THE LOCAL MARKET FIRM.

NEW YORK STOCKS WEAKER AND THE MARKET DULL.

Grain and Produce Markets Quiet—Cox & Co.'s Private Wire Despatches—Oil Higher Than Last Year—Failures—Stocks in Store and the Visible Supply.

MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 19.

Stocks were a shade firmer at home to-day while in New York the market was weaker, though London was generally firm. The grain and produce markets were quiet and steady.

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The local stock market this morning was very dull, though the majority of stocks were a shade firmer. Montreal unchanged with buyers at 205; and Ontario lower at 108 bid. Merchants' advanced a point and a half to 119½ bid. Commerce lower with sales at 108¼ and 108¾. Imperial firm at 136 bid and Federal steady with sales at 183. Dominion firm at 266 and Standard unchanged with buyers at 120. Loan and miscellaneous shares dull. British America Assurance sold at 89 for 1 share, and Western was 127 bid. Northwest Land was easier, 20 shares selling at 50 and the stock closing at that price bid. Western Canada Loan wanted at 150 ex dividend, without sellers. Imperial Savings 110 ex.dividend bid, and Manitoba Loan offered at 100 ex-dividend without bids. The others are unchanged.

In the afternoon the market showed a little more activity and prices stronger. Montreal 4 higher at 206 bid. Ontario held a point better at 112 and Toronto advanced a point in bid to 136. Merchants' 119 bid and Federal sold higher at 83. Dominion sold at 266¾. Western Assurance sold 2 points higher at 129 and Consumers' Gas stronger at 176½ bid. Northwest Land sold a point better at 51 and 51½. Canada Permanent reported with a sale at 206¾ and London and Canada L. and A. 1½ better at 144½ bid.

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Transactions to-day were: Morning—Commerce 15 at 108¼, 20 at 108⅛; Federal 5, 20 at 182½; British America 1 at 89; Northwest Land 20 at 50. Afternoon—Federal 11 at 183; Dominion 6 at 266½; Western Assurance 20, 30, 20, 20, 30 at 129; Northwest Land 20, 20 at 51, 35 at 51½; Canada Permanent 50 at 206¾ rep.

Following are the closing prices on the local stock board to-day:

STOCKS.	B N. Asked.	B N. Bid.	4 P.M. Asked.	4 P.M. Bid.
Montreal	207	206¾	...	206
Ontario	112	108	113	108
Toronto	140	136	...	136
Merchants'	119½	119¼	121	119
Commerce	109¼	108¾	109¼	108¾
Imperial	132	129	131	129
Federal	184	182½	183	182½
Dominion	268	266¾	268	266¾
Standard	121½	120½	121½	120
Hamilton	...	132	...	132
Miscellaneous.				
B. America	89	88	89	88½
West. Assurance	129	127	129½	128
Confed. Life Association	250	240	...	...
Consumers' Gas	178	175	179	176½
Dominion Telegraph	...	78	...	78
Montreal Telegraph Co.	81	...	...	...
Northwest Land Co.	51½	50	51½	50½
Can. Pacific RR. Grant Bonds	108	100	...	...
Loan Companies.				
Canada Permanent	208½	...	...	...
Union	135½	...	...	...
Canada Landed Credit, xd	110	...	...	...
Freehold	162	160	...	...
B. & L. Association, xd	...	130	...	...
Imperial S. & Invest.	112½	110	...	...
Farmers' L. & Savings, new	110	...	...	...
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	146	145	...	144½
National Investment	103	...	...	...
People's Loan, xd	103	...	...	...
Manitoba Loan, xd	100	...	...	...
Huron & Erie, xd	...	...	...	...
British Can. L. & Invest.	...	...	...	...

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

The market to-day was not very active. Stocks opened irregular about Saturday night's prices and sagged off to the close, showing a decline of from ¼ to 1½, the latter being Reading and Richmond and Terminal. Canadian Pacific was an exception and closed unchanged at 60½.

Cox & Co. received the following despatch over their private from New York to-day: There are very slight indications of increased activity in the Stock Market. The borrowing demand for stocks to good raises 2 to 5 per cent. The temper afternoon is bullish and the least encouragement from the leaders would start an upward movement.

