WHEAT MARKETS RULED DULL

Liverpool and Continental Markets Were Generally Steady.

Bullish Government Report is Expected—Good Enquiry for Corn—Oats Firm — Provisions Keep Strong and Active—Latest Commercial News.

Friday Evening, Dec. 15.

The Chicago wheat market to-day was almost featureless. Outside speculative interest was very small and dullness prevailed. The closing quotations were: Dec. 65⅞c to 66c, May 68½c, July 70⅛c.

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Liverpool wheat futures are steady to-day, Jan. closing ½d higher than yesterday, and May unchanged. Corn closed ½d to ⅝d higher than yesterday.

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Receipts of wheat at Liverpool the past three days 285,000 centals, including 180,000 centals of American. Corn 205,700 centals.

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Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 385 cars, as against 370 cars last Friday and 445 cars the corresponding day of last year.

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Argentine shipments of wheat this week were 840,000 bushels, as against 832,000 bushels last week and none the corresponding week of last year. Corn shipments 496,000 bushels, as against 1,192,000 bushels last week and 240,000 bushels the corresponding week of last year.

Wheat in N. S. W.

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 15.—The official estimates of the wheat area of the colony are 1,361,511 acres, with a probable yield of 18,660,700 bushels, available surplus for export 9,000,000 tons.

Leading Wheat Markets.

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

	Cash.	Dec.	May.	July.
Chicago .. .$....	$0 65⅞	$0 66½	$0 70⅛	
New York	0 72⅝	0 74⅞	0 75⅛	
Milwaukee .. 0 67	....	....	....	
St. Louis 0 68½	0 69⅝	0 71⅝	....	
Toledo 0 68	0 69	0 73	0 73⅛	
Detroit, red .. 0 70½	0 70½	0 73½	....	
" white	0 70½	....	....	
Duluth, No. 1 Northern ..	0 64½	0 64½	0 68⅝	....
Duluth, No. 1 hard	0 65½	....	....	
Minneapolis	0 64½	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, 63c 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 $3.50 by the barrel, on track at Toronto, in car lots.

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

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of grain were light, 750 bushels only, 20 loads of hay, 1 of straw, and about 500 dressed hogs, with a plentiful supply of poultry.

Wheat—Goose, 150 bushels sold at 70c.

Barley easier, 200 bushels selling at 42c to 43c.

Oats easier; 400 bushels sold at 28½c to 29c.

Hay steady; 20 loads sold at $11 to $12.50 per ton.

Straw—One load sold at $8.50 per ton.

Dressed Hogs—Deliveries liberal, about 500.

William Harris, jr., bought 420 at $5.25 to $5.50 per cwt.

Poultry—Deliveries equal to the demand, with prices unchanged. Turkeys sold at 9c to 10c per lb.; geese, 6c to 7c; chickens, 40c to 70c per pair, and ducks, 50c to 80c per pair.

Grain—		
Wheat, white bush	$0 67	to $0 69
" red, bush	0 68	0 68½
" fife, bush	0 68	0 69
" goose, bush	0 70	....
Barley, bush	0 42	0 43
Peas, bush	0 60	....
Oats, bush	0 28½	0 29
Rye, bush	0 53	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 50	....
Beans, bush	1 15	1 20
Seeds—		
Red clover, per bush	$4 25	to $5 00
Alsike, choice to fancy	6 50	7 00
Alsike, good No. 2	5 00	6 25
White clover, per bush	7 00	8 00
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$11 00	to $12 50
Hay, mixed, per ton	9 00	9 50
Straw, sheaf, per ton	8 50	....
Straw, loose, per ton	4 00	5 00
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, lb. rolls	$0 20	$0 25
Eggs, new laid	0 30	0 35
Poultry—		
Chickens, per pair	$0 40	to $0 70
Turkeys, per lb.	0 09	0 10
Ducks, per pair	0 50	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 $5 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt.	6 50	7 50
Lamb, per lb	0 05½	0 06
Mutton, carcase, per lb.	0 04½	0 05½
Veal, carcase, per lb.	0 07	0 08
Hogs, dressed light	5 25	5 50

