# WHEAT QUOTATIONS LOWER.

## Foreign Advices Were Not Encouraging to Holders.

**Corn Market Ruled Comparatively Firm—Oats Displayed More Weakness — Provisions Closed Easier After a Strong Session — Latest Commercial News.**

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 20.

On the Chicago wheat market to-day prices held steady for some time, but were affected by a great falling off in the number of outside orders. There was a break of ⅜ to ⅛ for the day, closing quotations being: Dec. 65¾c, May 68⅝c to 68½c, July 69⅛c.

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Liverpool wheat futures are stronger, closing ¼d higher than yesterday. Corn is ⅛d to ¼d higher.

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The world's visible supply of wheat decreased 1,297,000 bushels the past week.

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Stocks of wheat at Port Arthur and Fort William on Dec. 18 were 2,211,028 bushels, as against 1,600,488 bushels on Dec. 11 and 718,960 bushels a year ago.

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The Liverpool Grain Exchange will observe the Christmas holidays by closing Dec. 23, 25 and 26. The Provisions Exchange will be closed Dec. 25 and 26.

### Leading Wheat Markets.

Following are the closing prices at important wheat centres to-day:

| | Cash. | Dec. | May. | July. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago ..... | $.... | $0 65⅝ | $0 68⅝ | $0 69⅝ |
| New York ..... | .... | 0 72 | 0 74⅝ | 0 74⅞ |
| Milwaukee ..... | 0 67 | .... | .... | .... |
| St. Louis ..... | 0 68⅛ | 0 68⅛ | 0 71⅝ | .... |
| Toledo ..... | 0 69 | .... | 0 73 | 0 73 |
| Detroit, red ..... | 0 70½ | 0 70½ | 0 73½ | .... |
| Detroit, white ..... | .... | 0 70½ | .... | .... |
| Duluth, No. 1 | | | | |
| Northern ..... | 0 64¼ | 0 64¼ | 0 68⅛ | .... |
| Duluth, No. 1 | | | | |
| hard ..... | .... | 0 65¼ | .... | .... |
| Minneapolis ..... | .... | 0 65 | 0 66½ | .... |

### GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Flour—Ontario patents, in bags, $3.65 to $3.75; straight rollers, $3.35 to $3.45; Hungarian patents, $3.90; Manitoba bakers', $3.60, all on track at Toronto.

Wheat—Ontario red and white, 65c north and west; goose, 69c north and west; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 76½c, Toronto, and No. 1 Northern at 74½c.

Oats—White oats quoted at 25½c west.

Barley—Quoted at 38c for No. 2 west; feed barley, 35c to 36c.

Rye—Quoted at 49c and 50c east, north and west.

Bran—City mills sell bran at $14, and shorts at $16 in car lots, f.o.b., Toronto.

Buckwheat—Firm; 48c north and 50c east.

Corn—Canadian, 32c to 33c west; American, 40c on track here.

Oatmeal—Quoted at $3.40 by the bag and $3.70 by the barrel, on track at Toronto, in car lots.

Peas—At 57½c north and west, for immediate shipment.

### ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were large today, 3400 bushels of grain, 30 loads of hay, 5 of straw, 250 dressed hogs, with a large amount of poultry.

Wheat—Red and white steady at 68c to 68½c for 500 bushels; goose firmer, 800 bushels at 70½c to 71c.

Barley firmer; 40 bushels sold at 43c to 44c.

Oats steady; 1600 bushels sold at 28c to 29c.

Rye—One load sold at 53½c per bushel.

Buckwheat—One load sold at 50c per bushel.

Hay firmer; 30 loads sold at $10.50 to $13 per ton for timothy, and $9 to $10.50 for mixed.

Straw firm; 6 loads sold at $8 to $9 per ton.

Dressed Hogs—Prices easier at $5.25 to $5.40 per cwt. William Harris, jr., bought 250 hogs at the above quotations.

Poultry—Deliveries large, with prices easy at quotations given below.

