FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

TURKEY PRICES TAKE BIG SLUMP

Today's Market Was Glutted With the Supply.

WENT AS LOW AS 18c

This Morning's Demand Not Unusually Large, and Prices Made by Drop —Other Markets Slow.

Contrary to all expectations, there was a very decided slump in turkey prices on this morning's market. There was very little but poultry offered for sale, but there was no dearth in this regard, and there was a very large market. The supply of turkeys and other fowl was phenomenal, many of the farmers having evidently held back their supply to the last day, expecting that the prices would soar still higher. But it is evident that the market will only stand a certain price and that price was reached yesterday, and as a result a revulsion came today. In the early hour of the morning, contrary to the usual rule, there was very little sale because the sellers were trying to hold up the prices by demanding the same figures that were paid yesterday, but this was soon found to be impossible, and the prices came down to 20 cents, and even at this figure, while the sales went somewhat more briskly, there was no great demand, and it was not till the figure dropped to 19 and 18 cents that the real sale began. But even then there seemed to be more than a sufficient supply. There were no outside dealers on the market buying for outside places, and as a result the demand was not unusually large, and as late as 11 o'clock, when on Tuesday there was hardly a turkey to be had at any price, there were hundreds of them remaining this morning, with more constantly coming in. In wholesale lots there were many sold at 18c, and some sales are reported at even a lower figure, while they sold at retail at 20 cents, and even at the lower price of 18 cents in some instances, though some of the sellers strove desperately to dispose of their supply at as high as 22 cents, but this, it must be added, with very slight success.

The sale of other poultry was, of course, somewhat less pronounced than that of turkeys, but geese and ducks had a very ready market. Geese went from 12 to 14 cents, selling mostly at 13 cents, while many sales were made at 12½ cents, or even 12 cents. Ducks sold at 14 to 15 cents, and had a very good market. Chickens were only in slight demand.

Meat Sales Slow.

In the other parts of the market there was very little activity, the poultry sale occupying most of the attention of marketers. The sale of butchers' meats was very slow, with little change in price.

Pork was considerably easier, despite the fact that there was only a very moderate supply; $10 50 was the prevailing figure, though some went at a still lower figure.

Hay Was Scarce.

Hay was very scarce and remained at the same price $14 to $15 50. There is a good demand, however, and it is likely that there will be a large market tomorrow for both hay and oats. The latter sold on the morning's market at $1 00 to $1 25.

Other prices are as follows:

Grain.			
Wheat, per bu	$1 00	to	$1 05
Oats, per cwt	1 20	to	1 25
Corn, per cwt	1 25	to	1 40
Buckwheat, per cwt	1 25	to	1 30
Barley, per cwt	1 15	to	1 25
Peas, per cwt	1 15	to	1 35
Beans, per bu	1 25	to	1 65
Rye, per cwt	1 05	to	1 10
Hay and Straw			
Hay, per ton	14 00	to	15 50
Straw, per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Dairy Produce.			
Butter, creamery, lb	27½	to	27½
Butter, rolls, lb	24	to	25
Butter, crock, lb	23	to	24
Eggs, crate, dozen	28	to	30
Eggs, fresh-laid, dozen	33	to	35
Honey, strained, lb	10	to	12
Honey, in comb	12	to	15
Poultry, Dressed.			
Turkeys, per lb	17	to	20
Ducks, spring, per lb	14	to	15
Old ducks, per lb	10	to	11
Old fowl, per lb	8	to	9
Chickens, per lb	13	to	14
Geese, per lb	12	to	14
Poultry, Alive.			
Old fowl, per lb	7	to	8
Turkeys, per lb	12	to	14
Spring ducks, per lb	9	to	10
Ducks, per lb	9	to	9
Young fowl, per lb	9	to	11
Butchers' Meats.			
Beef, by the carcase	7 00	to	8 00
Mutton, per cwt	7 00	to	8 00
Veal, per cwt	7 00	to	10 00
Spring lamb, per lb	10	to	12
Dressed hogs, per cwt	10 50	to	10 75
Live Stock.			
Small pigs, per pair	5 50	to	5 50
Select hogs, per cwt	7 60	to	7 60
Fat sows, per cwt	5 00	to	6 00
Stags, per cwt	2 00	to	3 00
Export cattle, cwt	5 00	to	5 50
Milch cows, each	30 00	to	55 00
Hides and Wool.			
Lambskins, each	75	to	85
Wool, washed, per lb	20	to	22
Wool, unwashed, per lb	12	to	14
Hides, No. 1, lb	11	to	12
Hides, No. 2, lb	10	to	10
Hides, No. 3, lb	9	to	9
Vegetables.			
Potatoes, per bag	55	to	65
Turnips, per bu	25	to	35
Celery, per dozen	30	to	40
Sage, per dozen	20	to	20
Lettuce, per dozen	20	to	20
Savory, per dozen	20	to	20
Cauliflowers, each	5	to	20
Cabbage, dozen (to size)	30	to	40
Red cabbage, dozen	40	to	40
Onions, per bu	1 10	to	1 25
Beets, per bu	40	to	45
Parsnips, per bu	50	to	50
Beans, per bu	1 20	to	1 50
Spinach, per bu	50	to	60
Mangels, bu, by the load	20	to	20
Carrots, bu, by the load	20	to	25
Fruits.			
Apples, per bag	40	to	90
Apples, per bu	30	to	50
Apples, per barrel	1 50	to	2 00

