

WHOLESALE MERCHANTS.

To the Trade

DECEMBER 15.
Wooling the trimming trade successfully is what our stock of
Tubular Braids,
Loop Braid Trimmings,
Military Braids,
Jet Edgings,
Jet Trimmings,
Black Fancy Braid Trimmings
and Dressmakers' Supplies is doing.

FILLING LETTER ORDERS A SPECIALTY.

JOHN MACDONALD & CO.

Wellington and Front Streets E.
TORONTO.

AT OSOODE HALL.

To-day's Lists.
Single gold, at 11 a.m.: Hansen v. Pearce; Christy v. Rice Lewis and Son (Limited); Christy v. Office Specialty Mfg. Co.; Christy v. Ion Specialty Co.; Division Court, at 11 a.m.: St. Margaret's Church v. Stephens; The Queen v. Walsh; The Queen v. Hughes; Campbell v. O'Connor; Smith v. Hayes; Symms v. Dunn.

Whiskey and Morphine Habits.

Those interested in obtaining a private home treatment, and one which produces a permanent cure of the above habits without the knowledge of one's nearest friend, should correspond with Mr. A. Hutton Dixon, P.O. Box 367, Montreal, who has a new treatment, is a simple vegetable medicine, and is guaranteed to destroy the craving for liquor or drugs for ever, and tons the system up to the normal condition.

Dissolution and Removal Sale.

Messrs. Caldecott, Burton & Spence, 40 Bay Street, Toronto, commenced yesterday morning. The firm want to divert their splendid stock of seasonable dry goods before the 24th of December, and are offering liberal terms and heavy discounts to the merchants to secure the goods at unusual values. The stock consists of cottons, prints, linens, fancy dress goods, fancy muslins, silk handkerchiefs, ribbons, fancy millinery, etc. Retail merchants should pay special attention to this sale.

Business Embarrassments.

Alex. M. Cook, general store, Dundas, has assigned to Sheriff McNabb of Cornwall. Creditors will meet Dec. 22. McCurdy Bros., general store, Midland, are about to be taken over by the Ontario Bank. The liabilities of McKinnell & Campbell, dry goods, Kingston, are about \$8000. Creditors will meet to-morrow in Assignee Henderson's office.

James Pape of Middleton has assigned to J. M. Cryder.

E. W. Dryden, chemist, Centralia, has assigned to A. J. Rollins.

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WHEAT MARKETS IRREGULAR

The Majority of Traders in Chicago are Puzzled Over the Situation.

The May Option in Liverpool Closed Higher Than on Monday—Provisions Firmer in Chicago—Large Receipts of Cattle at Local Market.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 14.
Liverpool wheat futures irregular, May closing 4d higher than yesterday, and Dec. and March 1d lower.

Cash wheat in Chicago 2c lower at 97½c. May wheat on curb 96½c.

Puts on May wheat 94½c, calls 94½c. Puts on May corn 28½c, calls 28½c.

At Toledo cargo sold at \$3.07 for Dec. and at \$3.15 for March.

Car receipts of grain at Chicago to-day: Wheat 425,000 bush, corn 100,000 bush, and 1,731,486 bush of other grain.

Receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 24,000, or 14,000 less than expected; official Monday 33,000, left over 140,000.

Market receipts at Chicago to-day: Cattle 100,000, hogs 24,000, sheep 10,000, and 1,731,486 bush of other grain.

Receipts of wheat at Port Arthur and Port Williams are 33,150 bushels, as against 1,731,486 bushels a week ago, and 1,731,486 bushels a week ago.

Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis and Duluth to-day 582 cars, as against 440 cars the corresponding day of last year.

Exports at New York to-day: Flour 2100 barrels and 21,380 sacks; wheat 153,000 bushels.

Total arrivals of wheat and flour to-day equalled 611,000 bushels.

A cable from Liverpool reports the cattle trade slow. United States cattle sold at 6d per lb. for Canadian sheep 5½d and Argentine 5½d per lb.

Leading Wheat Markets.

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

Cash. May. Chicago. 97½c. Dec. 97½c. Liverpool. 97½c. London. 97½c. New York. 97½c. Portland. 97½c. St. Louis. 97½c. Toledo. 97½c. Winnipeg. 97½c.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

FLOUR—The market is unchanged, with fair demand. Straight rollers quoted at \$3.05 to \$4, middle freight.

WHEAT—Trade was quiet to-day, and prices were unchanged. Red winter wheat sold at 8½c and west and at 8½c middle freight.

Barley—The market continues quiet, with fair offerings. No. 1 is quoted at 25c, No. 2 at 24c, and No. 3 at 23c.

OATS—The market is unchanged, with fair demand. No. 1 is quoted at 25c, No. 2 at 24c, and No. 3 at 23c.

PEAS—The market is steady, with sales at 4½c and west, and at 4½c and west, and at 4½c and west.