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|---|---|---|
| **Grain—** | | |
| Wheat, white, bush ..... | $0 68 to | $0 68½ |
| " red, bush ..... | 0 68½ | .... |
| " fife, bush ..... | 0 68 | 0 69 |
| " goose, bush ..... | 0 70½ | 0 71 |
| Barley, bush ..... | 0 43 | 0 46 |
| Peas, bush ..... | 0 60 | .... |
| Oats, bush ..... | 0 28 | 0 29 |
| Rye, bush ..... | 0 53½ | .... |
| Buckwheat, bush ..... | 0 50 | .... |
| Beans, bush ..... | 1 15 | 1 20 |
| **Seeds—** | | |
| Red clover, per bush..... | $4 25 to | $5 20 |
| Alsike, choice to fancy.. | 6 50 | 7 00 |
| Alsike, good No. 2..... | 5 00 | 6 00 |
| White clover, per bush.. | 7 00 | 8 00 |
| **Hay and Straw—** | | |
| Hay, per ton ..... | $10 50 to | $13 00 |
| Hay, mixed, per ton..... | 9 00 | 10 50 |
| Straw, sheaf, per ton.... | 8 00 | 9 00 |
| Straw, loose, per ton..... | 4 00 | 5 00 |
| **Dairy Produce—** | | |
| Butter, lb. rolls ..... | $0 20 to | $0 25 |
| Eggs, new laid ..... | 0 30 | 0 35 |
| **Poultry—** | | |
| Chickens, per pair ..... | $0 40 to | $0 70 |
| Turkeys, per lb..... | 0 09 | 0 11 |
| Ducks, per pair ..... | 0 60 | 0 80 |
| Geese, per lb. ..... | 0 06 | 0 07 |
| **Fruit and Vegetables—** | | |
| Apples, per bbl. ..... | $1 00 to | $2 00 |
| Potatoes, per bag ..... | 0 40 | 0 50 |
| Cabbage, per dozen .... | 0 30 | 0 40 |
| Onions, per bag ..... | 0 90 | 1 00 |
| Beets, per bush ..... | 0 30 | 0 40 |
| Celery, per dozen ..... | 0 30 | 0 50 |
| Turnips, per bag ..... | 0 25 | 0 30 |
| Carrots, per bag ..... | 0 40 | 0 50 |
| **Fresh Meat—** | | |
| Beef, forequarters, cwt.. | $4 00 to | $6 00 |
| Beef, hindquarters, cwt.. | 7 00 | 9 00 |
| Lamb, per lb ..... | 0 06 | 0 07 |
| Mutton, carcase, per lb.. | 0 04½ | 0 06 |
| Veal, carcase, per lb .... | 0 07 | 0 08½ |
| Hogs, dressed, light .... | 5 25 | 5 40 |

### FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hay, baled, car lots, per ton ..... | $9 25 to | $9 75 |
| Straw, baled, car lots, per ton ..... | 4 00 | 4 50 |
| Potatoes, car lots, per bag. | 0 37½ | 0 40 |
| Butter, choice tubs ..... | 0 17 | 18 |
| Butter, medium tubs ..... | 0 14 | 0 15 |
| Butter, dairy, lb. rolls..... | 0 19 | 0 20 |
| Butter, creamery, lb. rolls. | 0 22 | 0 23 |
| Butter, creamery, boxes.... | 0 22 | .... |
| Butter, large rolls, per lb.. | 0 18 | 0 19 |
| Eggs, held ..... | 0 17 | 0 18 |
| Eggs, new laid ..... | 0 19 | 0 20 |
| Honey, per lb. ..... | 0 09 | 0 10 |
| Turkeys, per lb. ..... | 0 08½ | 0 09½ |
| Geese, per lb. ..... | 0 06 | 0 06½ |
| Ducks, per pair ..... | 0 40 | 0 60 |
| Chickens, per pair ..... | 0 25 | 0 50 |

### Hides and Wool.

Price list revised daily by James Hallam & Sons, No. 11 East Front-street, Toronto:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Hides, No. 1 green ..... | $0 09½ to | $0 09½ |
| Hides, No. 1 green steers. | 0 09¾ | 0 10 |
| Hides, No. 2 green ..... | 0 08¾ | 0 09 |
| Hides, No. 2 green steers.. | 0 08½ | 0 08½ |
| Hides, No. 3 green ..... | 0 07½ | 0 07½ |
| Hides, cured ..... | 0 09 | 0 09½ |
| Calfskins, No. 1 ..... | 0 10 | .... |
| Calfskins, No. 2 ..... | 0 08 | .... |
| Lambskins, fresh ..... | 0 90 | 1 00 |
| Pelts, fresh ..... | 0 90 | 1 00 |
| Tallow, rendered ..... | 0 04 | 0 05 |
| Wool, fleece ..... | 0 16 | 0 17 |
| Wool, unwashed, fleece.... | 0 09 | 0 10 |
| Wool, pulled, super ..... | 0 16 | 0 17 |
| Wool, pulled, extra ..... | 0 19 | 0 20 |
| Tallow, rough ..... | 0 01½ | 0 03¼ |

### British Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—(12.30.)—Wheat, Nor., spring, 6s 1½d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 2½d to 6s 3d; red winter, 5s 9½d; corn, 3s 6½d; peas, 5s 5d; pork, prime western mess, 57s 6d; lard, prime western, 28s; American, refined, 28s 6d; tallow, Australian, 26s 3d; American, good to fine, 25s 6d; bacon, long clear, light, 34s; heavy, 33s 6d; short clear, heavy, 33s; cheese, colored, 60s; white, 57s; wheat dull; corn quiet.