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PRODUCE.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE Chicago, Dec. 23

Wheat, Dec	114½	116¼	114¼ — 116¼
May	110⅛	111⅛	110¼ — 111⅛
July	101	101¼	100⅞ — 101¼
Corn, Dec	61⅛	62⅛	61⅛ — 62⅛
May	65¼	66⅛	65¼ — 66⅛
July	65½	66⅛	65½ — 66⅛
Oats, Dec	43½	44⅛	43½ — 44⅛
May	45⅛	45⅜	44⅞ — 45⅜
July	42⅝	43⅛	42⅜ — 43⅛
Pork, Jan	21 55	21 72	21 55 — 21 62
May	21 67	21 75	21 65 — 21 65
Lard, Jan	12 60	12 65	12 60 — 12 60
Oct	11 85	11 95	11 85 — 11 90
Ribs, Jan	11 35	11 45	11 35 — 11 45
May	11 30	11 40	11 30 — 11 37

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Farmers' market prices: Hay and straw—New hay, $17 to $21; clover and mixed hay, $12 to $15; straw, sheafed, $17; do, loose, $9 to $10; baled hay, No. 1 timothy, $14 50 to $15; No. 2 timothy, $13 to $14, in car lots on track here; baled straw, $9 to $9 50, according to quality. Potatoes—From 45c to 50c per bag in car lots on track here, and 55c to 60c per bag in store; retail, 65c to 70c. Butter—Dairy, choice, lb, 28c to 30c; do, seconds, 26c to 27c. Eggs—New-laid, dozen, 45c to 50c; do, held, 30c to 35c.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Grain markets are dull as the holiday approaches and business is practically over until after Christmas. Prices have not fluctuated much in the past few days. Ontario wheat—No. 2 mixed winter, $1 06 to $1 07; No. 2 white, $1 07 outside. Manitoba wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern, $1 10; No. 2 northern, $1 08, on track at lake ports, for early January delivery; No. 1 northern, $1 16; No. 2 northern, $1 14, all-rail. Corn—American No. 2 yellow, 73c; new No. 3 yellow, 67c to 68c, Toronto freights; kiln-dried No. 3 yellow, 71½c to 72c. Oats—Canadian western, No. 2, 40½c; No. 3, 39½c, on track at lake ports, December shipment; all-rail, No. 2 western, 44½c; No. 3 western, 43½c; No. 2 white, 35c to 36c outside; No. 3 white, 34c outside, 37c to 38c on track at Toronto. Barley—No. 2, 58c to 59c; No. 3 extra, 57c; No. 3, 51c to 52c; feed barley, 45c to 50c outside; Manitoba No. 3, 52c; No. 4, 50c, on track at lake ports. Peas—New No. 2, 86c to 88c. Rye—No. 2, 70c outside. Buckwheat—No. 2, 52c to 53c outside. Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5 60; second patents, $5 10; strong bakers, $4 90; 90 per cent patents, Glaskow freights, 29s. Ontario flour—Winter wheat patents, for export, $4 20 to $4 25, in buyers' sacks, outside. Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $21 per ton; shorts, $23 to $24, on track at Toronto; Ontario bran, $22; shorts, $24, on track at Toronto, bags included.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Wheat—Spot quiet; No. 2 red western winter, 8s 2½d; futures quiet; December, 8s 1½d; March, 7s 11½d; May, 7s 9¾d. Corn—Spot, new American mixed (via Galveston), steady, 5s 9d; old, do, quiet, 5s 10d; futures quiet; January, mixed, 5s 5¾d; January, La Plata, 5s 7¼d. Hams—Short cut quiet, 62s. Bacon—Cumberland cut quiet, 61s. Lard—Prime western dull, 68s 6d; American refined easy, 68s 9d. Turpentine Spirits—Steady, 39s 9d.

