

MARKETS AND FINANCE

Saturday, December 28.—Central market was a lonesome place this morning, except when a rig loaded with poultry came in, and then women with beaming eyes surrounded it, and there was almost a riot before George Nichol reached the spot and handed out a lecture. Poultry was snapped up as soon as it reached the outskirts of the market. Last Tuesday's prices prevailed all over, and today's prices were the dearest thing in one dealer who was lucky with his turkeys said that selling them at 20c a pound was as profitable as any breeder could fairly desire. Beef and other meats were unchanged.

Poultry and Dairy Produce.

Butter, per lb.	0.25 to 0.30
Eggs, per dozen	0.20 to 0.25
Chickens, pair	0.80 to 1.00
Turkeys, pair	0.50 to 0.75
Ducks, per pair	0.80 to 1.00
Geese, each	0.80 to 1.00

Fruits.

Pears, basket	0.20 to 0.60
Apples, bushel	0.50 to 0.75

Vegetables.

Lettuce, bunch	0.05 to 0.10
Curly Kale, each	0.05 to 0.10
Celery, per dozen	0.20 to 0.30
Potatoes, bag	0.85 to 1.00
Turnips, white, dozen	0.20 to 0.30
Cabbages, dozen	0.50 to 0.75
Cauliflowers, each	0.05 to 0.10
Beets, dozen	0.15 to 0.20
Carrots, basket	0.20 to 0.30
Onions, large, basket	0.40 to 0.50
Do, picking, basket	0.30 to 0.40
Vegetable marrow, each	0.05 to 0.10
Do, each	0.05 to 0.10
Citron, each	0.05 to 0.10

Meats.

Beef, No. 1, cwt.	7.00 to 8.00
Beef, No. 2, per cwt.	6.50 to 7.00
Pork, per cwt.	6.00 to 7.00
Live Hogs, per cwt.	6.50 to 7.00
Veal, per cwt.	7.00 to 8.00
Mutton, per cwt.	6.00 to 7.00
Yearling, lb.	0.09 to 0.10
Lamb, lb.	0.08 to 0.10

Fish.

Salmon trout, lb.	1.25 to 1.50
Smoked salmon, lb.	0.15 to 0.20
Lake Ontario herring, dozen	0.20 to 0.30
White fish, per lb.	1.25 to 1.50
Cloves, dozen	0.50 to 0.75
Pickled, lb.	0.50 to 0.75

The Hide Market.

Wool, pound, washed	0.24 to 0.30
Wool, pound, unwashed	0.14 to 0.20
Fette	0.40 to 0.50
Calif skins, No. 2, each	1.00 to 1.25
Snow skins, each	0.50 to 0.75
Horse hides, each	1.50 to 2.50
Hides, No. 1, per lb.	0.05 to 0.10
Hides, No. 2, per lb.	0.04 to 0.09

Grain Market.

Barley, per bushel	0.60 to 0.65
Wheat, white, bush.	0.92 to 0.97
Do, red, bush.	0.92 to 0.97
Oats, bush.	0.30 to 0.35
Peas, bush.	0.80 to 0.85
Rye, bush.	0.70 to 0.75
Buckwheat, bush.	0.70 to 0.75

Hay and Wood.

Straw, per ton	9.00 to 11.00
Hay, per ton	17.00 to 19.00
Wood, cord	7.00 to 8.00

Toronto Farmers' Market.

The offerings of grain on the street today were small, with little change in prices. Wheat unchanged, with sales of 100 bushels of fall at 97c. Oats firm, 800 bushels selling at 51 to 52c. Hay quiet, with prices unchanged; 20 loads sold at \$19 to \$21 a ton for timothy and at \$16 for mixed. Straw easier, two loads selling at \$16 a ton.