London—Opening—Wheat, off the coast, buyers and sellers apart; on passage, unchanged. English country markets generally 6d dearer. Corn, off the coast, nothing doing; on passage, quiet and steady.

Paris—Wheat, Dec. 18f 65c; March and June, 19f 60c. Flour, Dec., 24f 25c; March and June, 25f 25c. French country markets quiet.

Liverpool—Opening—Spot wheat dull; futures quiet; March and May, 5s 10¾d. Spot corn quiet, 3s 6½d; futures quiet; Jan., Feb. and March, 3s 5¾d; May, 3s 5½d. Flour, 17s 6d.

Liverpool—Close—Wheat futures quiet; March and May, 5s 10⅝d. Spot corn steady, 3s 6½d; futures steady; Jan., 3s 5¾d; Feb. and March, 3s 6d; May, 3s 5¾d. Flour, 17s 6d.

London—Mark Lane—Foreign wheat somewhat firmer; English firm. Maize unchanged. Flour steady.

London—Close—Maize, spot quotations, Gal., Fox, Bess., 18s. Flour, spot quotations, Minn., 23s. Antwerp wheat quiet; quotations, No. 2 red winter 16f.

Paris—Wheat, tone steady; Dec. 18f 70c; March and June 19f 45c. Flour, tone steady; Dec. 24f 35c; March and June 25f 45c.

### Chicago Markets.

McIntyre & Wardwell report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

| | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat—May ... | 70⅝ | 70½ | 69⅝ | 69⅝ |
| " —July .... | 70⅝ | 70⅞ | 69⅞ | 69⅞ |
| Corn—May .... | 32⅞ | 32⅞ | 32⅝ | 32⅝ |
| Oats—May .... | 24⅛ | 24⅛ | 23⅝ | 23⅝ |
| Pork—Jan. .... | 9 97 | 10 02 | 9 90 | 9 90 |
| " —May .... | 10 30 | 10 37 | 10 25 | 10 25 |
| Lard—Jan. .... | 5 35 | 5 37 | 5 32 | 5 32 |
| " —May .... | 5 55 | 5 60 | 5 55 | 5 55 |
| Ribs—Jan. .... | 5 27 | 5 30 | 5 22 | 5 22 |
| " —May .... | 5 40 | 5 45 | 5 37 | 5 37 |

### New York Produce.

New York, Dec. 20.—Flour—Receipts 17,330 barrels; sales 2700 packages; dull and easy. Winter patents, $3.50 to $3.75; winter extras, $2.60 to $3.00; winter low grades, $2.25 to $2.40. Rye flour—Steady; fair to good, $3.10 to $3.25; choice to fancy, $3.30 to $3.50. Wheat—Receipts 65,675 bushels; sales 540,000 bushels; options opened firm at ¼c advance on higher cables, but eased off through realizing and small clearances, March 75½c, May 75⅝c to 75⅝c, Dec. 72 9-16c to 72⅝c. Rye—Dull; state 56c to 57c; No. 2 western, 61c, f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts 107,205 bushels; sales 15,000 bushels; options steady and held by light commission house buying; May 38⅞c to 39c. Oats—Receipts 253,400 bushels; options dull; track white state and western, 31c to 34½c. Butter—Receipts 3757 packages, firm. Cheese—Receipts 10,471 packages, firm. Eggs—Receipts 5652 packages; steady. Sugar—Firm; refined quiet. Coffee—Nominal, No. 7, 6¾c. Hops—Steady. Lead—Quiet; bullion price $4.45; exchange price $4.65 to $4.75.

### British Apple Market.

M. H. Peterson & Co., 25 Church-street, Toronto, received the following cable from Messrs. James Adam, Son & Co., Liverpool: "Market continues steady; Baldwins, 17s to 23s; greenings, 9s to 15s; spies, 10s 6d to 15s 6d; russets, 15s to 20s; Kings, 19s to 24s."

Apples exported week ending Dec. 16, 1899, from Portland, St. John, New York, Boston and Halifax, 16,775; same week, 1898, 19,793; season to date, 906,065; last season to date, 847,743 barrels.

### Chicago Gossip.

Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. MacKellar), 21 Melinda-street, received by private wire the following despatch:

Wheat—The wheat market, after advancing ¼c per bushel early, in sympathy with Liverpool, later sold off ½c per bushel, owing to the absence of outside speculation and rather slack cash demand. Liverpool reported their market as quiet, ¼d higher for the day. Continental markets steady. Receipts at Chicago and Northwest 428 cars, against 386 last week, and 1014 last year. Clearances from Atlantic seaboard were only 47,000 bushels of wheat and flour. Receipts at primary points were 560,000 bushels, against 111,000 bushels last week, and 1,169,000 last year. Cash demand was quiet, and seaboard reported only a moderate inquiry there for export. Weather throughout the winter wheat belt, as well as in the Argentine Republic, continues favorable. Trade was light, and mostly all of a local professional character. The light exports from this country should soon have an effect on European markets, especially as the amount on passage is so small. World's shipments this week will probably be light again, and thus tend to keep Europe from declining. As soon as export demand revives again, we look for prices to advance, but in the meantime we are likely to have a small and narrow market, on which it will do to buy on weak spots, and take moderate profits on bulges. Estimated receipts for to-morrow 125 cars.

