Short Covering at Chicago Puts Wheat Options on Up Grade

Talk of Drought in Southwest States Inspires Buying by Leading Interests—Upturn in Prices at Winnipeg.

World Office.
Tuesday Evening, Dec. 20.

Liverpool wheat futures closed to-day unchanged to ½d lower than yesterday; corn ½d higher.

At Chicago, December wheat closed to-day ⅞c higher than yesterday, December corn ¼c higher, and December oats unchanged.

Winnipeg December wheat closed ⅝c higher than yesterday, December oats ⅛c higher.

Chicago car lots to-day: Wheat, 51; contract, 11. Corn, 393; contract, 2. Oats, 22; contract, 161.

Winnipeg wheat receipts to-day were 165 cars, against 200 a week ago and 240 a year ago. Oats to-day, 52; a year ago, 65. Barley, 2, 5. Flax, 8, 18.

Duluth receipts of wheat to-day were 117 cars, against 105 a week ago and 52 a year ago. Minneapolis, 238, 250, 275.

Winnipeg Inspection.

Winnipeg cars of wheat graded as follows to-day: No. 1 northern, 12; No. 2 northern, 58; No. 3 northern, 38; No. 4 northern, 25; No. 5 northern, 9; No. 6 northern, 6; rejected, 7; feed, 1; winter wheat, 10.

Primaries.

	To-day.	Wk. ago.	Yr. ago.
Wheat receipts	675,000	618,000	522,000
Wheat shipments	508,000	250,000	206,000
Corn receipts	1,229,000	1,187,000	831,000
Corn shipments	379,000	621,000	285,000
Oats receipts	759,000	.....	.....
Oats shipments	694,000	.....	.....

Visible Supply.

Bradstreet's estimate the visible supply of wheat east of Rockies, decrease, 1000 bushels during past week; Canada, increase, 723,000 bushels; U. S. and Canada, increase, 722,000 bushels; afloat and in Europe, decrease, 2,800,000 bushels; total, decrease, 2,078,000 bushels. Corn, increase, 1,142,000 bushels. Oats, increase, 1,288,000 bushels.

European Visible.

European visible: Wheat, 113,600,000, against 116,480,000 last week; decrease, 2,880,000. Last week there was a decrease of 2,760,000, and last year a decrease of 1,300,000, when the total was 77,500,000.

Broomhall's Cable.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—The market opened quiet and unchanged, with offerings lighter, prompted by the persistent steadiness in America. Following the opening, some realizing developed, and prices declined. Pressure was brought about by increasing Australian and Argentine offers at lower prices, which met with a poor enquiry. Crop and weather reports from Argentine continue favorable. Just before midday some covering of shorts caused a steadier tone, and prices reacted from the low. This support was attributed to the decrease in European visible, which in two weeks has amounted to 5,640,000, together with less favorable condition in the United Kingdom and France.

Foreign Crop Summary.

Broomhall's weekly foreign crop summary is as follows:

United Kingdom.—Owing to the continued wet weather, the growing wheat plant is beginning to show deterioration.

France.—Prospects for the growing crop are poor as a result of floods, and as a result holders of native wheat are firm. Our agent reports that much foreign wheat will be needed to make up the deficit.

Germany.—In the west there are complaints of too much rain; otherwise the outlook is favorable. There are sufficient supplies of native wheat to take care of export demand.

Roumania.—The crop outlook is favorable, with the weather mild.

Bulgaria and Hungary.—The crop outlook is generally favorable, with the exception of those parts where vermin has caused damage.

Italy.—There has been some damage to the growing crops as a result of the recent floods.

Spain.—The crops on the whole are favorable, altho some little damage from floods.

Russia.—The crop outlook generally is satisfactory thruout the entire country. The weather is mild; stocks are liberal.

North Africa.—There have been partial rains, which have to some extent relieved the drought, and the situation is less critical.

Argentine.—The weather conditions continue favorable for harvesting. Our agent cables direct from Buenos Ayres that there are some complaints regarding the corn crop as a result of lack of rain, but this will not take a serious aspect until the end of the month.

Stocks of Grain.

Grain in store at Chicago:

	Dec. 19.	Increase.	Last yr.
Wheat	9,765,000	*192,000	5,381,000
Corn	915,000	214,000	2,000,000
Oats	10,437,000	82,000	5,291,000
Contract:			
Wheat	5,717,000	254,000	2,849,000
Corn	71,000	11,000	1,224,000
Oats	5,225,000	191,000	2,855,000

*Decrease.