Dressed hogs continue firm at \$7.75 to \$8 for light, and at \$7.50 for heavy.	
Wheat, white, bush.	\$0.97 to \$0.99
Do, red, bush.	0.97 to 0.99
Do, spring, bush.	0.90 to 0.95
Do, goose, bush.	0.87 to 0.90
Oats, bush.	0.51 to 0.52
Barley, bush.	0.75 to 0.80
Rye, bush.	0.83 to 0.85
Peas, bush.	0.86 to 0.87
Hay, timothy, ton	19.00 to 21.00
Do, clover, ton	18.00 to 19.00
Straw, per ton	16.00 to 18.00
Seeds, Alsike, No. 1	7.50 to 8.00
Do, No. 2	6.75 to 7.25
Do, red clover	9.00 to 9.50
Dressed hogs	7.50 to 8.00
Eggs, new laid, dozen	0.45 to 0.50
Do, storage	0.25 to 0.30

wholesale dry goods business is quiet, although there is a good volume of business booked ahead. Values hold steady to firm. The grocery trade is quiet and is likely to continue so for some little while.

Winnipeg—There has been a good general holiday business here during the past week. Its volume will compare favorably with that of previous years. Wholesale trade is quiet and will continue so over the turn of the year. The weather has been favorable to the railroads and goods have been moving freely. The circulation of money following the heavy retail trade should show forth in collections next month. Wholesalers expect a good sorting trade to open up early in the year.

Vancouver and Victoria.—General business holds a good tone here. The holiday trade has been good, retailers having turned over large stocks during the past fortnight. Wholesalers are getting ready for the work of next season, and they expect a good business in all branches of trade. Signs point to in-

Winnipeg Wheat Market. Following were the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures to-day: Wheat—Dec. \$1.05 7/8, May \$1.11 1/4. Oats—Dec. 44 1/4 bid, May 51 3/4 c.

British Cattle Markets. London—London cables are firm at 10c to 12 1/2c per lb. dressed weight; refrigerator beef is quoted at 9 1/2 to 10 pound.

\$15,000 Bid for Seat. Montreal, Dec. 27.—Fifteen thousand dollars was bid for a seat on the Montreal Stock Exchange to-day, with no sale. A seat was offered for \$10,000.

Financial Notes. (Yesterday's N. Y. Herald.) New York Central and Hudson River 4 per cent. debenture bonds sold a year ago at 99 and yielded about a 4.07 per cent. income.

New York Central & Hudson River 4 per cent. debenture bonds at 91 yield about 4.58 per cent. income. Manhattan Elevated stock last year sold at 162. Its 7 per cent. dividend yielded 4.3 per cent. to those who bought then.

Manhattan Elevated stock, which pays a 7 per cent. dividend, sold last year at 115. It becomes a 6.08 per cent. investment.

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul stock sold last at 102 1/2. It gives 6.84 per cent. on the price.

The investor who has Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul shares bought a year ago at 100 1/2 gets 3 1/2 per cent. for his money from its 7 per cent. dividend. Southern Pacific collateral trust 4 per cent. bonds selling in November last year at 92, yielded an income of about 4 1/2 per cent.

When Southern Pacific collateral trust 4 per cent. bonds last sold at 81 1/2, bargain hunters had an opportunity to secure an income producer of 5.07 per cent.

Brads' Trade Review. Montreal—During the past week all trade here has been practically confined to the retail movement of holiday goods.

It is as yet impossible to exactly state just what the volume of this trade will have been or how it will compare with that of previous years. At the moment it would appear as having been heavy, but there are wholesalers who state they have found business quieter than usual at this end of the season. This could not be unnatural in view of the stringency of money and its consequences in general trade. Wholesalers are having the usual lull. They look forward to having a good revival of the sorting trade early in the new year. Values of commodities generally hold steady. The retail trade in the country has been heavy. Receipts of produce have much increased during the week, and prices have been easier.