LIVE STOCK.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Trade firm; 75 loads in today, including 956 cattle, 918 sheep and lambs, 727 hogs and 61 calves. Quotations: Export cattle, choice, cwt, $5 40 to $5 75; do, medium, $5 15 to $5 25; do, bulls, $4 25 to $4 75; do, light, $3 75 to $4; do, cows, $4 25 to $4 75; butchers' cattle, choice, $5 10 to $5 40; do, medium, $4 40 to $4 75; do, common, $3 50 to $4; do, cows, $3 25 to $3 75; do, bulls, $3 to $3 50; stockers, choice, $3 75 to $4; do, common, $2 50 to $3; do, bulls, $2 25 to $2 50; feeders, heavy, $4 60 to $4 80; do, short-keeps, $5 to $5 25; milch cows, choice, each, $40 to $60; do, common, each, $25 to $40; springers, each, $25 to $60; sheep, ewes, cwt, $4 25 to $4 60, steady; do, bucks, $3 to $3 25, steady; lambs, $5 75 to $6 90, steady; calves, $3 to $7, steady; hogs, selects, $8; do, fats and underweights, $7 75, off cars.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Steady; prime steers, $6 75 to $7. Veals—Receipts, 100 head; active and steady, $6 to $10 25. Hogs—Receipts, 4,000 head; fairly active and strong to 5c higher; heavy, $8 40 to $8 45; mixed, $8 35 to $8 40; pigs, $5 to $8 30; roughs, $7 75 to $8; stags, $6 50 to $7 25; dairies, $8 25 to $8 40. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 5,000 head; slow and steady; lambs, $5 25 to $8 50; yearlings, $6 50 to $7 50; wethers, $5 75 to $6; ewes, $5 25 to $5 50; sheep, mixed, $2 to $5 50; Canada lambs, $8 25 to $8 40.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 7,000; market weak; beeves, $4 to $8 40; Texas steers, $4 to $4 80; western steers, $4 to $6 25; stockers and feeders, $3 to $5 25; cows and heifers, $2 to $5 50; calves, $7 25 to $9 50. Hogs—Receipts estimated at 20,000; market 5c higher; light, $7 80 to $8 20; mixed, $7 85 to $8 25, heavy, $8 to $8 40; roughs, $8 05 to $8 20; good to choice heavy, $8 20 to $8 40; pigs, $7 to $7 80; bulk of sales at $8 10 to $8 30. Sheep—Receipts estimated at 10,000; market steady; natives, $3 50 to $5 60; westerns, $3 75 to $5 60; yearlings, $6 40 to $7 25; lambs, natives, $5 75 to $8 25; westerns, $5 75 to $8 20.

BEANS.

DETROIT, Dec. 22.—Beans—Spot and December, $2 05; January, $2 07 per bu.

By private wire to H. C. Becher, London, from Harris, Winthrop & Co.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—Wall street, 10 a.m.—The Bank of England rate is unchanged.

Americans in London about at parity.

Mechanics' National stockholders meet to authorize stock increase from $3,000,000 to $6,000,000.

London settlement begins tomorrow and concludes Dec. 29.

Renewed labor troubles in Dubuque, and switchmen go out.

The Iron Age reports that steel workers have an unexpected volume of business for December.