Farmers Holding Wheat.

Reports from the branches of the Sterling Bank of Canada indicate a very conservative movement in Ontario wheat in the last two weeks, farmers holding for higher prices up to this time.

ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 1100 bushels of grain, 12 loads of hay, and 2 loads of straw, with large receipts of dressed poultry.

Wheat—Two hundred bushels sold at 85c to 86c for fall and 89c for goose.

Barley—Four hundred bushels sold at 56c to 62c.

Oats—Five hundred bushels sold at 27c to 28c per bushel.

Hay—Twelve loads sold at $16 to $17 per ton.

Straw—Two loads of loose sold at $8 per ton.

Poultry, Wholesale.

M. P. Mallon, wholesale dealer, reports receipts as being large. Mr. Mallon stated that there was going to be plenty for all demands for Christmas, and prices were likely to go lower. Turkeys, 22c to 24c; geese firm at 15c; ducks scarce at 17c; chickens plentiful at 11c to 16c; hens, 12c.

Grain—		
Wheat, bushel	$0 85	to $0 85
Wheat, goose, bush	0 80	....
Rye, bushel	0 67	....
Barley, bushel	0 60	0 62
Buckwheat, bushel	0 48	....
Peas, bushel	0 78	0 80
Oats, bushel	0 37	0 38
Seeds—		
Alsike, No. 1, per bush	$7 00	to $7 50
Alsike, No. 2, per bush	6 50	7 00
Alsike, No. 3, per bush	5 50	6 00
Red clover, No. 1, bush	7 00	7 25
Red clover, No. 2, bush	6 00	6 50
Red clover, No. 3, bush	5 00	5 50
Hay and Straw—		
Hay, per ton	$16 00	to $17 00
Clover or mixed hay	9 00	14 00
Straw, loose, ton	8 00	....
Straw, bundled, ton	17 00	....
Fruits and Vegetables—		
Onions, bag	$0 90	to $1 00
Potatoes, per bag	0 80	0 90
Carrots, per bushel	0 35	0 40
Apples, per barrel	2 50	4 50
Cabbage, per dozen	0 30	0 35
Dairy Produce—		
Butter, farmers' dairy	$0 25	to $0 30
Eggs, strictly new-laid, per dozen	0 55	0 60
Poultry—		
Turkeys, dressed, lb	$0 23	to $0 25
Geese, per lb	0 14	0 16
Spring chickens, lb	0 14	0 17
Spring ducks, lb	0 17	0 18
Fowl, per lb	0 12	0 13
Fresh Meats—		
Beef, forequarters, cwt	$7 00	to $8 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	9 50	10 50
Beef, choice sides, cwt	8 50	9 25
Beef, medium, cwt	7 50	8 50
Beef, common, cwt	6 00	7 00
Mutton, light, cwt	8 00	10 00
Veals, common, cwt	7 50	9 00
Veals, prime, cwt	10 00	12 00
Dressed hogs, cwt	9 50	10 00
Lambs, per cwt	10 00	11 00

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, car lots, per ton	$12 50	to $13 50
Hay, car lots, No. 2	8 50	10 50
Straw, car lots, per ton	7 00	7 50
Potatoes, car lots, bag	0 70	0 75
Butter, separator, dairy, lb	0 24	0 25
Butter, store lots	0 21	0 22
Butter, creamery, lb. rolls	0 26	0 27
Butter, creamery, solids	0 25	....
Eggs, new-laid	0 40	....
Eggs, cold storage	0 26	0 27
Cheese, lb.	0 12	0 12½
Honeycombs, dozen	2 00	2 50
Honey, extracted, lb	0 10	0 11

Hides and Skins.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street. Dealers in Wool, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Raw Furs, Tallow, etc.:

No. 1 inspected steers and cows	$0 10	to $....
No. 2 inspected steers and cows	0 09	....
No. 3 inspected steers, cows and bulls	0 08	....
Country hides, cured	0 08½	0 09
Country hides, green	0 08	....
Calfskins	0 11	0 13
Lambskins	0 50	0 60
Horsehides, No. 1	2 75	3 00
Horsehair, per lb	0 30	....
Tallow, No. 1, per lb	0 05½	0 06

Toronto Sugar Market.