McIntyre & Wardwell say:

Wheat—Although cables were ¼d higher, foreign advices received since the market opened have not been encouraging to holders. Foreign houses were doing very little and exporters report a very small shipping demand. Prices here were steady for a while this morning, but there was a great falling off in the number of outside orders. St. Louis and other markets were relatively lower than Chicago and were selling wheat here; for a time the market rested at "put" prices and received some support from this buying, but selling orders through commission houses increased and an additional decline of ¼c followed, making ⅜c to ⅝c break for the day. Estimated to-morrow 125 cars.

Corn—This market has ruled comparatively firm considering the weak wheat market. There has been a small trade and local professionals continue to be influenced to the bull side by the light country movement and the relatively higher cash prices now existing at points west and southwest. The cash and export demand, however, has fallen off. Estimated to-morrow 215 cars.

Oats—Have shown more weakness to-day with offerings by local longs more liberal. The country movement continues moderate and shipping business is fair. Estimated receipts to-morrow 155 cars.

Provisions—Opened strong on less hogs than expected and ruled steady until near the close, when prices were easier on free selling of May product by commission houses. Packers bought. Estimated hogs to-morrow 38,000.

Richardson & Co. send the following despatch to Thompson & Heron, 16 West King-street:

Wheat—Another disappointing day in wheat, but it is more from a speculative side than from the cash end, for there is no question but there is an improvement in the demand for cash wheat. We worked some wheat for direct export this morning and from several other sources we learn that the cash demand shows a decided improvement. Local traders, however, do not pin much faith to the bull side of wheat, and since the market got up to 70⅛c at about 11 o'clock, they had been liberal sellers.

### THE CATTLE MARKETS.

**Cable Quotations Unchanged—More Activity at New York.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Beeves—Receipts, 2908; 60 cars on sale; demand little more active, prices unchanged; closed dull; some late arrivals unsold; steers, $4.85 to $6.20; oxen, $2.75 to $4.75; bulls, $2.75 to $4.25; cows, $1.50 to $3.45; extra fat, $4.40. Cables unchanged; exports, 900 cattle and 4500 quarters of beef; to-morrow 25 sheep.

Calves—Receipts, 1233; good to choice veals firm, others steady; barnyard stock firm; some late arrivals unsold; veals, $4.50 to $8.25; tops, $8.50; little calves, $4 to $4.25; barnyard do., $2.75 to $3.50; westerns, $3.12½.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 7438; 34½ cars on sale; sheep slow and easier; choice lambs firm, others steady to 10c lower; 9 cars unsold; sheep, $2.50 to $4.50; culls, $2 to $2.25; lambs, $4.62½ to $5.85; Canada lambs, $5.75; culls, $4 to $4.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 9158; 11½ cars on sale; nominally weak; quoted at $4.30 to $4.50; State pigs, $4.50 to $4.60.

### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Cattle—Good to choice, $5.40 to $6.85; poor to medium, $4.25 to $5.20; mixed stockers, $3 to $3.75; selected feeders, $4.20 to $4.90; good to choice cows, $3.40 to $4.40; heifers, $3 to $4.90; canners, $2 to $2.90; bulls, 2.50 to $4.30; calves, $4 to $7; fed Texas beeves, 4.25 to $5.25.

Hogs—Mixed butchers', $3.95 to $4.15; good to choice heavy, $4.05 to $4.15; roughs, heavy, $3.90 to $4; light, $3.35 to $4.10; bulk of sales, $4.05 to $4.12½.

Sheep and Lambs—Native wethers, $3.90 to $4.50; lambs, $4 to $5.60; western wethers, $4 to $4.40; western lambs, $4.65 to $5.45.

Receipts: Cattle, 14,500; hogs, 38,000; sheep, 13,000.

### East Buffalo Market.

East Buffalo, Dec. 20.—Cattle—There were two loads on sale, mostly stockers. The trade was dull, only very top grades of stockers being in demand at all. Calves were in fair demand at the quoted figure. Choice to extra were quotable $7.50 to $7.75; good to choice, $7 to $7.50.