Toronto—Retailers are generally pretty well satisfied with the volume of holiday business done here to date. Despite the fact that the trade was somewhat slow in opening and that there has been considerable talk of coming trade depression, holiday shoppers seem to have had plenty of money with which to make purchases. In some lines of business, however, wholesalers state business during the past month has not been quite up to average. The fur trade, for instance, has been slow. In this line, as in many others, retailers have been price-cutting and it would thus appear they are all pretty well stocked up. The

actual development has been that there is in Cobalt two years ago. The showings of native silver have been numerous, over twenty properties having quantities of it. With the exception of the find of nuggets on the Carter property, probably the best results so far have been made on the claims of the Moose Horn Mines, Limited, near Lake Elk post office, and half a mile from the "Mont real River, in James Township.

HOT LEAD IN EAR. Did Deed Himself While Suffering From Mental Trouble.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 28.—James H. Conkling, a prominent business man, is in the Thral Hospital unconscious as the result of molten lead being poured into one of his ears.

There is a theory here that Conkling committed the deed himself while mentally unbalanced. He has been in poor health for some time and disappeared a few days ago. One of his sons found him unconscious on the floor of his place of business in Depot street.

A physician found Conkling's right ear filled with hardened lead. He was removed to the Thral Hospital, where surgeons found that the ear drum had been burned out.

The hot lead had filled the channel, and flowing into the cavity under the brain had spread out. The lead was drilled out of the channel, and two holes were drilled into the mass of lead in the cavity. During the operation Mr. Conkling remained unconscious.

It is thought here that, while melancholy as a result of his mental trouble, Conkling entered his place of business, and heating up a pot of solder, lay his head upon the side of the work table and poured the metal into his ear.

"And did you inherit everything from your uncle?" "Oh, no. I think I got my disinclination to work from my grandfather on my mother's side."

COBALT NOTES

Mr. Darrell has some specimens from the Harris-Maxwell mines, of Larder Lake. These show free gold and from a mill run at Queen's University of 1500 pounds of ore, values of \$12.2 to the ton was realized. The majority of the samples come from the drift at the 90-foot level of the main shaft. The recovery has a dyke of ore 600 feet long by 300 to 500 feet wide. A 10-stamp mill is being installed, and the buildings and foundations for it have been completed.

As a mining centre the Montreal River district has come much to the front of late. Though the various parties interested in properties in James Township were unable to begin their assessment work till late in July, a great deal more



Gezo Polonyi, ex-Minister of Justice of Hungary.

SCANDAL RECALLED.

With the permission of Emperor Francis Joseph, Dr. Alexander Weker, the Hungarian Premier has challenged Gezo Polonyi, former Minister of Justice, to a duel with pistols. Seconds have been named, and it is understood that a meeting will soon take place.

I. O. G. T. SOCIAL.

The social given by International Lodge last evening was a pronounced success. J. H. Taylor, chief templar, occupied the chair, and welcomed the visitors in a few well chosen words, after which the following programme was presented:

Piano solo, Deutschland Waltz, Miss Lily Boniface; song, "The Song That Reached My Heart," A. D. Howgog; recitation, "How Babbie Came Home," D. D. Lawson; humorous song, "Why I Wear the Kilt," (with drum accompaniment) G. C. Porteous; piano solo, "Low and Sweet," Miss Grace Skedden; In Happy Moments Day by Day, H. E. Stone; recitation, "Murdered by Drink," Mrs. F. Skedden.

At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served by the ladies of the lodge, after which the young people spent an hour in parlor games.

STAKES HIS LAST PESETA

To Gain a Bride and Wins \$60,000 Prize.

Madrid, Dec. 28.—A remarkable stroke of luck has befallen a soldier of the Saboya regiment, in garrison here. He was enamored of a buxom cook, and they were discussing recently the prospects of their marriage in the near future, which were very slim indeed. Their combined financial resources amounted to only 100 pesetas (\$18), and the marriage fees, etc., amounted to much more.