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	0 18
Butter, medium tubs	0 14	0 15
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	0 18	0 19
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 22	0 23
Butter, creamery, boxes	0 21	0 22
Butter, large rolls, per lb.	0 17	....
Eggs, held	0 17	....
Eggs, new laid	0 19	0 20
Honey, per lb.	0 09	0 10
Turkeys, per lb.	0 08	0 09
Geese, per lb.	0 05	0 06
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 steers..	0 08¾	0 09
Hides, No. 2 green	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 85	0 90
Pelts, fresh	0 85	0 90
Tallow, rendered	0 03½	0 04½
Wool, fleece	0 15	0 16
Wool, unwashed, fleece	0 09	0 09½
Wool, pulled, super	0 15	0 16½
Tallow, rough	0 01½	0 03¼

British Markets.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—(12.30.)—Wheat, Nor., spring, 6s 1d; No. 1 Cal., 6s 1½d to 6s 2d; red winter, 5s 8d; corn, 3s 7d; peas, 5s 5d; pork, prime western mess, 57s 6d; lard, prime western, 28s 3d; American refined, 30s; tallow, Australian, 23s; American, good to fine, 25s 6d; bacon, long clear, light, 34s 6d; heavy, 34s; short clear, heavy, 33s; cheese, colored, 50s; white, 57s; wheat firm, corn firm.

London—Opening—Wheat, off the coast, buyers and sellers apart, on passage rather firmer, partially 3d higher; English country markets firm; corn, off the coast, nothing doing, on passage, rather firmer, partially 3d higher.

Liverpool—Opening—Spot wheat firm; red winter, 5s 8½d; northern spring, 6s; futures quiet, March and May 5s 10½d; spot corn firm, 3s 7d; futures steady, Jan. 3s 6½d, March 3s 6⅝d, May 3s 6d; flour, 17s 6d.

Liverpool—Close—Spot wheat, California, 6s 2d; northern spring, 6s 0½d; futures quiet, March 5s 10d, May 5s 9⅞d; spot corn quiet, 3s 7d; futures quiet, Jan. 3s 6⅝d, Feb. and March 3s 6½d, May 3s 5⅞d; flour, 17s 6d.

London—Mark Lane—Foreign wheat is unchanged; English firm and rather dearer. Maize somewhat firmer. Flour steady, with fair business.

London—Close—Maize, spot quotations, Gal., Fox. Bess., 18s 3d; American mixed, 17s. Flour, spot quotations, Minn., 23s 6d. Antwerp wheat, spot steady, quotations No. 2, R.W., 16f.

Paris—Wheat tone weak, Dec. 18f 40c, March and June 19f 25c. Flour, tone weak, Dec. 24f, March and June 25f 15c.

Chicago Markets.

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

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—May	69⅝	69⅞	69⅝	69½
" —July	70½	70½	70	70⅛
Corn—May	33¼	33⅜	33	33⅛
Oats—May	24½	24¼	24⅛	24⅛
Pork—Jan.	10 17	10 35	10 12	10 35
" —May	10 40	10 62	10 35	10 60
Lard—Jan.	5 47	5 57	5 47	5 56
" —May	5 65	5 80	5 65	5 77
Ribs—Jan.	5 40	5 47	5 35	5 47
" —May	5 50	5 60	5 45	5 60

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Flour—Receipts 2200 barrels; market quiet and unchanged. Patent winter $3.70 to $3.80, patent spring $3.80 to $4, straight roller $3.30 to $3.40, extra $2.70 to $2.80, superfine $2.40 to $2.50, strong bakers' $3.60 to $3.70, Ontario bags $1.60 to $1.70.

Wheat, No. 2 Man. hard, 74c to 75c; corn 41c to 42c, peas 65c to 66c, oats 30c to 31c, barley 49c to 50c, rye 59c to 60c, buckwheat 51c to 52c, oatmeal $1.60 to $1.70, cornmeal 90c to $1.