The demand of the Northwestern firemen for increased wages has been refused.

Nevada Consolidated votes to list its stock on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Copper market continues firm, but no heavy buying has yet developed.

Special to The Advertiser from Edward Cronyn & Co., Toronto.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23. — Beaver 36½, Chambers 40, Crown Reserve 439, Cobalt Lake 15, Consumers' Gas 555, Foster 36, Green Meehan 13, Kerr Lake 825, LaRose 480, Litle Nipissing 10½, Otisse 21, Rochester 18, Nova Scotia 44, Silver Leaf 14, Temiskaming 72, Trethewey 144.

WALL STREET OPENING.

New York, Dec. 23—Wall street.—The stock market opened irregular in tone, and dealings were congested in a few issues. Very heavy buying of Rock Island carried it up nearly 2 points, and preferred gained 8. Pennsylvania was active at an advance of a small fraction. Denver and Rio Grande gained 1, and American Smelting and Virginia-Carolina Chemical large fractions. American Sugar declined a fraction.

New York, Dec. 23.—Opening stocks: Amalgamated Copper, 88⅞; American Smelting and Refining, 102⅝; Baltimore and Ohio, 117⅞; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 80; Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, 157½; Colorado Fuel and Iron, 50¾; Erie, 23⅝; Great Northern Ore Certificates, 81¼; Inter-Metropolitan, 24⅝; do, preferred, 61½; Missouri Pacific, 71¾; Missouri Kansas and Texas, 48⅝; New York Central, 123¼; Pennsylvania, 136⅞ and 137; Reading, 177⅛; Rock Island, 47¼; Southern Pacific, 134⅜; Southern Railway, 31¾; Union Pacific, 202¼ and 202⅝; United States Steel, 91⅝; do, preferred, 125⅝; Wabash, preferred, 59.

(By private wire to H. C. Becher, from Harris, Winthrop & Co.)

NEW YORK, Wall street, noon, Dec. 24.—A continuation of the dullness and evening up of contracts today with heavy buying of Rock Island, com.

The leading stocks were kept steady. Pennsylvania showed some strength. Sales to noon, 400,200.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23—Noon.

	Asked.	Bid.
Canadian Converters	45	43
Canadian Pacific Railway	179¾	179¼
Detroit Electric Railway	65½	65¼
Dominion Coal, com	91½	91
Dominion Coal, pfd	..	117
Dominion Steel, com	71⅝	71⅜
Dominion Steel, pfd	137	136¾
Duluth, com.	17½	16½
Halifax Electric Railway	123	122½
Havana Electric, com	101	..
Havana Electric, pfd	100	..
Illinois Traction, pfd	91½	91¼
Lake of the Woods, com	145	144½
Lake of the Woods, pfd	..	125½
Laurentide Paper, com	..	125
Laurentide Paper, pfd	..	130
Mackay, com.	92	..
Minneapolis & St. Paul	138	138
Montreal Power	133½	133⅜
Montreal Street Railway	217½	..
Montreal Steel Works	103¾	103½
Montreal Telegraph	150	145
Nipissing Mines	10¾	10½
Northern Ohio Traction	37½	36
Nova Scotia Steel	69	68¾
Nova Scotia Steel, pfd	..	120
Ogilvie Milling, com	..	143⅛
Ogilvie Milling, pfd	126	..
R. & O. Navigation	90	89½
Rio de Janeiro L. & P.	91	90
Toledo Electric Railway	10	9
Toronto Electric Railway	127	126⅜
Twin City Railway	115	114½
Crown Reserve	4.30	4.25
Textile, com.	71	70½
Shawinigan Falls Power	103⅛	102⅞
Asbestos, com.	..	30
Asbestos, pfd.	91	..
Bank B. N. A.	150	140
Bank of Commerce	200	195
Eastern Townships Bank	164	..
Merchants' Bank	170	168½
Molsons Bank	207½	..
Bank of Montreal	251½	251
Ottawa Bank	210	..
Quebec Bank	..	123
Bank of Toronto	219	..
Union Bank	..	140
Quebec Railway, com	61	60¾
Quebec Railway, pfd	..	120
Rubber, com.	94½	93½
Canada Colored Cotton	61½	59
Dominion Textile, pfd	104½	103½
Rubber, bonds	98¾	..
Converters, bonds	91½	..
Dominion Coal, bonds	99⅛	98
Dominion Cotton, bonds	105	..
Dominion Steel, bonds	95¾	95½
Lake of the Woods, bonds	112	..
Laurentide Paper, bonds	111	..
Mexican Electric Light, bds.	..	80
Mexican L. & P., bonds	..	89¾
Montreal Power, bonds	99	98¾
Montreal Railway, bonds	100	99¾
Ogilvie Milling, bonds	112¼	112
Rio de Janeiro, bonds	..	93
Textile bonds, Series A	100	96⅛
Textile bonds, Series B	100	98
Textile bonds, Series C	96	95⅞
Penmans, com.	59	58