Sugars are quoted in Toronto, in bags, per cwt., as follows:

Extra granulated, Redpath's	$4 70
do. St. Lawrence	4 70
do. Acadia	4 60
Imperial granulated	4 55
Beaver, granulated	4 55
No. 1 yellow, Redpath's	4 30
do. St. Lawrence	4 30
do. Acadia	4 30
do. Acadia, unbranded	4 10

These prices are for delivery here. Carlots 5c less. Prices in barrels are 5c more per cwt.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Local grain dealers' quotations are as follows:

Oats—Canadian western oats, No. 2, 38½c; No. 3, 36½c, lake ports; Ontario, No. 2, 32c; No. 3, 31c, outside.

Wheat—No. 2 red, white or mixed, 85c to 86c, outside.

Rye—No. 2, 59c to 60c, outside.

Barley—For feed, 50c; for malting, 57c to 58c, outside.

Buckwheat—46c to 47c, outside.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 northern, 98c; No. 2 northern, 95½c; No. 3 northern, 93c, track, lake ports.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, new, 52½c, Toronto freights, prompt shipment from Chicago.

Peas—No. 3, 78c to 80c, outside.

Manitoba flour—Quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $5.40; second patents, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70.

Ontario flour—Winter wheat flour, $3.55 seaboard.

Mill-feed—Manitoba bran, $19 per ton; shorts, $21; Ontario bran, $20 in bags. Shorts, $22, track, Toronto.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

	Close Dec. 19.	Open.	High.	Low.	Cl.
Wheat—					
Dec.	89⅝	90⅛	90⅝	90⅛	90⅝
May	94	94	94⅝	94	94⅝
July	95	95¼	95½	95¼	95½
Oats—					
Dec.	22⅝	22⅝	22¾	22⅝	22¾
May	26⅛	26⅛	26¼	26⅛	26¼

Chicago Markets.

J. P. Bickell & Co., Manufacturers' Life Building, report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade.

	Close. Dec. 19.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—					
Dec.	90⅞	91	91⅞	91	91⅝
May	93⅝	93⅞	94¼	93⅝	94⅛
July	92⅞	93⅛	93⅞	93	93⅝
Corn—					
Dec.	45¼	45⅝	45⅞	45¼	45½
May	47⅛	47¼	47⅝	47⅛	47⅜
July	47⅞	48	48½	48	48⅛
Oats—					
Dec.	31¼	31¼	31⅜	31⅛	31¼
May	33⅞	33⅞	34⅛	33⅞	34
July	33¾	33⅞	34⅛	33¾	33⅞
Pork—					
Jan.	19.40	19.50	19.77	19.50	19.62
May	18.15	18.20	18.47	18.15	18.37
Lard—					
Jan.	10.40	10.42	10.65	10.42	10.57
May	10.05	10.10	10.22	10.10	10.17
Ribs—					
Jan.	10.27	10.27	10.62	10.27	10.47
May	9.62	9.65	9.77	9.65	9.75

Chicago Gossip.

J. P. Bickell & Co. say at the close: Wheat—Higher. Firm cables and improving cash demand were the factors in creating light pit offerings, session closing with a net gain of ¾c to ⅞c. Market, tho dull, is displaying a great deal of firmness, and, in our opinion, a good covering movement is likely any moment. Crop conditions are not assuring, and cash demand broadening. These factors, together with a large short interest in futures, creates substance for better values. On all declines we advise purchases.

Erickson Perkins & Co. had the following at the close:

Wheat—The market opened a shade higher, and has ruled strong all day. Prices advanced about 1c from the low point of yesterday. Continued talk of dry weather in the southwest seemed to be the chief bull incentive, and not only caused shorts to cover, but induced some new buying. The leading longs have absorbed wheat on the weak spots the past few days, which left the market bare of offerings.

Corn—The market ruled firmer in sympathy with the strength in wheat. Offerings were light, and there was some buying by wheat bulls. Yesterday's local short sellers covered. The movement keeps very large, and we believe that in the end it will tell on the price.

Oats Prices fractionally higher with other grains. Cash houses were sellers of December, with local professionals the best buyers.

New York Dairy Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Butter—Firm; receipts, 9442; creamery, specials, 31c; extras, 29½c to 30c; third to first, 27c to 29½c; held, creamery, second to special, 24½c to 30c; process, second to special, 22c to 25½c; factory, June make, 22c.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged; receipts, 2110.

Eggs—Barely steady; receipts, 6812; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery, white, fancy, 50c; do., gathered, white, 40c to 43c.