Pork $14.50 to $15, lard 6c to 7½c, bacon 10c to 11c, hams 10c to 11c.

Cheese 10½c to 11½c, butter, townships 20c to 21c, western 16c to 17c; eggs 15c to 17c.

New York Produce.

New York, Dec. 15.—Flour—Receipts 14,073 barrels; sales 3000 pkgs.; state and western dull and easier; rye flour quiet; fair to good $3.10 to $3.25, choice to fancy $3.30 to $3.50. Wheat—Receipts 54,575 bushels; sales 750,000; options. No. 2 red market opened easy at ⅛c decline, and sold off ⅛c to ¼c more, under liquidation; liberal Argentine shipments, and fears of a bearish crop report. May 74⅝c to 74 15-16c, July 75 3-16c. Rye—Steady; state 56c to 57c, No. 2 western 61c f.o.b., afloat. Corn—Receipts 99,450 bushels; options opened steady, but eased off with wheat, and on elevator selling at the west. Oats—Receipts 70,000 bushels; options quiet, track state white 31c to 34c, track white western 31c to 34c. Butter—Receipts 2499 pkgs.; quiet and steady. Cheese—Receipts 2128 pkgs.; steady. Eggs—Receipts 5320 pkgs.; steady. Sugar—Raw firm, fair refg. 3 13-16c; refinery quiet. Coffee—Steady, 6⅝c. Hops—Steady. Lead—Steady. Bullion price $4.45, exchange $4.63 to $4.75.

Chicago Gossip.

McIntyre & Wardwell say:

Wheat—Market has been kept within a very narrow range, and there has been almost no feature to the small amount of trade. Put price reached early, and the usual buying against them gave market a small reaction, which, however, has not been maintained. Outside speculative interest very small. Market received no encouragement from foreign advices. Liverpool was up ¼d early, which was lost at the close, and Continental markets easier. Argentine shipments were 900,000 bushels for the week. There is a poor shipping demand here; seaboard worked 25 bushels. Corn—Just ¼c over night, and has since ruled steady and firm, with local operators buying, on strength of provisions. Country offerings light. Some acceptances reported by three or four receiving houses and elevator concerns, probably to extent of 300,000 bushels, accumulation of several days. The cash and shipping enquiry continues good. Seaboard reported 25 loads for export.

Oats—Ruled firm, no change in conditions of cash market. Demand for local account and for shipment is good. Country offerings moderate.

Provisions—Opened strong, active and higher, and then ruled easier, on moderate selling by packers. Toward noon the Cudahy brokers commenced buying May lard and ribs; then market became excited and higher, closing strong at highest price of the day. Estimated receipts to-morrow, 22,000.

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

Wheat—Trade in wheat was again light, and mostly all of a professional character. Market ruled dull, with prices during the early part of the session ⅝c lower than last night. At the decline there was more or less buying against privileges, which caused some reaction. Liverpool reported their market as opening firm, but closing easier, ¼d higher for the day. Continental markets were generally steady. Chicago and the Northwest receipts were 450 cars, against 542 last week, and 1058 last year. Clearances from Atlantic seaboard were 253,000 bushels wheat and flour. Primary receipts 457,000 bushels, against 937,000 bushels last week and 1,204,000 last year. Argentine shipments were reported at 520,000 bushels for the week. Weather throughout the winter wheat belt as well as in the Argentine was favorable. Advices from the Northwest say that mills at the head of the lakes were shut down, and about half the milling capacity in Minneapolis is also shut down, but this more than offsets the light receipts. The Government report, which will be issued this evening, is said to be bullish. Cars to-morrow 45.

LOCAL LIVE STOCK.

The run of live stock at the Cattle Market to-day was fair, 65 loads, all told, composed of 881 cattle, 2018 hogs, 1165 sheep, 9 calves and 1 horse.