Morning sales — Pacific, 75, 50 at 179¾, 1, 10 at 180; C. P. R. rights, 1 at 10, 50 at 9¾; Street Railway, 25 at 217, 2 at 216½, 2 at 217, 50 at 218, 176 at 218, 25 at 217⅞, 126 at 217½, 10 at 217¼; Power, 5, 10 at 133, 50 at 136½, 25, 25 at 133⅜, 40 at 133, 275 at 133½, 25 at 133⅜, 95 at 133¼; Ill. B., 40, 25 at 91½; Shawinigan, 15 at 103½, 25, 1,000, 25 at 103¼, 100, 146, 175 at 103, 25 at 103½; Twins, 100, 265 at 115; Telephone, 22 at 148; Quebec, com., 25 at 61; Soo, com., 25 at 139½, 125 at 138¾, 25 at 138½; Toledo, 35 at 9, 10 at 9; Rails, 37 at 126½; R. and O., 50, 24 at 89½, 25, 25 at 89⅞, 75 at 90; Switch, 25 at 100, 22 at 101½, 100 at 104, 50 at 103; Iron, com., 125 at 71¾, 100 at 71⅝, 20, 100, 50, 25 at 71½, 100 at 71¼, 2 at 71, 150 at 71⅝; Woods, com., 125 at 143½, 10, 50, 25 at 144, 25 at 143¾, 25 at 144¾; Coal, com., 100 at 91½; Ogilvie, 80 at 144, 25, 25, 25 at 144½, 25 at 144¾, 25 at 143½, 50 at 143¾, 25 at 143⅛, 25, 160 at 143, 25 at 142¾, 5 at 143½, 25 at 143⅛; Rubber, 10 at 95; Laurentide rights, 2 at 9; Iron, pfd., 275 at 137; Woods, pfd., 36 at 125; Royal Bank, 2 at 222½; Bank of Toronto, 1 at 218; Rubber bonds, 1,000 at 98¾; Texas C. bonds, 1,000 at 96; Rio bonds, 500 at 82.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.	Asked.	Bid
Packers A.	85	75
Packrs B	85	75
Bell Telephone	..	146½
Canadian General Electric	..	110
Candaian Salt	..	112
Canadian Pacific Ry	180¾	179¾
City Dairy, Com.	32	..
Consumers Gas	..	202½
Crow's Nest	78	77
Detroit United	..	65
Dominion Coal, com.	91¾	91½
Dominion Steel, com	..	71¾
Dominion Steel, pref	137¾	..
Electric Dev., pref	46	..
Intercontial Coal, com	..	82½
Illinois, pref	..	91¼
Lake of the Woods, com	..	143¼
Laurentide Paper com	..	129
Laurentide Paper pfd	..	128
Mackay, com.	91¼	90
Mexican L. & P.	122	..
Niagara Navigation	136	..
Northern Navigation	..	122½
N. S. Steel, com	69	..
Ogilvie Milling, com	..	142½
Peaman	59	58
Penman, pref	..	85
Porto Rico Railway	..	35
R. & O. Navigation	..	89
Rogers, com	..	142
Sao Paulo	..	147⅛
Shredded Wheat	..	41½
St. L. & C. Navigation	120	..
Toronto Electric	..	118
Toronto Railway	127	..
Tri City, pref	93	..
Twin City	114⅞	114½
Winnipeg Railway	182½	182
La Rose	490	480
Nipissing	..	10.50
Bank Commerce	196	195
Bank of Hamilton	..	..
Imperial Bank	..	230
Merchants Bank	171	169
Molsons Bank	..	200¼
Bank of Montreal	..	250
Bank of Nova Scotia	277	..
Bank Ottawa	210	..
Royal Bank	..	224
Standard Bank	..	227
Bank Toronto	..	217
Traders Bank	145	145
Union Bank	..	136½
Agricultural Loan	..	120
Canada Landed	152	148
Canada Permanent	..	160½
Central Canada	..	175
Colonial Investment	64	..
Dominion Savings	..	71½
Hamilton Provident	..	131
Huron & Erie	..	192
Huron & Erie 20 per cent	..	182
Landed Banking	..	130
Ontario Loan	..	139
Ontario Loan 20 per cent	..	127½
Real Estate	..	100
Toronto Mortgage	..	128
Electric Development	83	..
Mexican L. & P.	82½	..
Ogilvie Milling bonds	..	82¼
Rio de Janeiro	..	95
Sao Paulo	..	99½