Finally they concluded to invest their savings in purchasing one-quarter of a ticket in the Government Christmas lottery, which was drawn Dec. 23. To-day the loving couple were informed that their share of the ticket had brought them \$60,000. The marriage will take place shortly.

More than 3,000 persons in Chicago are reported to have been converted through the efforts of an evangelist.

(Advertisement)

How Local Option Hurts Owen Sound

Creates Discord
Increases Drunkenness
Harms Business
Promotes Disorder

"I CONSIDER Local Option detrimental to the best interests of the town from a business point of view, as it has created discord and set up one portion of the town against the other. From a moral or temperance standpoint, I consider it the worst blow the temperance cause ever had in the town. I believe it will take a great many years before the sympathy of the people as a whole can again be secured through temperance movements, such as we had before Local Option was carried. It has created more drinking among young men than there ever was in town under a good license system. The arguments advanced when Local Option was advocated that the working classes would have more money to spend in foodstuffs have been proven to be absolutely wrong, as it has not been the case at all."

J. R. BROWN

Secretary of the Owen Sound Board of Trade

Why Would It Do Otherwise In Your Town?

BANDMASTERS'

Annual Meeting of Ontario Association Held Here.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Bandmasters' Association, held in the band room of the Drill Hall yesterday afternoon, was very successful. There was a representative gathering of the bandmasters throughout the province and important business was looked into, and transacted. The principal item of business was the election of officers for the coming year and it resulted as follows:

William Peel, St. Catharines, president. N. Zeller, Berlin, vice-president. H. A. Stares, Hamilton, secretary. J. Waldron, Toronto, treasurer. W. Roenlyk, Lindsay; John Slater, Toronto, and A. C. Tresham, Brantford, executive committee.

After considerable discussion the association approved of a suitable collection of pieces for brigade and en masse playing. There are a number of selections that have been sanctioned by the government, but these were found to be obsolete, and no use to modern bands. There was a short discussion on the rules governing competition playing, but no action was taken.

The members finished their business at 6 o'clock last evening. Among those present were: George Robinson, 13th, Hamilton; John Slater, 48th, Toronto; William Peel, 10th, St. Catharines; J. Waldron, 10th, Toronto; H. A. Stares, 91st, Hamilton; A. C. Tresham, 38th, Brantford; S. H. Scroggs, Citizen's Band, Cobourg; Fred Thornton, 77th, Dundas; R. B. Albertson, Alton Band, Alton; N. Zeller, 29th, Berlin; R. W. Roelofson, Kilties' Band, Galt and W. Roenlyk, 45th, Lindsay.

The next meeting will be held in St. Catharines at the call of the president.

HAMILTON LODGE,

A. O. U. W., Elected Officers Last Evening.

The regular meeting of Hamilton Lodge, No. 49, A. O. U. W., was held last evening, when the following officers were elected for 1908:

David C. Smith, Past Master Workman. William Orr, Master Workman. John Polseter, Foreman. Fred C. Heath, Overseer. Donald Warren, Recorder. James Smith, Financier. William McKay, treasurer. Thomas Halcrow, guide. Thomas C. Jackson, inside watchman. David Philip, outside watchman. Charles E. Bates, pianist. William Gatenby, Thomas Hopper and Harold Smith, trustees.

David C. Smith, representative to Grand Lodge. Wm. Orr, alternate. Drs. McNichol, Greensway and Baugh, physicians.

Bros. Leighton, of Concord Lodge and Harlow and Holmes, of Acadia Lodge, acted as scrutineers.

Bro. William Gatenby, D.D.G.M.W. will install the officers on Friday evening, Jan. 10th.

CHRISTMAS TREE.

Germania Club Gave Children a Fine Time.