Quality of fat cattle, not quite as good as on Thursday, generally speaking, but several lots of very fine exporters and Xmas cattle were offered. While trade was good for the best qualities, still it was not as brisk as on Thursday. The reason for this was, no doubt, that several of the largest dealers had bought the bulk of their supplies on Tuesday and Thursday, so as to have the cattle rested before slaughtering. The commoner grades of butcher cattle were very slow of sale at 13c to 20c per cwt. of a decline. Prices in all other classes of live stock were unchanged. Many farmers were again on the market, looking for heavy feeding steers, but as there were few offered, many of them went away empty handed.

Export Cattle—Choice lots of export cattle sold at $4.75 to $5.00 per cwt., while light sold at $4.25 to $4.50.

Bulls—Heavy export sold at $3.80 to $4.75 per cwt., while light export sold at $3.25 to $3.50 per cwt.

Loads of good butchers' and exporters, mixed, sold at $3.87½ to $4.12½ per cwt.

Butchers' cattle—Choice picked lots of butchers' cattle, equal in quality to the best exporters, weighing 1000 to 1100 lbs. each, sold at $4.25 to $4.40.

Choice picked lots of heifers and steers for Christmas trade sold at $4.75 to $5.12½ per cwt.

Loads of good butchers' cattle sold at $3.70 to $4.00, and medium butchers' mixed cows, heifers and steers, $3.40 to $3.60 per cwt.

Common butchers' cattle sold at $3.10 to $3.30, while inferior sold at $2.75 to $2.90.

Heavy Feeders—Choice, well-bred steers, weighing from 1050 to 1200 lbs. each, were scarce, with prices firm at $3.75 to $3.85, and $4 was paid for a few short keepers.

Rough steers of the same weights sold at $3.40 to $3.60 per cwt.

Light Feeders—Steers, weighing 800 to 900 lbs. each, were selling at $3.20 to $3.40 per cwt.

Feeding Bulls—Bulls for the byres sold at $2.75 to $3 per cwt.

Buffalo Stockers—Yearling steers, 500 to 600 lbs. in weight, are easy at $2.60 to $2.75, while heifers and black and white steers of the same weight sold at $2 to $2.60 per cwt.

Milch Cows—There were about 18 cows and springers offered. Prices were firm, ranging all the way from $30 to $50 each.

Calves—About 9 calves sold at $4 to $10 each.

Sheep—Prices firm, at $3 to $3.25 per cwt. for ewes, and bucks at $2.50; butchers' sheep at $2 to $2.50 each.

Lambs—Prices $3.50 to $4.12½ per cwt., with a few choice lots of ewes and wethers for export at $4.25 to $4.50 per cwt.

Hogs—Deliveries heavy, 2018, with prices steady. Best select bacon hogs, weighing not less than 160 nor more than 200 lbs. each, unfed and unwatered (off cars), sold at $4.37½; thick fats at $4, and lights at $4 per cwt.

Unculled car lots sold at about $4.20 to $4.30 per cwt. Essex and Kent corn-fed are worth $4.15 per cwt.

William Levack bought 85 cattle, mixed butchers' and exporters, principally the latter; butchers' at $3.75 to $4, picked lots of butchers' and Xmas cattle, $4.50 to $4.80, and $4.40 to $5 per cwt.

Crawford & Hunnisett did a large trade in butchers' exporters, and Xmas cattle, as well as feeders and stockers.

John Brown, Kenilworth, sold 47 hogs, the best unculled lot on the market, at $4.35 per cwt.

Isaac Groff of Elmira, Waterloo County, who is noted for bringing good cattle to the market, had 7 of the best export steers that were offered to-day, which weighed 1477 lbs. each.

J. Vance, Tavistock, sold 22 choice Xmas cattle, 1100 lbs. each, at a good price.

A. McGrimmon, Orillia, sold 80 lambs at $3.75 per cwt.; 15 sheep at $3.25 per cwt.

A. M. Buck bought one load Xmas cattle, 1270 lbs. each, at $5 per cwt. Amongst this lot were 2 Hereford steers, weighing 1660 and 1770 lbs. respectively, which were a credit to the breeder and feeder, as there were few on the market that would surpass them for weight and quality.