Morning sales—Toronto Electric, 10 at 118, F. N. Burt, 50, 50, 50 at 57½; pref., 25 at 93; Dom. Coal, 25, 25 at 91¾; Lake of the Woods, 25 at 146¾; Shredded Wheat, 5 at 41¾; Mexican L. and P., bonds, 2,000 at 82½; Twin City, 15, 50, 100, 25, 15 at 115, 25, 25 at 114⅞, 25 at 114¾; Duluth Superior, 25 at 67⅝, 10 at 67¾; La Rose, 40 at 476, 10 at 470; Dom. Steel, 10 at 71¾; MacKay, 7, 3, 20 at 91, 10 at 91½; Trethewey, 100 at 144; Northern Navigation, 10 at 122½; Canada Salt, 10 at 112; C. P. R. rights, 4 at 10¼, 5, 30 at 9¾, 50 at 9⅞; Imperial, 1 at 130; Detroit, 5, 5 at 67¼; Sao Paulo, 10 at 147½; Toronto, 15 at 217.

Ex.-Div.—Laurentide, com., 1¾ per cent; do., pref., 1¾ per cent.

Exchange closed tomorrow afternoon being Christmas eve; Friday afternoon, Dec. 31, being New Year's eve.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23—2 u.m.

	Open.	High.	Low.	2 p.m.
Amal. Copper	88⅞	89¼	87⅝	87⅞
Anaconda Copper	50⅝	50⅝	50	50
American Sugar	122½	..	..	..
Amer. Locomotive	60	..	..	..
American Foundry	71¾	71¾	71⅛	71⅛
American Refining	102⅞	103¼	102⅛	102⅜
Amer. Cotton Oil	58⅜	..	..	..
Atchison, com.	121⅝	121⅝	121¼	121¼
Baltimore & Ohio	117⅞	118¼	117¾	118
Brooklyn Transit	80	80	79⅛	79½
Chesapeake & Ohio	86⅞	..	..	..
Chicago & G. W.	21½	..	..	..
Consolidated Gas	159	159¼	158	158⅛
Col. Fuel & Iron	50¾	51	49¾	49⅞
Chicago & N. W.	181	..	..	..
Erie, com.	33½	33⅞	33¼	33⅞
Erie, pfd.	50¼	50½	49½	49½
G. Northern, pfd	143⅜	143½	143⅛	143⅛
Inter-Metropolitan	24½	..	..	..
Inter-Met., pfd.	61½	61½	60⅞	60½
Kansas & Texas	48⅝	49⅛	48⅝	48⅞
Louisville & Nash	156½	..	..	..
Missouri Pacific	71¾	71¾	71⅜	71⅜
New York Central	123¼	123⅞	123	123
Northern Pacific	145¼	145¼	145	145
Norfolk & Western	99¾	99¾	99¼	99¼
Ontario & Western	49¼	49¼	49⅛	49⅛
Pennsylvania	136⅞	137¾	136⅞	137
People's Gas	115⅛	115⅜	115⅛	115⅛
Pressed Steel Car	52	..	..	..
Reading	171⅛	172⅛	171⅛	171½
Rock Island	47¼	49⅜	47	49⅛
Rock Island, pfd	93½	93⅝	92	92½
Southern Railway	31¾	31⅞	31½	31⅝
Southern Ry., pfd	73¼	73½	72½	72½
Southern Pacific	135⅜	134⅝	133⅞	133⅞
St. Paul	157½	158⅛	157½	157¾
Texas Pacific	32¼	35¼	35	35⅛
Union Pacific	202¼	202¾	201¾	202
Central Leather	47⅜	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	91⅜	91½	90⅝	90⅞
U. S. Steel, pfd	125⅛	125⅛	125	125⅛
Wabash, com.	21½	..	..	..
Wabash, pfd.	59⅛	60¼	58	¾ 59⅞
Western Union Tel.	70¾	..	..	..