The Germania Club held a Weihnachtsfest (Christmas tree) last evening in its new club room, and besides a large number of adults there were about 150 children present. The Germania Club opened the entertainment with several excellent selections and the children then took the floor, and recitations and songs from the youngsters were greatly enjoyed by all. Choruses of all the children were also a good number on the programme. Moritz Mueller was chairman. A flower drill by a number of girls made a big hit, and was encored several times. After the concert programme was over all the children present received gifts of candies and other sweets. The committee in charge deserves great credit for the decorations, and the splendid way they had things running. The committee worked in conjunction with the New Year's Ball Committee, and the two made good. They were as follows: Messrs. Moritz Mueller, A. Maas, A. Mueller, M. Kaufmann, J. Coy, A. Bismarck and Max Nemmer. Those who took part were: E. Dinkel, George Klein, Jake Setzer, Andy Kaufmann, M. Hackbusch, Otto Mueller, Arthur Martin, Karl Martin, Walter Martin, Otto Dinkel, Tina Setzer, Elsie Hackbusch, Mary and Margaret Woelke, Evelyn Meinke, Hilda Hamburg, Hedwig Vischer, Christina Vischer, Ella Vischer, Metza Vogt and H. Vogt.

MOUNT OLIVE LODGE.

Mount Olive Lodge, No. 1, A. F. and A. M., elected officers for the ensuing year as follows:

W. M.—G. Workman. S. W.—J. J. Johnston. J. W.—P. J. Downing. Secretary—L. Bennett, sen. Treasurer—S. Freeman. S. D.—G. Hunt. J. D.—P. Schuler. Chaplain—W. V. Franklin. Tyler—P. Bryant.

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A Country Christmas.

The lonely world is bleak and cold; The frost, in hob-nail shoes, is bold; The sky is dim and gray; Only slow farm carts climb the hill; But late birds, sitting on the sill, Sing "Christmas comes this way!"

The broken bronze of blackberry vines, The sumacs, with their dried red wines, Gleam through the snowfall new; The wind strays out at afternoon, And in a little wintry tune He pipes of Christmas, too.

There is no merry foot astir, But old priest pine, in his rough fur And spotless, snow-white stole, Chants, while the moon sails up the height Like the dim ghost of blossom white. The joy in his deep soul.