Beall & Stone sold 24 extra good Christmas cattle, 1300 lbs. each, at $5.10 per cwt.; 4 bulls, 1600 lbs. each, at $4.37½; 8 medium butchers' cattle, 950 lbs. each, at $3.65 per cwt.

Amongst the above were some very fine specimens, both steers and heifers; 1 heifer, 1400 lbs., fed by George Toker, Brock Township; 1 yearling heifer, 1190 lbs., fed by James Rennie, and bought by George Rountree, at $5.50 per cwt.; the rest were fed by prominent farmers of Reach and Brock Townships, George Rose, A. Wallace, R. Acres and James Burns.

John Daniel, Fenelon Falls, sold 22 feeders, 1 steer, 1300 lbs., at $4.70; 19 feeders 1000 lbs. each, at $3.45; and 2 heifers at $2.80 per cwt.

W. B. Levack bought 50 sheep at $3.25 per cwt.; 250 lambs at $4 to $4.50 per cwt.

A. Robinson sold a 2-months old lamb at $5.00.

C. Woods bought a large number of Xmas cattle at $3.75 to $4.70 per cwt.

Wesley Dunn bought 250 lambs at an average of $4 per cwt.; also 75 sheep at an average of $3.20 per cwt., with two calves at $9 each.

W. H. Mayne bought several lots of heavy feeders at $3.50 to $4.00 per cwt.

D. O'Leary sold 22 heifers (short-keep feeders), 950 lbs. each, at $3.30 per cwt.

Shipments per G.T.R.: William Levack, 4 cars export cattle; P. Gillice, 2 cars lambs to Buffalo.

Shipments per C.P.R.: William Murby, 1 car feeders to Chicago; Dunn Bros., 2 cars export cattle, and 6 double-decks of export sheep.

Export cattle, choice	$4 75	to $5 00
Export cattle, light	4 25	4 50
Export bulls, choice	3 80	4 35
Export bulls, light	3 25	3 50
Loads good butchers' and exporters, mixed	3 87½	4 12½
Butchers' cattle, picked lots	4 25	4 40
do. good	3 70	4 00
do. medium, mixed	3 40	3 60
do. common	3 10	3 30
do. inferior	2 75	2 90
Feeders, heavy	3 40	3 85
Feeders, light	3 20	3 40
Stockers	2 00	2 75
Milch cows	30 00	50 00
Calves	4 00	10 00
Sheep, ewes, per cwt.	3 00	3 25
Sheep, bucks, per cwt	2 50	2 75
Lambs, picked ewes and wethers	4 25	4 50
Lambs, per cwt	3 50	4 12½
Hogs, choice, over 160 lbs.	4 37½	....
" thick fats	4 00	....
" light, under 160 lbs.	4 00	....
" corn-fed	4 15	....
" sows	3 00	....
" stags	2 00	....
Turkeys, per lb.	0 07½	0 08

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

Slow Business at New York—Cables Show Firmness.

New York, Dec. 15.—Beeves—Receipts, 3726; slow; opened 10c off, closed 15c to 20c lower; cows 15c to 25c off; eight cars, mainly steers, unsold; steers, $4.60 to $5.95; extra, $6.50; bulls, $2.80 to $4.50; cows, $1.75 to $3.75; choice and extra fat cows and heifers, $4 to $5.25; stockers, $2.50. Cables firm; American cattle at Liverpool 11½c to 12c; Christmas beeves, 12½c; at London 12c and 13c, and Christmas beeves 13½c; refrigerator beef, 9½c to 9¾c; exports none, to-morrow 1300 cattle, 55 sheep and 6000 quarters of beef.

Calves—Receipts, 197; steady; all sold; veals, $4.50 to $8; no choice here; grassers, $3; westerns, $3.12½.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 3656; sheep dull, lambs firm to 10c higher; 4 cars, mainly sheep, unsold; common to good sheep, $2.50 to $4.25; culls, $2; prime to extra wethers, $4.50 to $4.75; exports, 500; lambs, $5 to $5.80; Canada lambs, $5.60 to $5.80.