To-day's quotations were as follows:

STOCKS.	Opening.	High est.	Lowest.	Closing.
Canadian Pacific	60¼	60¼	60¼	60¼
New York Central	...	...	...	...
Canada Southern	55¼	55¼	55¼	55¼
Delaware & Lackawanna	138	137½	138½	137½
St. L., Lake Erie & Western	28¼	28¼	28¼	28¼
do. do. pfd	...	...	...	...
do. do. Seconds	...	...	...	...
Illinois Central	118	118	118	118
Central of New Jersey	74¾	74¾	73¾	73¾
Michigan Central	17¾	18	17¼	17¾
Louisville & Nashville	60¾	60¾	59¾	60
Lake Shore & Mich. South	84	84	83¾	83¾
Michigan Central	...	...	...	...
St. Paul	105¼	105¼	105¼	105¼
Missouri Pacific	87¾	87¾	87¼	87¼
New York & New England	37¾	37¾	37	37
Northern Pacific	26¼	27	26¼	26¼
do. pfd	46¼	47	46	46
Chicago, St. P., Minn. & Om.	39¼	39¼	38¼	38¼
Oregon Railway & Nav. Co.	88	88¼	88	88¼
Oregon & Transcontinental	20¾	21¼	20¾	20¾
Pacific Mail S.S.Co.	35¼	35	35	35
R.L. & W. Pac. R. Terminal	22¼	22¼	21¾	21¾
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	74¾	74¾	73¾	73¾
do. pfd	116	116	115¾	115¾
Western Union Telegraph	77¾	77¾	77	77¼

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EUROPEAN AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The London market was quiet-to-day and American securities were sparingly dealt in.

The Bank of England rate remains unchanged at 4 per cent.

Canadian Pacific sold to-day at 62½ in London, 60¾ in New York and 60½ in Montreal.

In Oil City to-day oil opened 1 higher at 79¾, touching 79¼ and 81¾, being at the latter price, which is the highest this year and a fraction higher than the top price last year.

London financial notations to-day were: Morning—Consols 101 9-16 for money, 101 13-16 for account; U.S. 4's 131; U.S. 4½s 110½; Erie comm. 29; Erie 2d 103; C. P. R. 68¾; N. Y. C. 113; Ill. Cent. 120¾. Afternoon—Consols 101 11-16 for money, 101 13-16 for account, Ill. Cent. 121.

The liabilities of Joseph Kidd & Co., merchants and millers, of Dublin, Ont., Seaforth and Goderich, amount to $150,000. Amongst the Toronto creditors are the Canadian Bank of Commerce, $40,000; Frank Smith & Co., $10,000, and McMaster, Darling & Co., $7000. The other liabilities are of smaller amount. It is understood that the Bank of Commerce is fully secured by mortgages on real estate. The firm has not been in a very substantial position for some time. It is not expected that any other firms will become involved through this failure. E. R. C. Clarkson of Toronto is the assignee.

Mr. F. A. Richardson, Fronteneck, Niplissing, general dealer, has assigned to E. R. C. Clarkson. He estimates his liabilities at $9800, and assets $8500.

Foreign exchange is quoted by Gzowski & Buchan to-day as follows:

IN NEW YORK	Posted.	Actual.
Sixty days' sterling	$4.83	$4.82¼ to
Sterling demand	$4.86¼	$4.85¾ to

TORONTO.	Between Banks. Bid.	Between Banks. Asked.	Counter.
New York Funds	par	¼ pm	¼ to
Sixty days' Sterling	$ 9/16	9/16	⅝ to 9/16
Demand	4c.	3-16	9/16 to 9/16
Cable	4c.	...	...

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GRAIN and Produce.

The grain and produce markets show little improvement, but are generally quiet and steady.

On call at the Board of Trade to-day: No. 2 fall 83c bid for 10,000 bushels; No. 2 spring 75c offered for five cars; No. 2 red winter 83c bid; No. 1 Manitoba hard offered at 87c and 88c to arrive, 86c bid; No. 1 Northern May delivery offered at 92c. Peas offered at 62c on track to arrive, 62c bid.

The visible supply of wheat shows an increase of 1,336,200 bush, corn 434,932 bush, and oats a decrease of 37,236 bush.

The car lots received at Chicago to-day were: Winter wheat 11, spring wheat 219, corn 422 and oats 167.

The report of receipts of hogs from the Chicago stock yards to-day is: Estimated receipts, 16,500; official on Saturday, 10,550; shipments, 4480; left over, about, 3000. Cattle—Receipts, 1000.

LOCAL STREET MARKET.

The local market was quiet to-day at steady prices. About 300 bushels of wheat offered and sold at 82c to 85c for fall, 77c to 83c for spring, and 88c to 90c for goose. Barley steady, with sales of 1000 bushels at 60c to 78c. Oats nominal at 32c to 36. Peas are quoted at 62c. Hay in fair supply and prices steady at $10 to $12 for clover, and $13 to $16 for timothy. Straw quiet and prices steady, with a sale at $12. Dressed hogs quoted at $6.00 to $6.65. Beef $3 to $5 for forequarters, and $5 to $7 for hindquarters. Mutton $6 to $6.50, lamb at $6.50 to $7.50, veal $6.50 to $8.