BUCKWHEAT—The market is unchanged, with sales at 90c and west, and at 90c and west.

RYE—The market is easier, with fair demand. Sales were made at 4½c and west, and at 4½c and west.

CORN—The market is quiet, with sales of Canadian at 25c to 25½c.

BRAN—Business quiet, with cars quoted at \$7.50 west. Shorts \$11 to \$12 middle freight.

OUTMEAL—The market is quiet and prices unchanged at \$3 to \$3.15 for cars on track.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Business on the farmers' market to-day was very dull, owing to wet weather and bad condition of the roads. There were only two loads of wheat, one of 100 bush, which sold at 86c standard, and one of 100 bush, which brought 28½c. There was no hay or straw received, and prices are purely nominal.

Wheat, white, bush. \$0.85 to \$0.87. Red, bush. \$0.85 to \$0.87. Oats, bush. \$0.25 to \$0.27. Corn, bush. \$0.25 to \$0.27. Peas, bush. \$0.40 to \$0.42. Beans, bush. \$0.60 to \$0.70.

Hay, per ton. \$8.00 to \$9.00. Straw, per ton. \$4.00 to \$5.00. Loss, per ton. \$4.00 to \$5.00.

Dairy Products.

Butter, lb. rolls. \$0.18 to \$0.20. Eggs, fresh, case lots. \$0.14 to \$0.16. Cheese, per lb. \$0.08 to \$0.10.

Poultry.

Cattle sold at \$3.85 to \$4.25 per cwt., loads of good \$3.87 to \$3.85, common to medium \$3.85 to \$3.82, and inferior cows \$2.75 to \$3.00 per cwt. H. E. Maybee bought 100 head of cattle, weighing 1000 lbs. each, at an average of \$3.85 per cwt., and 1 extra fat cow, weighing 1000 lbs., at \$4.25 per cwt. Deaf & Stone of Sunderland, Ont., sold 200 head of cattle, weighing 1000 lbs. each, at \$4.00 per cwt., less \$1.00 for the lot; these were an extra fine lot of cattle and were a credit to those who fed them.

H. Hunsberr bought 100 head of cattle, weighing 1000 lbs. each, at \$4.00 per cwt., less \$1.00 for the lot; these were an extra fine lot of cattle and were a credit to those who fed them.

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The stock of contract wheat is steadily increasing; it is now over 3,000,000, and will probably increase largely this week. The total advance was \$11,000 wheat and flour. We had a cable to-day saying the French harvest shows a million more increase and condition 37. The official report of the Manitoba wheat crop is 1,200,000 bushels, or an average of 14.74 per acre. This does not include Territories. Receipts from North-west to-day, 532 cars, same day last year 440.

Provisions steady, slightly higher early, owing to some outside buying. The Ontario Packing Company were moderate buyers of lard. The offerings were rather liberal from local sources. At the yards prices were steady, about 1500 left over. The market is so narrow it is hard to advise our friends to buy, and most assuredly would not say short the market at present prices. They look safe on reactions for a long pull.

There is nothing new to say of oats. Cash demand continues good and prices unchanged. Should there spring up a better speculative demand we believe oats will see much higher prices.

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SOME REALIZING IN STOCKS

Money on Wall-street Firm and the Stock Market Feverish.

The Northern Pacific and Jersey Central the Strong Features—Toronto Railway in Good Demand and Higher—Loan Company Issues Were Easier.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 14.
Consols are firm.

In Paris 3 per cent. rentes closed at 107 5/16.

The bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day was \$283,000.

Bar silver is lower in London at 25½d per ounce, and in New York at 57½c.

The net gold balance of the United States Treasury is \$153,524,773.

The earnings of Northern Pacific for the first week of December show an increase of \$102,000.

Louisville and Nashville earnings for the first week of December show a decrease of \$8945, and from July 1 the increase is \$288,740.

Manhattan to-day declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent.

United States Pacific Company reports an increase in earnings of \$20,145 for October.

A. E. Ames & Co., from London to-day, quoted Grand Trunk 4 per cent. guar. stock at 98½, 100 at 98½, 100 at 98½.

London, Dec. 14.—American eagles are quoted at the 9½d. The market for foreign currencies opened better, improved somewhat, but closed off and remained quiet. The closing tone was steady and the demand was moderate.

Money Markets.

The local money market is unchanged, with call loans quoted at 4 per cent. At New York money was firm at 2 1/2 to 3 per cent, and at London 2 1/2 to 3 per cent. The rate of exchange is 104 1/2, and the open market rate at 3 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

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

Counter. — Bot. Banks. — Buy. Sell. Buy. Sell.

N.Y. Funds 1/4 to 1/2 to 1 1/2 per cent. 81c to 82c. 81c to 82c. 81c to 82c.

Sterling 60 days. 4.82 1/2 to 4.83 1/2. 4.82 1/2 to 4.83 1/2. 4.82 1/2 to 4.