78 CARS AT CITY YARDS QUALITY OF CATTLE GOOD

Trade and Prices Steady to Strong—Hogs Firmer—Sheep, Lambs and Calves Steady.

Receipts of live stock at the City Market, as reported by the railways, were 78 carloads, consisting of 1052 cattle, 1798 hogs, 1555 sheep and lambs, with 123 calves and one horse.

The quality of the cattle was much better than usual.

Trade was good in all departments, with prices firm for cattle, especially the common and medium grades, which were in demand.

Butchers.

Geo. Rowntree bought 14 carloads, or about 200 cattle, for the Harris Abattoir Company, as follows: Butchers' steers and heifers at $5.25 to $6.10; cows at $2.50 to $5.60; bulls at $3.75 to $5.

Stockers and Feeders.

Stockers and feeders are in excellent demand. Feeders, $4.75 to $5.30; stockers, $4 to $4.65.

Milkers and Springers.

The general range of prices was from $50 to $60, altho two choice cows were sold at $65 each.

Veal Calves.

Prices ranged at from $4.50 to $8.25 per cwt., and one Christmas calf sold at $9 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.

Wesley Dunn reported prices as follows: Ewes, $4 to $4.60; rams, $3 to $3.50 per cwt.; lambs, $5.75 to $6.35 per cwt.

Hogs.

Selects, fed and watered at the market, $6.75 to $6.85, and $6.40 to $6.50 for hogs from drovers at country points f.o.b. cars.

Representative Sales.

Corbett & Hall sold five loads of live stock, as follows: Butchers' steers and heifers at $5.15 to $5.80; cows, $4.25 to $5, and 40 lambs at $6 per cwt.

Maybee & Wilson sold: 21 butchers, 980 lbs., at $5.70; 20 butchers, 980 lbs., at $5.85; 14 butchers, 980 lbs., at $5.80; 4 butchers, 1100 lbs., at $5.40; 20 cows at $4.20 to $4.70; 6 cows, 1200 lbs. each, at $5; 2 milkers at $85 each; 13 milkers at $55 each; 20 canners at $2.75 per cwt; 1 calf, 2.5 lbs., at 9c per lb.; 1 calf, 160 lbs., at 7c per lb.

C. Zeagman & Sons sold: One load of yearling stockers, 530 lbs., at $4.20; one late springer, $85; one bull, 1260 lbs., at $4.50; one bull, 880 lbs., at $4.25; one stocker, 710 lbs., at $4.60; one deck of lambs, 100 lbs., at $6; 14 rough eastern calves, 230 lbs., at $4.

Dunn & Levack sold: 2 butchers, 1030 lbs. each, at $5.25; 15 butchers, 1000 lbs. each, at $5.90; 4 butchers, 860 lbs. each, at $5.75; 20 butchers, 1135 lbs. each, at $5.70; 2 butchers, 1020 lbs. each, at $5.70; 22 butchers, 930 lbs. each, at $5.60; 16 butchers, 925 lbs. each, at $5.50; 6 butchers, 960 lbs. each, at $5.45; 20 butchers, 965 lbs. each, at $5.25; 11 butchers, 940 lbs. each, at $5.25; 16 butchers, 850 lbs. each, at $5.25; 4 butchers, 960 lbs. each, at $5.25; 13 butchers, 820 lbs. each, at $5; 5 butchers, 710 lbs. each, at $5; 6 butchers, 795 lbs. each, at $4.85; 4 butchers, 845 lbs. each, at $4.65; 3 butchers, 833 lbs. each, at $4.35; 2 butcher bulls, 1640 lbs. each, at $5; 2 butcher bulls, 1400 lbs. each, at $4.75; 3 butcher cows, 1215 lbs. each, at $4.90; 3 butcher cows, 1135 lbs. each, at $4.75; 2 butcher cows, 1125 lbs. each, at $4.70; 7 butcher cows, 1140 lbs. each, at $4.60; 10 butcher cows, 1100 lbs. each, at $4.50; 3 butcher cows, 1120 lbs. each, at $4.50; 7 butcher cows, 1060 lbs. each, at $4.35; 18 butcher cows, 1025 lbs. each, at $4.05; 12 butcher cows, 1000 lbs. each, at $4.15; 3 butcher cows, 1030 lbs. each, at $3.05; 3 butcher cows, 1020 lbs. each, at $2.90; 11 milch cows, $60 each; 1 milch cow, $60.