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ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The retail market showed little activity to-day; prices firm. Beef, 12c to 16c; sirloin steak at 13c to 14c; round steak 10c to 11c. Mutton, legs and chops, 12c to 13c; inferior cuts 8c to 10c. Lamb 7c to 9c for front, and 11c to 12c for hindquarters. Veal, best joints 11c to 13c; inferior cuts 5c to 8c. Pork, chops and roasts 10c. Venison, carcass $4 to $5; haunches $3 to $10. Butter, lb. rolls 22c to 23, large rolls 20c to 22; inferior 16c to 18c. Lard, tubs 9c to 10c. Cheese 14c to 16. Bacon 10c to 12c. Eggs 20c to 22c. Turkeys 5½c to 7c per lb. Chickens, per pair 30c to 35c. Geese 40c to 60c; box lots 5c to 6c per lb. Ducks 35c to 60c. Partridges 65c to 60c. Potatoes, per bag 90c to $1. Apples, per barrel $2 to $2.25. Beets, per bush. 60c to 75c. Onions, bushel $1.50 to $1.80. Celery 50c to 60c a doz. Turnips, bag 40c to 50c. Carrots, bag 50c to 60c.

TORONTO STOCKS IN STORE.

Following is the supply on hand for Toronto as compared with Monday of last week and this week of last year:

	Dec. 16.	Dec. 12.
Fall wheat	30,475	23,231
Spring wheat	83,998	58,563
Oats	16,106	14,500
Barley	182,225	183,450
Peas	1,967	2,475
Rye	3,706	4,219
Mixed wheat	2,001	2,001
		Dec. 20, 1886.
Fall wheat	...	38,267
Spring wheat	...	70,860
Oats	...	4,893
Barley	...	208,669
Peas	...	13,327
Rye	...	4,219
Mixed wheat	...	3,910

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

The visible supply as quoted to-day and compared with last week is:

	Dec. 19.	Dec. 12.
Wheat	42,940,442	42,604,182
Corn	5,545,341	5,160,009
Oats	6,161,978	6,299,294
Barley	3,250,473	3,597,757
Rye	220,119	223,159

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THE CHICAGO MARKET.

In Chicago to-day wheat and corn opened fractionally lower and oats unchanged. They were all inclined to be weak throughout the day, wheat closing ⅛c, corn 1c and oats ⅛c lower. Pork opened 7½c higher at $15.60 and after several ups and downs closed at $15.70, the lowest of the day. Lard opened 5½c higher at $8.25 and closed at that price, having touched $8.30 and $8.32½.

Cox & Co. received the following despatch from Chicago to-day: The market opened steady with cables dull and easy. Foreigners, New York, Geddes, Pool, Gifford and local commission houses were the largest buyers. Dryer Warner, and a local commission house, buying. Gifford & Brosseau have lately been large buyers. Estimates on visible conflict. Good estimate will probably be above 1,000,000 increase. It is generally thought that receipts will be the key to this week's market. Unless receipts of hogs are large for this week further advance in them and lard is considered likely. Local buying has been large and it is thought that good sized short interest is forming.

The following table shows the fluctuations of the Chicago market to-day:

		Opened.	Closed.	Highest.	Lowest.
Wheat	Dec.	$ 75¾	$ 74¾	$ 75⅝	$ 73¾
"	Jan.	76⅛	75⅝	76⅞	75⅛
"	Feb.	77	76½	77	76½
"	March	77⅝	76⅞	77⅝	76⅞
"	May	80⅝	79⅝	80⅝	79⅝
Corn	Dec.	47½	46½	47⅝	46½
"	Jan.	46¼	47⅛	46¼	45⅞
"	Feb.	46¾	45½	46¾	45½
"	March	...	...	...	...
"	May	48⅝	48⅝	48⅝	48⅝
Oats	Dec.	...	...	...	...
"	Jan.	32⅝	32⅝	...	...
"	Feb.	31⅛	30⅝	31⅛	30⅝
"	March	...	...	...	...
"	May	33¾	33⅝	33¾	33⅝
Pork	Dec.	...	...	...	...
"	Jan.	15.00	15.05	15.12½	15.00
"	Feb.	15.40	15.35	15.40	15.25
"	March	...	...	...	...
"	May	15.60	15.70	15.80	15.70
Lard	Dec.	7.35	7.35½	7.35	7.32½
"	Jan.	7.40	7.37	7.42½	7.30
"	Feb.	7.37½	7.35	8.00	7.30
"	March	8.00	8.05	8.12½	8.00
"	May	8.25	8.25	8.32½	8.20
Short ribs	Dec.	...	...	...	...
"	Jan.	7.32½	7.15	7.32½	7.15
"	Feb.	7.40½	7.35	7.40½	7.35
"	March	8.05	7.92	8.05	7.92
"	May	8.20	8.15	8.20	8.15

