

To the Trade

THESE GAME IN YESTERDAY—No. 3

FILLING LETTER ORDERS A SPECIALTY

JOHN MACDONALD & CO.,

Wellington and Front Streets E., TORONTO.

AT OSGOODE HALL.

SUICIDES IN NEW YORK.

Three Men Connected With the Insurance Business Were Evidently Sick of Existence.

New York, Dec. 2.—Three men, more or less directly connected with the insurance business, committed suicide in this city yesterday. One of them was Frank B. Crane, whose father was in his day the best-known name in New York in connection with the life insurance business.

THE TRADE SITUATION.

With the advancing season, trade movements at Montreal is naturally less active, particularly in heavy goods, such as the oil, paint, and hardware trades. Supplies of which were rushed forward before the close of the year.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

FLOUR—The market is less active, with prices steady. Straight rollers are quoted at \$2.00 to \$2.10, and freighted at \$2.10 to \$2.20.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The receipts of grain to-day were fairly large, about 9,000 bushels being delivered. Wheat, about 1,000 bushels being sold at following prices: Wheat, white 82 1/2 to 84 1/2; red 84 1/2 to 86; and rye 78 1/2 to 80.

NEW BOOKS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Hobhouse, The Labor Movement; Findlay, Epistle to the Galatians (Expositor's Bible); The Elements of the Science of Religion; Part I. Vol. I. (Gifford Lectures, 1884); Raleigh, Style; Private Papers of William Wilberforce, edited by M. Wilberforce; Lord, Last Emperors of the Modern World; Furness, Military Expeditions Beyond the Seas, 2 Vols.; Aubrey De Vere, Recollections; Madame Guyon, Autobiography, translated by Thomas T. Allen, 2 Vols.; H. C. Kerner, A Sermon on the Lord's Supper; A Soldier's Life; Earl of Shaftesbury, A Social Reform; by Edwin Hodgson; Phillips-Wolley, One of the Broken Brigade; Blackmore, Darius; Wall, The Fall and Constantine; Rice, In the Mountains; Meade, Bad Little Hannah; Nibbs, Hunting for God; Adventures in Kodiak.

THE INSURANCE BUSINESS.

The directors of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., have accepted the offer of \$250,000 in new shares. The directors of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., have accepted the offer of \$250,000 in new shares.

WHEAT CLOSED AT DECLINE

Cables Were Conflicting, Britain Being Weak and Continent Strong.

Statistical Position a Little More Bearish—Larger Grain Receipts at Toronto—Favorable as to Yield Higher—Liverpool—Toronto Live Stock Market.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 2. Tallow is higher in Liverpool. Liverpool wheat futures 1d to 1 1/2 lower. Corn futures 3/4 to 1/2 lower than yesterday.

Cash wheat on curb 89 1/2 to 90. Dec. wheat on curb 89 1/2 to 90. Puts on Dec. wheat 89 1/2 to 90. Puts on Dec. corn 28 1/2 to 29.

At Toledo clover seed closed at \$3.15 for 100 lbs. of 100 lbs. of clover seed.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 753, as against 355 the corresponding day of last year.

Receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 36,000, as against 36,000 the corresponding day of last year.

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STOCK MARKETS WEAKER.

Heavy Realizing on Wall-Street Towards the Close of the Day.

Large Increase in Bank Clearings at Toronto—The Local Money Market Easy—Bank Shares and Northwest Lead Profits—Firm Toronto Railway Easier.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 2. Consols closed the same as yesterday.

Specie in hand of France decreased 5,500,000 francs in gold during the week and increased 25,000 francs in silver.

Local stocks were active to-day and a trade irregular. Toronto Railway closed weaker, while General Electric and Assurance stocks were very strong.

Toronto Railway Earnings.

The earnings for the month were: Gross car earnings for Nov., 1897, \$88,007.96; Gross car earnings for Nov., 1896, 74,017.41.

Increase \$13,990.55

A cable from London to Messrs. A. E. Ames & Co. to-day quoted Grand Trunk 4 per cent. guaranteed stock at 97 1/2.

Bank Clearings at Toronto.

The clearings for the week ending Dec. 2, following are the figures with comparisons:

Nov. 26 \$1,439,000 \$1,282,270

Nov. 27 1,515,110 2,047,115

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Nov. 29 1,708,238 3,014,104

Dec. 1 1,480,100 2,162,625

Dec. 2 1,783,214 2,178,885

Totals \$8,380,182 \$11,282,255

Last week 8,830,000 12,022,673

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Money Markets.

The loan money market is easy with call loans quoted at 1 1/2 per cent. At New York call loans were 1 1/2 to 2 per cent. and at London 1 1/2 per cent.

Discount rate is unchanged at 3, and the open market rate 2 1/2 to 3 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

American Express & Co., 23 King-street, report local rates to-day as follows:

Buy. Sell. Buy. Sell.

N. Y. funds, 1/4 to 1/2, 1/4 dis. to par.

60 days, 1/4 to 1/2, 1/4 dis. to par.

3 months, 1/4 to 1/2, 1/4 dis. to par.

6 months, 1/4 to 1/2, 1/4 dis. to par.

1 year, 1/4 to 1/2, 1/4 dis. to par.

Sterling, 60 days, 4 1/4 to 4 1/2, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4.

6 months, 4 1/4 to 4 1/2, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4.

1 year, 4 1/4 to 4 1/2, 4 1/2 to 4 3/4.

Toronto Stock Market.

Monday, Dec. 2, 3:30 p.m.

Montreal 243 239 243 237

Ontario 1095 1090 1095 1090

Merchants' 187 182 187 182

Imperial 187 182 187 182

Superior 187 182 187 182

Dominion 233 231 233 231

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