Crawford & Co. sold 3 carloads of lambs at $6.

R. J. Collins sold 1 load butchers, 880 lbs., at $5.40; cows, 1050 to 1150 lbs., at $4.40 to $5.25; 1 deck of lambs, 93 lbs. each, at $5.90, and sheep, 140 lbs. each, at $4.60.

Representative Purchases.

Wesley Dunn bought 50 sheep at $4.50 per cwt.; 800 lambs at $5.90 per cwt.; 50 calves at $4.50 to $8.25 per cwt.

E. Puddy bought 100 hogs at $6.85 fed and watered; 20 butchers' cattle, 950 lbs. each, at $5.60 per cwt.

W. J. Neely bought 80 cattle for the Park, Blackwell Co., as follows: Steers and heifers of medium to good quality at $5 to $5.65; good cows, $4 to $4.75; common cows, $3 to $4; canners at $2.50 to $2.75.

Jos. Wilson, jr., bought for the D. B. Martin Co. 1 carload of cows at $4.40 to $4.75.

Wm. Crealock bought for D. B. Martin Co., 60 cattle, good at $5.50; medium, $5 to $5.25; common, $4.75 to $5; cows, $4.25 to $5, and canners, $2.50 to $2.90.

Market Notes.

Russell H. Taber of Condie, Saskatchewan, an Ontario boy, who has won success in the northwest, both as a farmer and horse-breeder, was in the city this week. Mr. Taber sails on Saturday with Wm. Montgomery of Scotland to bring from that country a consignment of horses. Mr. Taber had 115 acres of wheat that yielded him 25 bushels per acre, which he sold at $1 per bushel.

There will be an auction sale of live stock at Nobleton on Friday, Dec. 23, commencing at 2 p.m. The stock consists of colts, Holstein springers, and a lot of young cattle, all of good quality.

Dunn & Levack topped the market with 2 Christmas cattle, 1030 lbs. each, at $6.25. But remember, it was only two out of 1000 cattle that brought that price, and we did not hear of any others that even reached $6 per cwt.

At the close of the market there was a considerably easier feeling as regards prices for butchers' cattle.

CATTLE MARKET

Hogs Higher at Buffalo and New York—Trading More Active.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Beeves—Receipts, 559; no trading in live cattle; feeling steady; dressed beef quiet and unchanged, at 8c to 10½c.

Calves—Receipts, 340; veals steady, $7 to $11; western calves slow, $4.25 to $8.75; dressed calves steady; city dressed veals, 12½c to 16½c; country dressed calves, 9c to 14c.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1680; very little trade; lower to sell; common sheep, $3.50; medium to good lambs, $6 to $6.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 6192; firm to higher; medium to light weight, $8.20 to $8.50 (outside figures for pigs).

East Buffalo Live Stock.

EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 250 head; active and steady.

Veals—Receipts, 2000 head; fairly active; heavy, 5c to 10c higher; pigs, 10c to 15c lower; heavy, mixed and yorkers, $8.10 to $8.15; pigs, $8.15 to $8.25; roughs, $7.25 to $7.75; dairies, $8 to $8.15.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 6000 head; slow; yearlings steady; others 15c to 25c lower; heavy lambs, $5 to $5.65; handy lambs, $5 to $5.35; yearlings, $4.75 to $5; wethers, $3.25 to $4.10; ewes, $3.50 to $3.75; sheep, mixed, $3 to $3.22.

Chicago Cattle Market.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 5000; market strong; beeves, $4.55 to $7.25; Texas steers, $4.20 to $5.30; western steers, $4.10 to $5.90; stockers and feeders, $3.40 to $5.90; cows and heifers, $2.40 to $5.15; calves, $7.25 to $9.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; market active at early prices, about yesterday's average; light, $7.55 to $7.70; mixed, $7.40 to $7.75; heavy, $7.35 to $7.75; rough, $7.25 to $7.45; good to choice, heavy, $7.45 to $7.75; pigs, $6.90 to $7.75; bulk of sales, $7.50 to $7.70.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 20,000; strong; native, $2.50 to $4.30; western, $2.65 to $4.30; yearlings, $4.40 to $5.75; lambs, native, $4.25 to $6.65; western, $4.75 to $6.65.

POULTRY AND MEAT SHOW

Merchants at St. Lawrence Market Make Fine Display.