Sheep and Lambs—The offerings were 35 loads. The basis on lambs was lower and sheep still dull, particularly fat ewes, which were quoted on the basis of $3.50 to $3.65; common and culls, $2 to $2.75; choice heavy wethers for special orders were quotable $4.50; lambs, choice to extra were quotable $5.25 to $5.45; good to choice, $5 to $5.25; common to fair, $4.25 to $5; good yearling sheep, $4.25 to $4.50. There were five loads of Canada lambs, and they sold on the basis of $5.45. There was a fair clearance of top grade lambs, but not all the sheep were sold.

Hogs—The hog trade opened fairly active, with a total of 25 loads on sale. Heavy were quotable, $4.20 to $4.30; mixed, $4.15 to $4.20; Yorkers, $4.10 to $4.15; pigs, $4.10; roughs, $3.60 to $3.75; stags, $3 to $3.25. The tone on strong weight hogs was firm; Yorkers easy and pigs lower. The close on desirable weights was firm.

# THREE SEARCHERS LOST.

**Corporal Skirving and Two Comrades of the M. P. Sent Out From Dawson Have Not Returned.**

Seattle, Dec. 20.—During the latter part of last August, Corporal Skirving, of the Northwest Mounted Police, and two comrades, were sent out from Dawson to search for ill-fated parties on the Edmonton trail. Nothing has been heard from the rescuers since, and fears are entertained for their safety.

### Open Nights at Simpson's.

Santa Claus reigns in countless hearts long before Christmas eve. Weeks before the festal day, fond parents plan, and thoughtful children romance, concerning the gifts the Old Codger will bring. Santa's influence was shown last night when thousands of persons thronged the floors of the Robert Simpson Co. store, viewed the wonderful display of Christmas goods, and bought gifts till 10 o'clock. On the main floor blushing maidens and loving wives bought dainty lace handkerchiefs, evening robes and gowns, watches and jewelry, finest toilet articles, and novels by the score—some for themselves and their girl friends—others for others. What beautiful and novel things were on the first floor! Fine furs that would make the winter warm, and toys, works of art, by ingenious workmen. The piles of dolls would gladden youngsters' eyes. The upper floors were replete with art furniture, Persian rugs, fine curtains, French draperies, pictures, fancy goods, and the thousand and one articles that are so necessary to make home-life worth living. Glassware, chinaware, ornaments, and confectionery fill the basement, where the most fastidious will find just what they are looking for. The thousands of buyers last night paid homage to Old Santa Claus, and their little lads and lassies will rejoice on Christmas eve. The store will be open all this week from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Go, and get your gifts.

### Wells College Closing.

The closing exercises of the Wells Business College were held in the college yesterday afternoon. The chair was occupied by Ald. Hallam, who presented the medals. Miss Carrie Sheppard, an ex-pupil of Loretto Abbey, was awarded the gold medal for general proficiency in all subjects taught in the school. The following awards were also made: Shorthand medal, Miss Bunker; typewriting medal, Miss Ryan; commercial arithmetic medal, John Hands; penmanship medal, Harold Martin; bookkeeping, Cecil Allison; advancement, Miss Grey. Capital speeches were made by Ald. Hallam, Ald. Richard, Mr. R. C. Steele, of Steele, Briggs Company, and Mr. J. C. Robertson. All of the speakers spoke in strong terms of commendation of the business education given in the Wells Business College, stating that each had sent pupils to the school. Miss Lizella Hunt gave a recitation entitled "Britons, Be Free in South Africa." The selection was warmly applauded.

### Grand Tour of Mexico.

On Feb. 14, 1900, the Wabash Railroad Co. will run a specially conducted and select party of 50 people for a 30-day tour through old Mexico. This will be by far the grandest and most comprehensive tour ever run by any railroad in America. This will be a chance of your life to visit this ancient land of the Montezumas. Every point of interest will be visited. The train will be the finest ever seen in this country, consisting of dining car, sleepers, observation and baggage cars, built especially for this trip. The route will be over ten different roads, covering seven thousand miles of travel. Full particulars of this wonderful trip from J. A. Richardson, District Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto. ed

S. Ackerman, commercial traveler, Belleville, writes: "Some years ago I used Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil for inflammatory Rheumatism, and three bottles effected a complete cure. I was the whole of one summer unable to move without crutches, and every movement caused excruciating pains. I am now out on the road and exposed to all kinds of weather, but have never been troubled with rheumatism since. I, however, keep a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Oil on hand, and I always recommend it to others, as it did so much for me. ed

### Gets $14 Out of $101 Wanted.

Before Judge Morgan yesterday, Contractor P. Phillips sued William Wilson of Toronto Junction to recover $101 as balance and extras on a building contract. The court awarded the plaintiff a verdict for $14, but ordered each party to pay their own costs.

The cases set down for trial to-day are: Gorman v. King and Patterson v. Struthers.