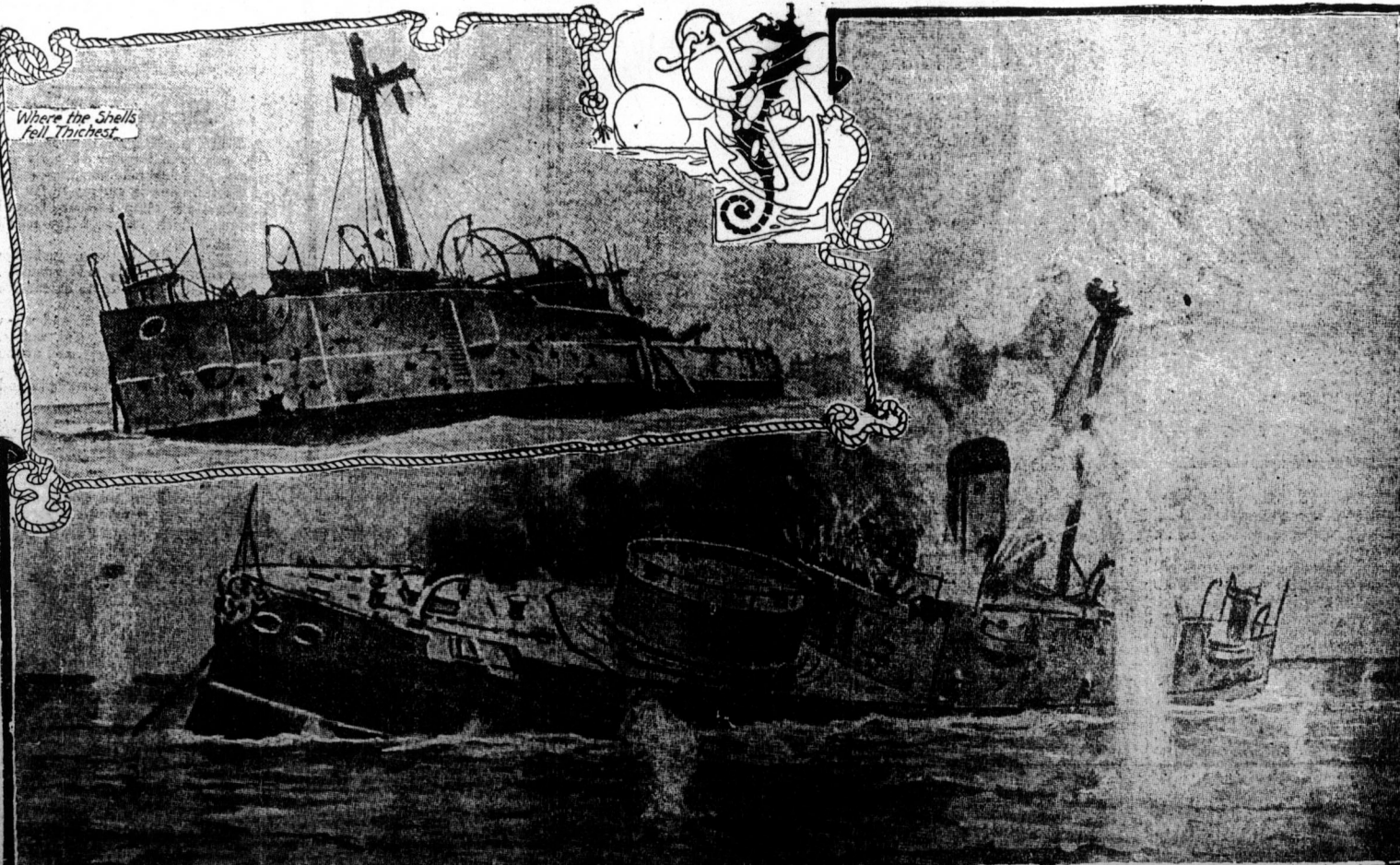
The frosty stars blink through the And from the marshes' dusky real A grey night-owl sweeps by, And shouts across the stony pond As if he saw not far beyond Glad Christmas drawing nigh.

Within the fire croons to itself A forest-song of wood and elf; But somewhere out of sight A cricket pipes as gleeful strains As those that thrill the summer lanes To welcome Christmas night.

Then over hilltops cold and pearded Clear bell-tones thrill the listening world;

The wintry sky grows blue; The wind runs up the lane to tell The same sweet tidings, and full well Our hearts know it is true. —The Christian Endeavor World.

It is not the amount of money, the amount of power, the amount of brains that a man has, but his character which counts



Reduced to Scrap Iron in Five Minutes: The "Hero" Battered by the Guns of the Dominion and Hibernia

OLD HULL OF CONDEMNED BRITISH WARSHIP BATTERED TO PIECES BY GUNS OF THE FLEET.

On November 30 Lord Charles Beresford, in the British battle ship King Edward VII, led the battle fleet that was to fire on the old Hero, an old warship. At 8,000 yards the admiral gave the signal, and the Hibernia and Dominion opened with their 12-inch and 6-inch guns. In five minutes the old Hero was listing heavily to port, and settling by the stern, where she had been struck by a 12-inch shell that made a hole six feet in diameter clean through her. The hulk was examined, and the Hibernia alone opened fire again, steaming at fifteen knots toward the target. At the third shot she found the range, and never lost it again. Shell after shell burst in the doomed ship, and the spectacle was awe-inspiring. One shell burst in the fighting-top, setting it on fire, and burning the dummy men posted in it. A 12-inch shell threw the funnel into the air like a straw, and landed it on the forebridge. Dummy men posted throughout the ship were blown overboard. The Hero is no longer recognizable as a ship. No man could have lived under such fire.