The merchants of St. Lawrence Market are making a fine display of poultry, dead meat, vegetables and flowers, such as has not been seen in the City of Toronto for many years.

The market will be open until 10 p.m. from Wednesday to Saturday, inclusive, and an orchestra will be in attendance on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoon.

The citizens are cordially invited to view this excellent exhibit free of charge.

COBALT CENTRAL DIRECTORS

Faction Headed by Bradley Ousts Nevins Interests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—After a fight lasting over a year, the committee of the Cobalt Central stockholders organized by J. S. Bradley, have finally won out. At the recent meeting in Portland, Me., an overwhelming quorum was established by the votes and proxies held by Bradley.

Over 3,000,000 votes were cast by Bradley. The new directors include W. I. Heal, L. Bordwell, Hector M. Hitchings, J. S. Bradley and Julius Reffelt. The latter was also elected treasurer.

Resolutions were passed authorizing the directors to repudiate and oppose any bankruptcy proceedings in Canada or Maine. The directors also decided to take such steps as may be necessary to secure a full and complete accounting regarding the disbursements of the old board and take such steps as they deem wise about reorganizing the company.

The meeting of the Cobalt Central creditors has been postponed until Jan. 9.

IMPORTANT STRIKE

High Grade Ore Encountered on Hargrave at 300 Foot Level.

The most important strike yet made in the Hargrave mine, was announced by wire from Cobalt yesterday afternoon. High grade ore was encountered at the 300 foot level in the No. 3 vein, about 80 feet in from the Kerr Lake line. It is four inches wide. On the same vein sixty feet above, a drift is being run on the vein toward the Kerr Lake line and high grade ore has continued all the way in the face of the drift.

Before the Kerr Lake line is reached, it is expected that this vein will widen out to about ten inches, as it is that width where it enters the Hargrave from the Kerr Lake. Very rich ore is now coming from the No. 1 vein, both from the old workings and the new winze, sunk quite recently. It is running from 5000 to 6000 ounces to the ton.

New York Curb.

Chas. Head & Co. (R. R. Bongard) report the following prices on the New York curb:

Argentum closed at 1½ to 2; Bailey, 7 to 8; Buffalo, 2 to 2¼; Bay State Gas, ⅝ to ¾; Colonial Silver, ¼ to ⅝; Cobalt Central, 8½ to 9½, high 9, low 8, 10,000; Foster, 5 to 10; Green-Meehan, 1 to 3; Hargraves, 25 to 30; Kerr Lake, 6 12-16 to 6 15-16, high 6 15-16, low 6¾, 1000; King Edward, 8 to 11; La Rose, 4½ to 4¾; McKinley, 1.22 to 1.... 500 sold at 1.23; Nipissing, 10¾ to 10⅞; Otisse, 1 to 2; Silver Queen, 4 to 10; Silver Leaf, 4 to 6; Trethewey, 1.13 to 1.20; May Oil, 68 to 70; June Oil, 12 to 15; Yukon Gold, 3 15-16 to 4.

Conservatory Recital.

An interesting recital was held in the Conservatory of Music hall by pupils of the pianoforte, vocal and violin department (junior grade), at which the following program was given: Gilder, Carnival Dance, Miss May Gillespie; Chopin, Marche Funebre, Miss J. Clarke; Paderewski, Melodie, op. 8, No. 3, Miss Gladys Hall; Cowen, The Promise of Life, Miss Evelyn May Baker; Godard, second valse, Miss Grace Craig; Tosti, Good-bye, Miss Fannie Stipe; Chopin, waltz, D flat, op. 64, No. 1, Miss Doris Hewlett; Galloway, The Gypsy Trail, Mr. Donald Atkinson; Godard, Berceuse (from Jocellyyn), Miss Kathleen Asman; Schubert, Hark! Hark! the Lark, Miss Florence Dobbyn; Ambroise, vals, Brillante.

Earl Grey in the City.

His Excellency Earl Grey, Lady Evelyn Grey and Lord Lascelles arrived in the city yesterday morning at 8.20. The party were met at 9 o'clock by Lieutenant-Governor Gibson, whose guests they will be during their stay in the city.

Earl Grey's visit is largely of a private nature. Last night he dined at the York Club. At 11 o'clock this morning he will attend a meeting of the Boy Scouts at the city hall, and at 3.30 in the afternoon will distribute the prizes won at the Canadian Rifle League matches to the cadets at Harbord Collegiate Institute. At 4.30 his excellency will preside at a meeting of the St. John's Ambulance Association in the Normal School, returning to Ottawa by the evening train.