Hogs—Receipts, 3402; 24 on sale; market steady at $4.30 to $4.40.

Christmas Beef at Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Cattle—Fancy Christmas beeves, $7 to $8.50; good to choice, $5.40 to $6.80; poor to medium, $4.30 to $5.25; mixed stockers, $3 to $3.75; selected feeders, $4.25 to $4.65; good to choice cows, $3.50 to $4.85; heifers, $3.50 to $5; canners, $2 to $3; bulls, $2.50 to $4.20; calves, $4 to $7.50; fed Texas beeves, $4.25 to $5.25; grass Texas steers, $3.25 to $4.

Hogs—Market 2½c to 5c higher; active; closed strong; good clearance; mixed and butchers', $3.95 to $4.15; good to choice heavy, $4 to $4.15; rough heavy, $3.85 to $3.95; light, $3.95 to $4.10, bulk of sales $4 to $4.10.

Sheep—Steady; good to choice lambs strong; native wethers, $4 to $4.15; lambs, $4 to $5.75; western wethers, $4 to $4.50; western lambs, $4.65 to $5.50.

Receipts: Cattle, 2500; hogs, 24,000; sheep, 9000 head.

East Buffalo Market.

East Buffalo, Dec. 15.—Cattle—There were 20 loads on sale and a fairly active demand at full steady prices. Calves were in fair demand at the quoted price. Choice to extra were quotable $7.50 to $7.75; good to choice, $7.25 to $7.50. The cattle sold in bunches and closed steady.

Sheep and Lambs—The offerings were 30 loads, including five loads of Canada lambs. The market was in good position and of upward tendency; full strong. Lambs, choice to extra were quotable $5.45 to $5.60; good to choice, $5 to $5.35; common to fair, $4.50 to $5. Sheep, choice to extra, $4.25 to $4.50; good to choice, $4 to $4.25; common to fair, $2.50 to $2.75. Canada lambs were in good demand and quotable on the basis of $5.50 to $5.60. The offerings were pretty well cleaned up at the close, which was quite strong.

Hogs—The market was active and higher, with 40 loads on sale and a general good demand. Heavy were quotable $4.25 to $4.30; mixed, $4.25 to $4.27½; Yorkers, $4.25 to $4.30; pigs, $4.15 to $4.25; roughs, $3.50 to $3.80; stags, $3 to $3.50. The close was strong at the best prices of the day.

Lock of Washington's Hair.

New York, Dec. 15.—John Austin Stevens of Newport, who is at present in the city, is showing to friends a medal he wears on a ribbon around his neck, and which contains a lock of hair which he says was clipped from the head of Washington just 100 years ago. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Stevens was one of the pallbearers at the funeral.

Mr. Moody's Condition Worse.

West Northfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—Dr. N. P. Wood, physician to Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, issued a bulletin to-day, in which he said Mr. Moody has not been as well during the past few days, and that complications have arisen which have caused much anxiety.

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STOCKS HELD UP VERY WELL

Large Gold Export Did Not Affect the Market Adversely.

Prospect of a Good Bank Statement To-Day Helped the New York Market — London Market Was Bulled—Latest Financial News.

Friday Evening, Dec. 15.

Business on the Toronto Stock Exchange continues dull and almost featureless. The market is heavy all around and tight money restricts any speculation. In the general list stocks were lower. Bank shares were dull and little doing in mining issues.

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Montreal Stock Exchange to-day was quiet, with little doing and values rather heavy. There was a little activity in mining issues and Royal Electric was higher, selling up to 197½. Bank shares were very dull.

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Americans closed strong in London. General markets, after being heavy, closed strong. Paris closed heavy. Consols higher.

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Cables from London to-day quoted Grand Trunk first pref. at 85⅝, second pref. at 56¾, and third pref. at 22⅛.

Wall Street.