BOLT WORKS COMPANY WILL BE DISSOLVED

Said To Be Likely That Plant Will Join the Big Merger Planned.

Inquiry at the London bolt and hinge works today elicited the information that there was as yet nothing to say whatever regarding the story that the firm is to form part of a million-dollar merger that is being formed.

It is learned, however, that the present partnership, under which the firm is being managed, dissolves at the close of this year, and The Advertiser was informed that the company is likely to form part of the merger.

HOCKEN AND GEARY IN TORONTO FIGHT

A Three Cornered Contest for Mayor of Queen City.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Ex-Ald. Tom Davies, Controller Hocken and Controller Geary were nominated for mayor this morning. Three other joke candidates were also nominated. The fight is between Geary and Hocken. Davies is a factor only so far as he may draw votes from the other two men. Ex-Controllers Spence, Hubbard and Controllers Harrison and Ward, Ald. Church, Ald. Foster, ex-Ald. Hales, Ald. Bredin and Ald. McGhie were nominated for the board of control.

The election is exciting less interest than for many years past.

DINNER AT THE JAIL WON'T BE A DELMONICO'S

Bill-of-Fare Will Be Fillin' But Hardly Satisfyin' for Christmas.

There are eighteen individuals in this city who are not looking forward to their Christmas dinner; these are the eighteen faithful adherents of the county jail. While elsewhere it is Christmas, and people are gorging themselves into a state of bliss, in the jail it is only Saturday, and Saturday has its regular menu, which is as unchangeable as the law of the Medes and Persians. Meat, potatoes and bread; that is the menu, and the only variety they can get is to read it backwards. At that, it is one of the gala days at the jail, meat being a festive dish. Had the holiday come on Friday they would have been compelled to grow hilarious over a bowl of soup. A good imagination might make beef seem something like turkey, but it could hardly change soup in the same way.

Still for sentiment and romance, the jail is hardly the place at Christmas time.

TWO FIRE CHIEFS TO BE DISMISSED

Grafting Montreal Department Officials To Be Dismissed.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 23.—District Fire Chiefs Dubois and Marin, two of the officials named in Judge Cannon's report on the civic investigation, as having been guilty of grafting in office, were suspended today by Chief Tremblay, acting under instructions from Ald. Yates, chairman of the fire committee. The chief's report on these men will be presented at the meeting of the committee on Monday, when it is likely Dubois and Marin will be dismissed. This is the first actual result from the investigation obtained in any of the civic departments. Most of the others named were either aldermen, contractors or middlemen.

FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER ORDER A CASE OF CARLING'S GOLD MEDAL ALE, PORTER OR CANADA CLUB LAGER. EVERY DEALER. 57u

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE.

London, Dec. 23.—The directors of the Bank of England at their weekly meeting today made no change in the minimum discount rate of 4½ per cent.

TWO MURDERED.

Chillicothe, Ohio, Dec. 23. — Mrs. Jennie Jackson, colored, and her three-year-old grand-daughter, were murdered last night. When found today, the bodies were still warm. John Haughmer, Wm. Swan and Dilly McKinley, mother of the murdered child, have been arrested.

BANK OF ENGLAND STATEMENT.

London, Dec. 23.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve increased £1,860,000; circulation increased £778,000; bullion decreased £1,077,707; other securities increased £7,240,000; other deposits increased £3,568,000; public deposits increased £1,854,000; notes reserve decreased £1,717,000; Government securities increased £50,000. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 44.89 per cent; last week is was 54.34 per cent.