Old-Time Actor Dead.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 20.—The body of a man who died at the Allegheny General Hospital last Thursday night, and which has been unclaimed at the Pittsburg morgue here, was identified as that of Gilbert Sarony, the old-time actor. The identification came thru a letter from Mrs. Nellie Sarony, his wife, in Brooklyn, who had been quietly informed by some friends in the theatrical profession that the body in the morgue, and which was likely to be buried in the Potter's Field, as an unknown dead, was that of her husband.

Strangled Himself in Cell.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—Edward Morris, aged 43, civic chimney sweep, was discovered to have strangled himself in his cell in the police station last night. Morris was suffering from the effects of a heavy drinking bout.

Auction Sale of Farm at Oshawa

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Friday, Dec. 23rd, at 2 p.m.

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Cobalt---Important Strike Reported on Hargrave—Mining Stocks Turn Firmer

Undertone Continues Sound Higher Prices Made by Cobalts

Floating Supply of Securities in Market Decreasing, and Tendency Has Improved—Higher Priced Stocks Easier.

World Office.
Tuesday Evening, Dec. 20.

The various Cobalt issues listed on the local mining markets continued to display a general firm attitude to-day, and further advances were registered in several instances.

Trading was on a much more moderate scale than during the last few days, but this was due to a scarcity of offerings rather than to a lessened interest in the market. The buying was of a responsible nature thruout, and it was found more than usually difficult to pick up stocks except at advanced figures.

There is undoubtedly a smaller volume of floating stock on the market, this being occasioned by a lessening of the liquidation which has governed the action of the exchanges for sometime now. Holders of securities are evidently not disposed to realize on their stocks at present low prices, having lost to the decision that the recent heavy decline was unwarranted.

Hargrave was the feature of the market, these shares selling up a full four points to 27. The rise was occasioned by reason of the announcement that a most important strike had been made on the property at the 300 foot level. Very little stock was forthcoming on the advance, tho more was offered at the close when the demand fell away to a certain extent.

There were various other advances thruout the list, but these were generally fractional. Beaver gained a full point, and Wetlauffer was also stronger, but elsewhere the movement was insignificant.

The higher priced Cobalts were dull at small declines. Hollinger dropped back to $3.75 under profit-taking sales.

Rich Mining Find.

QUEBEC, Dec. 20.—A mine of gold, silver and copper has just been discovered at Lack au Sable, in the County of Port Neuf, a distance of about fifty miles from Quebec. The mine is two miles distant from the Canadian Northern Railway line. Mr. O'Balski, mining engineer, ex-superintendent of Quebec mines, has examined some samples, and he estimates that the mineral is worth $17.50 a ton.

Prison Roads Into Porcupine.

The three prison roads into Porcupine from the T. & N. O. Railway have been cut thru by prison labor. From Matheson to Porcupine the road is 34 miles, from Kelso the distance is 26 miles. Two roads have been cut thru from Kelso. The first follows the old winter road across Pather Paradis' landing, and the second follows the road staked out this year. All these roads lead to Hill's Landing. From there to Porcupine the one highway is followed. Prisoners will continue on these roads all winter, extending them from twenty feet to forty feet in width.

BULLION SHIPMENTS.

Two consignments of silver bullion were shipped from Cobalt last week, one from the Timiskaming, consisting of 27 bars, of weight 19,824 ounces, and value $8627, going to England, and the other from the Buffalo, 12 bars, weighing 14,400 ounces, and valued at $7,000, being sent to the American Smelting Company, New Jersey.

The total bullion shipments this year to date follow:

	Ounces.	Value.
O'Brien	201,770	$169,424
Nova Scotia	121,999	77,250
Buffalo	125,724	62,149
Timiskaming	88,054	42,676
Crown Reserve	60,921	22,891
Crown Res. (Silver Leaf)	3,729	1,173
La Rose	44,057	23,339
Cobalt Gem	10,890	5,890
Beaver	3,168	1,239
Colonial	1,008	623
Campbell & Deyarle's sampling works, name of mine not disclosed	1,264	539
Totals	770,162	$418,898

Toronto Stock Exchange Curb.

—Morning Sales.—

Little Nipissing—200 (sixty days) at 14¾, 2000 (sixty days) at 14¾, 2000 at 14¼, 700 at 14¼, 1000 at 14¼, 500 at 14¼, 1000 at 14, 500 at 14¼.