The strength manifested by the stock market in face of the engagements of gold for export by to-morrow's steamers was the feature of the day. There was considerable hesitation and some reaction in the early dealings on the recurrence of fears over the effects of gold shipments. Yesterday's recovery in stocks, it will be remembered, was based on the hopes that gold exports were averted for the time being. The fact that apprehension over this development was still apparent this morning made the strong advance in prices, in the very face of the news of the gold exports, all the more striking. The sterling exchange rate to-day not only failed to recover, but declined. The shipment of gold at 4.87½ for exchange demonstrates that some considerable advantage is offered by the Bank of England as an inducement for the shipment. It is known in fact that the English institution allows interest on the shipens for the period of the transit. It has also advanced the buying price of gold, both for American eagles and for bar gold. For the former the price has been advanced one penny an ounce in two days. The reported engagement of $1,750,000 in gold for export caused no stiffening of the local money rate, which ruled from 5 to 6 per cent. all day.

Substantial gains in prices throughout the stock list are the net results of the day's trading. A late advance of 13⅝ in the price of Pittsburg C.C. and St. Louis was a feature of the day.

McIntyre & Wardwell say:

Strong and concerted efforts were made to rally the stock markets here and at London to-day and they were partially successful, because most of scattered weak long interest had been forced out in the continuous break yesterday and withdrawal of aggressive bear pressure. The London market was bulled on a revival of persistent reports that Ladysmith had been relieved, and on rumors that this Government would supply the Bank of England with a round amount of gold. In our market the basis of the movement was a supposed large short interest and an apparently ridiculous rumor that the Treasury Department at Washington will place 10 to 20 million dollars in gold with the Bank of England as a sort of trust fund for Philippine expenses. There was absolutely no confirmation to the latter report, but it was nevertheless used as a strong bull argument by interests who were active in rallying prices. The argument was that such an amount of gold ordered to the Bank of England would greatly relieve the money situation there and the break in rates at that point would be in our favor. Although this seemed illogical, prices were bid up in a vigorous manner in the last hour by the trading element and interest above referred to. In the face of announcements that $2,150,000 in gold had been engaged for shipment to Europe by to-morrow's steamer, these gold shipments were made with demand sterling at 4.87⅝, because the Bank of England raised the price. It was willing to buy American Eagles about a half-penny to 76 shillings and 6 pence and further concessions in the way of interest allowances were made. These terms are likely to be continued and will result in further large shipments next week. The prospect of a better bank statement to-morrow also helped the market.

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

The much dreaded and long-talked of gold export has become an actual fact, $2,000,000 being engaged to-day for immediate shipment, with probably more to follow. Much to the surprise of all concerned the market received this announcement without a tremor, in fact, advancing in the face of it, closing prices being near the best of the day. This strength of the market surprised the bears to such an extent that, instead of selling stocks, they soon became heavy buyers, making this rally among themselves. To-day, in spite of several discouraging factors, such as lack of confirmation of the British victory reported yesterday and more important news of gold exports, there is nothing of more than passing comment. For instance, does it not lead to the inference that stocks have been thoroughly shaken out of the hands of weak holders, and are now lodged with powerful interests? It would seem so, judging by the action of to-day's market, otherwise the consummation of exports of gold would most certainly have caused a further severe break. It is only fair to state that at the time the gold engagements were announced it was also strongly mentioned that Secretary Gage would buy $50,000,000 additional bonds.

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 per cent.

Money on call in New York steady, at 5 to 6 per cent.; last loan 5 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	.56 prem	1-8 prem	1-4 to 3-8
Mont'l Funds	10 dis	par	1-8 to 1-4
Demand Stg	9 3-16	9 7-8	10 to 10 1-8
60 Days Stg	8 7-16	8 1-2	8 3-4 to 8 7-8
Cable Trans'f's	10	10 1-16	10 1-4

—Rates in New York—

	Posted.	Actual.
Demand, sterling	4.88½@4.87½	to 4.87¾
Sixty days sight	4.82½@4.81½	to 4.81⅝

Toronto Stocks.