### Annual McMaster Spread.

The annual Christmas dinner of the students of McMaster University will be held in the dining hall of McMaster this afternoon. In the evening there will be the Founder's day exercises, when the memorial services will be conducted by Rev. Joshua Denovan. After this the building will be thrown open to the visitors. Good programs have been prepared.

### Kindergarten Closing.

The kindergartens in connection with the city Public Schools will close to-morrow morning for the Christmas vacation. Special programs of songs, marches, etc., will be provided by the little ones.

### Elected Directors.

Messrs. W. F. Smith, H. Lamont and M. T. Golder have been elected directors of the Toronto Trustee Board of the Commercial Travelers' Mutual Benefit Society.


# TINY TIM.

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# NEW YORK PANIC SUBSIDES

## Stock Market Gave a Demonstration of Improved Tone,

**Notwithstanding a Big Decline in Rapid Transit, Which Affected Allied Stocks — Market Closed Fairly Strong With Gains—Latest Financial News.**

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 20.

There was a fair amount of activity on the local Stock Exchange to-day, particularly in C.P.R., which sold down to 89, closing at that figure bid. Toronto Railway sold in the morning at 100 ex-dividend, but was weaker in the afternoon, going down to 97⅞, and closing at 97¾ bid and 98 asked. Values were not strong, although mining issues were firmer. War Eagle sold up as high as 253, but reacted to 250 and closed 251 bid and 252 asked. Golden Star sold at 32. Republic sold at 108 and then at 105, closing at the latter figure bid. A few shares of Toronto General Trusts, new, sold at 136. Bank stocks were quiet.

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On the Montreal Stock Exchange C.P.R. was active around 89, closing at 88¾ bid and 89 asked. Toronto Railway sold off to 97 and closed with sellers at 97¾. Twin City sold at 61 and Royal Electric from 184 to 181½. Payne Mining sold at 108 down to 105, closing at 106 bid. Republic was active, over 50,000 shares changing hands, one lot of 30,000 being sold at 109. The highest sale was at 110 and the lowest at 107. The closing quotations was 108 asked and 106 bid. Business was fairly active on the general list, but bank stocks were very quiet. A small lot of Bank of Montreal sold at 255 and Hochelaga at 130.

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The London Stock Exchange will be closed next Monday and Tuesday and on Jan. 1.

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The earnings of the Twin City Rapid Transit Company for the second week of December, 1899, were $50,133.85, being an increase of $6456.66 over the same period of last year.

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The New York Central Railway Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼ per cent., an increase of ¼ per cent. from the last quarter.

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A Paris cable to-day says it is rumored there that the Bank of Russia has advanced the Bank of England £8,000,000.

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The general London market was reported steadier to-day, but with little doing. Continental bourses were reported heavy, closing dull. Consols closed unchanged from yesterday at 98½ for money and 98¾ for account. The amount of gold taken into the Bank of England on balance to-day was £45,000. Americans closed dull.

### Wall Street.

The stock market to-day gave a demonstration of improved tone and nerve in the spirit with which it accepted a slump of nearly 14 points in Brooklyn Transit, accompanied by sympathetic weakness in other allied stocks. It cannot be said, however, that this violent decline was viewed with indifference, for it effectually checked the advancing tendency in the general list and worked a reaction extending to over 2 points in a number of standard railroad stocks, and from 4 to 7 points in some of the industrials. Thanks to the earlier rise in the market, however, and a rally following the slump, net losses were in nearly all cases small, and some substantial net gains were shown by important stocks. The break in Brooklyn Rapid Transit was attributed to the forced liquidation of a very large inside account. At this time last year, after a notable advance the stock sold at 72, and by April of this year it touched the extreme high level of 137, without ever having paid a dividend. Previous to this week its low price for the year to the school. Miss Lizella Hunt gave a recitation entitled "Britons, Be Free in South Africa." The selection was warmly applauded. touched 65½. On Monday it touched 65½, but gave a decided impetus to the general market by its recovery from the extreme low level of 61. In the general demoralization. To-day it touched 61 and rebounded 6½ points. During the time to-day when Brooklyn Transit was showing most acute weakness, the rate for call money was quoted at four per cent., and was in plentiful supply on satisfactory collateral. The rate at no time rose above 9 per cent., and in the late dealings fell to 2 per cent., or yesterday's low level. During the day an engagement of gold for shipment to London was announced and rumors were current of further engagements to go out on Saturday. The announcement and the prospect seemed to have no effect on the local money market. The anomaly of a 2 per cent. money rate and gold being allowed to go out, while stocks are forced to liquidation at heavy sacrifices, warrants no other conclusion than that the security for loans to carry stocks is in some instances unsatisfactory. Yesterday's measures of protection and relief were still in force to-day, but it was made manifest that care and discrimination are to be exercised in applying the resources contributed. There was liquidation yet to be accomplished to-day and it pursued its course, but was not allowed to unsettle and demoralize the whole market, as was the case on Monday. The tone during the earlier hours was very nearly normal, except that trading was quite active and fluctuations rather wide. Prices had advanced and received an additional impulse upwards with the announcement of the increase in New York Central's dividend rate, the stock rising to 130½. Extreme declines from the high level in others than Brooklyn Transit were: Sugar, 7½; Federal Steel, 6; People's Gas, Manhattan and Tennessee Coal about five and Tobacco and Metropolitan 4. The weakness in the railroad stocks, which showed the largest declines, could be traced in part to the same sources as those which were responsible for the break in Brooklyn Transit. The declines extended to two points only in Rock Island, Atchison preferred, Burlington, St. Paul and Louisville. In Brooklyn Transit, Sugar, Federal Steel, Tennessee Coal and People's Gas, the recovery reached 3 to 6½ points and averaged from 1 to 2 points all through the list. The market closed strong at the rally at mixed net changes.