Christmas at the Tecumseh.

Dinner will be served at the Tecumseh House on Saturday (Christmas), from 6 to 8 p.m. 57u

BRIDE TERRORIZED; WEDDING PUT OFF

Threats of Rejected Lover Have Twice Changed Day of Nuptials.

Belgrade, Dec. 23.—The wedding of Dr. Tydor Jankovitch and Mlle. Lepossavo Boshkovitch, of Belgrade, has been postponed for the second time owing to threats made to the bride by an army lieutenant whom she had rejected.

On the first occasion Mlle. Boshkovitch was dressed in her bridal gown and about to proceed to the church for the marriage ceremony when a letter marked "Urgent" was handed her.

"As you enter the church," it ran, "my dead body will lie before you on the threshold. I have left my regiment in Valievo to yield up my life in protest at your faithlessness.—Signed, Vassitch."

The bride showed the letter to her lover, and entreated with tears that they should not risk such a fatality on their wedding day. The wedding was postponed, and Jankovitch communicated with the police. Vassitch could not be found, and it was supposed that he had rejoined his regiment.

Another day was fixed. The bride was about to drive to the church when she was summoned to the telephone, and an unknown voice said: "When stepping into the carriage listen for the revolver shot that will lay Vassitch under the horses' feet."

Mlle. Boshkovitch dropped the receiver and fell into hysterics. The wedding was again postponed, and Vassitch's commanding officer was ordered to place him under arrest. Vassitch cannot be traced, however, and is probably still hiding in Belgrade.

The marriage date has again been set, when the doctor is determined to claim his bride, "were it," he declares, "over the bodies of all the lieutenants in Valievo garrison."

LATE LOCAL NEWS

The Charity Organization Society, through Inspector Sanders, is caring for a family named Birmingham, of Dundas street, West London, who have been having very hard luck of late. The father was kicked by a horse some months ago, and the injury resulted in a serious illness, so that it was found necessary to place him in Victoria Hospital. An eye was removed some time ago. Now the mother is sick, and as the family had no money, the society was compelled to care for them. They have six children.

—Mr. W. J. Smith has purchased the two houses, 647 and 649 Waterloo street, from C. M. R. Graham. The purchase price was about $5,000.

—The Children's Aid Society is busy these days sending out little reminders of Christmas to children who have been placed in foster-homes.

London Clearing House.

Bank clearings for the week ending today were $1,309,350. For the corresponding week last year the clearings were $1,181,747.

Meeting Postponed.

It has been decided to postpone the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Society until after the New Year. The date of the meeting will be announced later.

Beer Car Derailed.

The Grand Trunk auxiliary was called to Komoka yesterday morning when a broken wheel on a refrigerator car loaded with beer caused the car to jump the track. It is thought that the car must have bumped along over the ties for some distance before the accident was discovered.

Fine Sleighing.

If the weather holds as at present there will be ideal sleighing conditions for the holidays. Farmers on the local market this morning stated that the sleighing was better than it has been for years. There is plenty of snow on all the roads, in fact in some localities almost too much. Around Thorndale there is about two feet of snow on the level.

Court Bryanston Elects.

At the last regular meeting of Court Bryanston, 282, C. O. F., the following officers were elected for 1910: P.C.R., Bro. W. C. Gowan; C.R., Bro. Ernest Morrow; V.C., Bros. Oscar Roberts; chaplain, Bro. James McGuffin; recording secretary, Bro. Ernest McRoberts; financial secretary and treasurer, Bro. John Bayliffe; S. W., Bro. D. L. Burnett; J.W., Bro. George M. Dann; G.B., Bro. Wm. Smibert; J.B., Bro. Cecil Dann; auditors, Bros. C. C. Roberts and Wm. J. Dann.

Chance To Do Good.

There are many charities in the city which are not overlooked at this season of the year. One of the most deserving in the city is the Infants' Home on St. James street, where children from one day to one year old are received. These helpless little children are in as much need of help at this time of year as the older ones. They necessitate a great deal more care. This is the only home in the city which takes in children