order of the Board of Directors.
W. J. HODGSON,
Secretary.
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The Slocan Cariboo Mining & Development Co., Limited.

Shareholders in this company who have neglected to pay the one-quarter cent assessment on each share of their stock, or who have not heretofore contributed by the loan to the development of the property, are hereby notified to remit to Mr. Charles T. Lyon, Secretary-Treasurer of the Company, No. 313-315 King-street West, Toronto, at once, the amount of their respective assessments.

If this is not done proceedings may be taken by the bondholders and contributors, to foreclose the property, and thus cancel the interests of all stockholders who have not contributed.

Parties holding stock not entered in their own names are hereby requested to return their certificates, so as to have the transfer entered upon the books of the company.

17th Dec., 1907.
EDWARD MEEK,
Solicitor for the Bondholders of the Slocan Cariboo Mining and Development Company. 461

STOESSEL A COWARD?

Witness Declares He Twice Showed the White Feather.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—The trial of Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese was continued in this city this afternoon, and in the course of the proceedings Gen. Stoessel was accused of having shown the white feather under fire on two different occasions. This accusation was made by Col. Gurko, who was on the stand as a witness.

The charge was made while the court-martial was investigating the circumstances of Gen. Kuropatkin's order dated June 18, 1904, in which Gen. Stoessel was told to turn over the command of the fortress to Gen. Smirnoff and join the Manchurian army.

Gen. Stoessel disregarded this order, and it was repeated three times. He suppressed the copy of the order addressed to Gen. Smirnoff and finally was allowed to remain at Port Arthur.

A Miracle.

NANCY, France, Dec. 18.—A miracle is reported to have occurred in the village church at Brin. On two Sundays in succession during the services, on the priest placing the host in the monstrance, the image of a wonderfully beautiful youth was apparent on the wafer.

Eczema, Salt Rheum.

Eczema or Salt Rheum, as it is often called, is one of the most agonizing of skin diseases. It manifests itself in little round blisters, which contain an extremely irritating fluid. These break and subsequently a crust or scale is formed.

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Sale of Lands —FOR— Arrears of Taxes

City of Toronto,
County of York,
To wit:

Notice is hereby given that the list of lands now liable to be sold for arrears of assessments of taxes in the City of Toronto has been prepared and is being published in an advertisement in The Ontario Gazette, upon the 14th, 21st and 28th December, 1907, and 4th January, 1908.

Copies of such list or advertisement may be had upon application to me on and after the 20th inst.

In default of the payment of taxes as shown on the said list, on or before Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 1908, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, I shall, at the said time and at the City Hall, Toronto, proceed to sell by Public Auction the said lands, or such portions thereof, as shall be necessary to pay such arrears, together with all charges thereon.

R. T. COADY,
City Treasurer.

City Treasurer's Office,
Toronto, Dec. 16th, 1907. 4

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

Dominion Coal Company, Limited

DIVIDEND NOTICE

A quarterly dividend of one per cent. has been declared on the Common Stock of the Dominion Coal Company, Limited, payable 1st January, 1908, to Shareholders of record at the closing of the books on 20th of December, 1907.

Transfer Books of the Common Stock will be closed from 20th December, at 3 p.m., until 2nd January, at 10 a.m.

Cheques will be mailed to Shareholders.

J. MACKAY, Secretary.
Montreal, 5th December, 1907. 1414

The Sun and Hastings Savings and Loan Co. of Ontario.

Semi-Annual Dividend.

Notice is hereby given that a half-yearly dividend at the RATE OF 6 PER CENT. PER ANNUM on the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared for the half-year ending Dec. 31st. Cheques will be issued to stockholders for payment of same on Jan. 2nd.

By order of the board.
W. PEMBERTON PAGE,
Manager, Toronto.
Dated Dec. 11th, 1907. 41

THE LONDON & CANADIAN LOAN & Agency Co., Limited, Dividend No. 75.—Notice is hereby given that a dividend of 3 per cent. on the paid-up Capital Stock of this Company for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1907, being 6 per cent. for the year, has this day been declared, and that the same will be payable on and after Jan. 2 next. The Transfer Books will be closed from Dec. 19, 1907, to Jan. 1, 1908, both days inclusive. The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Company's Offices, 103 Bay-street, Toronto, on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1908. Chair to be taken at noon. By order of the Directors. V. B. WADSWORTH, Manager. Toronto, Dec. 3, 1907.
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THE STANDARD BANK OF CANADA

DIVIDEND NO. 69

Notice is hereby given that a dividend at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum upon the paid-up Capital Stock of the Bank has been declared for the two months ending 31st January, 1908, and that the same will be payable at the head office and