McIntyre & Wardwell say:

There was a further recovery in prices on Stock Exchange early to-day on scattered outside investment buying and general rebuying by some of the traders and commission houses who threw over their stocks on Monday, but the improvement did not hold, and later in the day there was a return to partial demoralization on a vigorous bear drive, particularly against B.R.T., and heavy liquidation by bull pools in this stock, Sugar, P.O., F.S. and M.R. and several other specialties which had been carried over the panic owing to the fact that to force them on the market then would have caused perhaps a complete collapse in these shares and further disaster than occurred at that time. There were no new features in the financial situation of importance, but the technical speculative position of the market was shown to be still far from satisfactory, notwithstanding the enormous liquidation which has recently taken place and the relaxation in money.

Bartlett, Frazier & Co. (J. A. MacKellar), 21 Melinda-street, received by private wire the following despatch:

Notwithstanding the very weak feeling in London as evinced by their market for Americans, being from ½ to 1 per cent. under New York parity, our markets opened firm, with very little pressure to sell stocks. Firmness continued well up in the morning session, and sharp advances were made in a number of the specialties. At present the market has no strength in itself, but is held by continued support extended by influential interests, and possibly timidity on the part of the bears to attack prices after such a severe shake-down. It is plainly shown that bear influences are governing and controlling the situation now, and therefore we must await a complete readjustment of conditions before we can look for a permanent advance. The particularly disturbing influence in the market to-day was the toboggan slide downward of B.R.T., which at one time showed 13¾ decline from last night's final figures. This decline proved unsettling to the whole market. Total sales to-day were 870,000 shares.

### Money Market.

The local money market is unchanged. Money on call, 6 to 6½ per cent.

The Bank of England rate remains at 6 per cent. Open market discount rate, 6½ to 7 per cent.

Money on call in New York at 2 to 30 per cent., last loan 2 to 8 per cent.

### Foreign Exchange.

A. E. Hillyard, 12 Melinda-street, Toronto, broker, to-day reports closing exchange rates as follows:

| | Between Banks. Buyers. | Sellers. | Counter |
|---|---|---|---|
| N. Y. Funds .. | 1-16 prem | 3-32 prem | 1-4 to 3-8 |
| Mont'l Funds.. | 10 dis | par | 1-8 to 1-4 |
| Demand Stg... | 9 11-16 | 9 3-4 | 9 7-8 to 10 |
| 60 Days Stg... | 8 1-4 | 8 5-16 | 8 5-8 to 8 3-4 |
| Cable Transf's. | 9 7-8 | 10 | 10 1-8 to 10 1-4 |

| —Rates in New York— | Posted. | Actual. |
|---|---|---|
| Demand, sterling .. | 4.88½/4.87⅝ | to ... |
| Sixty days, sight .. | 4.82 /4.81 | to ... |