	Morning. Ask.	Bid.	Afternoon. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	...	260	...	259
Ontario	131½	131	...	131
Toronto	...	242	...	242
Merchants'	170	...	170	160
Commerce	147	145	147	145
Imperial	215½	212½	215½	212
Dominion	279	269	272	269½
Standard	...	193	...	193
Hamilton	196	192	196	...
Nova Scotia	225	...	225	218
Traders'	...	112	...	112
British America	126½	125	126	125
West. Assurance	166	164½	166	164½
Imperial Life	...	148	...	148
National Trust	...	134½	...	134½
Consumers' Gas	230	225	230	225½
Montreal Gas	192	189	191½	189
Dom. Telegraph	135	132	...	132
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	65	...	65	...
Can. N.W.L., pf.	56	53	55	53
C. P. R. Stock	94	93⅞	94	93⅞
Toronto Elec. L	138	136½	138	136½
do., new	...	135	...	135
Gen. Electric	182	178	183	178
do., pref.	106½	106	...	105½
Com. Cable	190	189	191	189
Bell Telephone	188	172	183	173
do., rights	70	66⅛	70	...
Rich. & Ont. Nav.	112	110	112	110½
Toronto Ry	108	107⅝	108	107½
London Railway	185	...	185	...
Ottawa St. Ry	...	190	...	190
Halifax Elec. T.	...	...	100	95
Ham. Steamboat Co	...	80	...	85
London Elec. L.	116	110	...	112½
Luxfer Prism, pf., xd.	112½	110	112½	110
Toronto Gen. Trusts	152	146	148½	146½
Cycle and Motor	95	93¼	95	92¼
Carter-Crume, xd.	108	103⅛	107	103¼
Crow's Nest Coal	155	140	150	140
Twin City Ry	68	65	68	65½
Payne Mining	110	102	106	102
Dunlop Tire, pf.	110	106	110	106
War Eagle	268	264	268	263½
Republic	103	102½	103¾	102¾
Cariboo (McK.)	125	...	123	...
Golden Star	32¾	31½	32½	31¼
Virtue	60	59½	61	60
Empress	3	2¾	3	2¾
British Can. L. & I.	100	...	...	...
B. & L. Association	45	30	...	...
Can. L. & N.I., xd.	90	...	...	...
Can. Permanent, xd	130	120	...	...
do., 20 p.c., xd.	...	117	...	...
Can. S. & Loan	...	112½	...	...
Central Canada	...	134	...	...
Dominion Savings	78½	75½	...	...
Freehold L. & S., xd	90	...	...	...
Ham. Provident, xd.	116	113½	...	...
Huron & Erie, xd.	...	177	...	...
do., 20 p.c.	...	166	...	...
Imperial Loan, xd	100	...	...	...
Landed Banking	...	112	...	...
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	66	...	...	...
London Loan	...	108½	...	...
Lon. & Ontario	100	...	...	...
Manitoba Loan	50	45	...	...
Ont. L. & D., xd.	...	120	...	...
do., 20 p.c.	...	110	...	...
People's Loan	36	25	...	...
Real Estate	...	60	...	...
Toronto S. & L.	...	126	...	...
Union Loan & S.	...	38	...	...
West. Can., xd.	110	...	...	...

Sales at 11.30 a.m.: Ontario Bank, 2, 6, 6 at 131½; C.P.R., 25 at 93¾; Toronto Electric, 2, 1 at 137¼; Crow's Nest Coal, 50 at 146; Virtue, 500 at 61, 500 at 61½.

Sales at 1 p.m.: Ont. Bank, 24 2-3, 5 at 131; Bank of Commerce, 14 at 145, 2 at 146; British America Assurance, 1 at 126; Telephone rights, 4 at 69½; Gen. Electric, pf., 10 at 106½; Cable, 25 at 189, 25 at 189½; War Eagle, 500 at 265; Republic, 500 at 104, 500 at 103; Virtue, 500, 500 at 59¼.

Sales at 4 p.m.: Dominion, 20 at 270; Traders,, 8 at 113; Consumers