Right-of-Way—500 at 28.

Rochester—700 at 4.

Gifford—500 at 3, 500 at 3, 500 at 3, 400 at 3.

Peterson—1500 at 14½.

Beaver—500 at 27½.

—Afternoon Sales.—

Hargraves 500 at 26¾, 1500 at 29, 500 at 26¾, 500 at 26¾, 500 at 26¾, 500 at 26¾, 500 at 26¾, 500 at 25¾, 500 at 25¾, 500 at 26.

Great Northern—500 at 10½, 500 at 10½, 500 at 10½, 500 at 10½, 2000 at 10¾, 1000 at 10½.

Little Nipissing—1000 at 13½.

Coniagas—50 at 5.50.

Peterson Lake—200 at 15.

Rochester—2000 at 4½.

Wetlauffer—500 at 1.07.

Dominion Stock Exchange.

—Morning Sales.—

Beaver—1000, 500 at 27, 500, 1500, 2000, 500, 10½, 1000, 500, 1500 at 27¼, 1000 at 27⅜, 2000, 5000 at 28 (thirty days).

Cobalt Lake—500 at 13.

Gifford—1000 at 3½.

Great Northern—1000, 500 at 10.

Little Nipissing—500 at 14, 1000, 1000, 1000 at 13¾.

Ophir—500 at 15¼, 400 at 15, 500, 200 at 14¾.

Otisse—500 at 1¾.

Peterson Lake—1000, 1500 at 14¼.

Rochester—500 at 4¼, 1000, 2000 at 4½.

Right-of-Way 500, 500 at 28.

Trethewey—100, 100 at 114½, 200 at 114.

—Afternoon Sales.—

Cobalt Lake—500 at 12¾.

Hargraves—1000 at 25½, 500 at 26, 500 at 27, 1000, 500 at 26½, 1000, 1000 at 26, 1000, 1000 at 25¾, 1000, 1000 at 25⅞.

Little Nip.—1000 at 13¾, 1000 at 13¼, 1000 at 13⅜, 500 at 13¼.

PRICE OF SILVER.

Bar silver in London, 25 3-16d oz.
Bar silver in New York, 54½c oz.
Mexican dollars, 45c.

Standard Stock and Mining Exchange.

	Sell.	Buy.
Amalgamated	2	1
Bailey	7¼	7⅛
Beaver Consolidated	28	27¾
Big Six	...	...
Black Mines Con., Ltd	4	1
Buffalo	2.20	2.00
Chambers - Ferland	16	15½
City of Cobalt	21	20
Cobalt Central	9½	8½
Cobalt Lake	13	12
Coniagas	5.75	5.40
Crown Reserve	2.75	2.71
Foster	7	5
Gifford	3¾	2½
Great Northern	10½	10
Green - Meehan	1⅞	1¾
Hargraves	28	25¾
Hudson Bay	120	111
Kerr Lake	7.00	6.75
La Rose	4.55	4.50
Little Nipissing	13⅝	13¼
McKinley Dar. Savage	1.24	1.23
Nancy Helen	4	1
Nipissing	10.90	10.00
Nova Scotia	20	15
Ophir	20	15
Otisse	2	1¾
Peterson Lake	15	14¾
Right-of-Way	28½	27
Rochester	4⅝	3⅝
Silver Leaf	6	5
Silver Bar	3	1
Silver Queen	5	4
Timiskaming	34	33
Trethewey	1.14	1.13½
Watts	3	....
Wetlauffer	1.08	1.05

—Morning Sales.—

Bailey—200 at 7½, 500 at 7¼, 500 at 7½, 1000 at 7⅜.

Beaver—100 at 27, 500 at 27, 500 at 26¾, 500 at 26¾, 500 at 27⅜, 500 at 27⅝.

Cobalt Lake—500 at 12½, 500 at 12½.

Chambers-Ferland—100 at 15.

Green-Meehan—500 at 1¾, 5000 at 1¾.

Great Northern—2500 at 10.

Hargraves—200 at 22, 1000 at 22.

Kerr Lake—100 at 6.80.

Little Nip.—1000 at 14, 500 at 14, 1000 at 14, 1000 at 13¾, 500 at 13¾, 2000 at 13¾, 2000 at 13¾, 1000 at 13¾, 1000 at 13¾, 500 at 13¾, 500 at 13½, 500 at 13½, 500 at 13½