### Toronto Stocks.

| | Morning. Ask. | Bid. | Afternoon. Ask. | Bid. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal ..... | ... | ... | ... | 250 |
| Ontario ..... | 130 | ... | ... | 130 |
| Toronto ..... | ... | ... | 250 | ... |
| Merchants' ..... | 168 | ... | 167 | ... |
| Commerce ..... | 147 | 144 | 146 | 144¼ |
| Imperial ..... | 214 | 210 | 214 | 210 |
| Dominion ..... | 270 | 265 | 260¾ | 260¼ |
| Standard ..... | ... | 194 | ... | 194 |
| Hamilton ..... | 196 | ... | 196 | ... |
| Nova Scotia ..... | 225 | ... | 225 | ... |
| Traders' ..... | 112½ | ... | 112 | ... |
| British America .. | 126 | 124¼ | 126 | 124 |
| West. Assurance .. | 166 | 162¼ | 166 | 162¼ |
| Imperial Life, xd.. | ... | 147 | ... | 147¼ |
| National Trust, xd. | 135 | 131 | 134 | 131 |
| Consumers' Gas ... | ... | 224 | 230 | 224 |
| Montreal Gas ..... | 185 | 181 | 184 | 181 |
| Dom. Telegraph ... | 134 | 131 | ... | 131 |
| Ont. & Qu'Appelle | 60 | 50 | 60 | 50 |
| C N W L Co., pref. | 56 | 50 | 56 | 50 |
| C. P. R. Stock ... | 89¼ | 89 | 89¼ | 89 |
| Tor. Electric, xd.. | 134 | 131½ | 133 | 131½ |
| do. new ..... | ... | ... | ... | 130 |
| General Electric .. | 180 | 170 | 177 | 170 |
| do. pref. ..... | ... | 102 | ... | 102 |
| Com Cable, xd..... | 186 | 182¾ | 186 | 181 |
| do. coupon bonds. | ... | ... | 103½ | 102 |
| do. reg. bonds.... | ... | ... | 103½ | 102 |
| Bell Telephone ... | ... | ... | 183 | 170 |
| Telephone rights .. | 70 | 72 | 70 | 66 |
| Rich. & Ont Nav.. | 102 | 101¼ | 101¼ | 100¾ |
| Toronto Ry., xd.... | 98½ | 97½ | 98 | 97¾ |
| London Railway ... | 185 | ... | 185 | ... |
| Halifax Tram ..... | ... | ... | 100 | ... |
| Ottawa St. Ry..... | 200 | ... | 200 | ... |
| Ham Steamboat Co. | ... | 85 | ... | 85 |
| London Electric ... | 120 | ... | 120 | ... |
| Luxfer Prism, pref. | 112½ | 108 | 111½ | 110 |
| Tor. Gen. Trusts .. | 150 | 145 | 150 | 144 |
| Cycle and Motor .. | 95 | 89½ | 95 | 89 |
| Carter-Crume ..... | 105 | 102¼ | 105 | 102¼ |
| Crow's Nest Coal.. | 145 | 130 | 140 | 130 |
| Twin City Ry ..... | 69 | 64 | 62 | 60 |
| Payne Mining ..... | 115 | 100 | 110 | 105 |
| Dunlop Tire, pf, xd | 107 | 104⅝ | 106 | 104¼ |
| War Eagle ..... | 256 | 252 | 252 | 251 |
| Republic ..... | 115 | 105¼ | 107 | 105 |
| Cariboo (McK) ..... | 115 | ... | 115 | ... |
| Golden Star ..... | 33 | 32 | 33 | 31½ |
| Virtue ..... | 55 | 49¾ | 60 | 51 |
| Empress ..... | ... | 2½ | 3 | 2½ |
| Brit Can L & I.... | 100 | ... | ... | ... |
| Can. L & N I..... | 90 | ... | ... | ... |
| Canada Permanent. | 130 | ... | ... | ... |
| do. do. 20 p.c.... | ... | 117 | ... | ... |
| Canada Loan ..... | 115 | ... | ... | ... |
| Cent Can Loan, xd. | ... | 132½ | ... | ... |
| Dominion Savings . | 78½ | 75½ | ... | ... |
| Ham. Provident ... | 112 | 109 | ... | ... |
| Huron & Erie ..... | ... | 176 | ... | ... |
| do. 20 p.c..... | ... | 106 | ... | ... |
| Imperial L & Inv . | 100 | ... | ... | ... |
| Landed B & L..... | 113 | ... | ... | ... |
| Lon & Can L & A.. | 65 | ... | ... | ... |
| London Loan ..... | ... | 108½ | ... | ... |
| London & Ontario. | 89 | ... | ... | ... |
| Manitoba Loan .... | 50 | 40 | ... | ... |
| Ontario L & D..... | ... | 120 | ... | ... |
| do. do. 20 p.c... | ... | 110 | ... | ... |
| People's Loan ..... | 30 | 25 | ... | ... |
| Toronto S. & L. .. | ... | 125 | ... | ... |
| Western Canada .. | 100 | ... | ... | ... |

Sales at 11 a.m.: British Am. Assurance, 8 at 125; C.P.R., 25, 25 at 89½, 25, 15 at 89⅝, 25 at 89¾, 25 at 89¼, 10 at 89½, 25 at 89½, 25, 25, 25, 25, 100, 25, 25, 25, 25, 100 at 89¾, 50, 50 at 89¼; Toronto Electric, 10 at 132½ xd., 10 at 133 cash; General Electric, 10 at 175; Richelieu, 25 at 101; Toronto Railway, 25, 25, 25, 25, 5, 25 at 100 xd.

Sales at 1 p.m.: Bank of Commerce, 20, 20, 8 at 145; Dominion Bank, 7 at 263; Western Assurance, 50 at 163; C.P.