LATER—Leading futures closed: Wheat—Dec. 75¾c, Jan. 76½c, Feb. 76½c, May 80c. Corn Dec. 47½c, Jan. 47½c, Feb. 48½c, May 54½c. Oats—Jan. 32½c, Feb. 30½c, May 33½c. Mess Pork—Jan. $15.05 Feb. $15.22, May $15.70. Lard—Jan. $7.35, Feb. $7.35, May $8.25. Short ribs—Jan. $7.15, Feb. $7.35, May $8.15. Cash quotations were: No. 2 spring wheat 75½c to 75¾c, No. 2 red 77½c. No. 2 corn 45c. No. 2 oats 31c, pork $15 to $15.10, lard $7.35 to $7.90, short ribs sides $7.10 to $7.15, dry salted shoulders $5.50 to $6, short clear sides $8.10 to $8.15. Receipts—Flour 35,000 bbls, wheat 113,000 bush, corn 190,000 bush, oats 118,000 bush, rye 3000 bush, barley 40,000 bush. Shipments—Flour 27,000 bbls, wheat 18,000 bush, corn 73,000 bush, oats 87,000 bush, rye 2000 bush, barley 47,000 bush.

The Board of Trade decided to-day to adjourn from Friday afternoon, Dec. 23 to Tuesday morning, Dec. 27.

NEW YORK MARKET.

Cotton quiet; uplands 10½c, Gulf 10¾c. Flour—Receipts 47,567 pkgs, weak; sales 18,000. Wheat—Receipts 88,250 bush, exports ——— bush, sales 2,008,000 bush futures, 127,000 bush spot; options declined ¼c to ⅝c early, closing steady at a trifle above the bottom; spot ⅝c to ¾c lower; No. 1 red 93½c, No. 1 white 92c, elevator 93½c f.o.b., No. 2 red Dec. 88⅝c to 89⅝c, Jan. 89 3-16c to 89¾c, Feb. 90⅛c to 91⅛c, May 93 5-16c to 93 5-16c. Barley steady; Canada extra No. 2 92c, No. 1 95c, No. 1 bright 98c. Corn—Receipts 17,722 bush, exports 970 bush, sales 324,000 bush, futures, 24,000 bush spot; ⅛c to ¼c lower, closing No. 2 Jan. 61c to 61¾c, Feb. 61½c to 62¼c, May 62½c to 62¾c. Oats—Receipts 54,000 bush, sales 205,000 bush futures, 123,000 bush spot, ¼c to ½c higher, No. 2 Dec. 37½c, Jan. 37⅞c to 38c, Feb. 38½c to 38¾c, May 39½c to 39¾c, No. 2 37½c to 37¾c, mixed western 36c to 38c, white do. 38c to 43c. Sugar steady; standard "A" 6 56 100c to 6⅞c, cut loaf and crushed 7⅛c to 7⅜c, granulated 6⅞c.

BEERBOHM'S REPORT

Beerbohm reports to-day: Floating cargoes—Wheat and corn, slow. Cargoes on passage—Wheat and corn quiet, of a holiday character. Mark Lane—Wheat, a turn easier; corn, American firm. Danish quiet, flour quiet; spot good; Danish corn, 24s 3d, was 24s 3d; prompt shipment, 23s 9d, was 24s. Good cargoes No. 1 Cal. wheat off coast, 33s 6d, was 33s 9d to 33s 9d.

French country markets firm; farmers' deliveries 70,000 qrs., average price 31s 3d, was 31s 3d. Paris—Wheat and flour firm. Liverpool—Wheat inactive; corn quiet and steady.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool reports to-day: Wheat quiet and steady, poor demand, holders offer freely; corn dull, no demand. Prices: Spring wheat 6s 8d to 6s 9d, red winter 6s 6d to 6s 9d, No. 1 Cal. 6s 9d to 6s 10d. Corn 4s 10½d. Peas 5s 7d. Pork 65s 3d. Lard 46s 9d. Bacon 39s. Cheese 58s.

OSWEGO BARLEY MARKET.

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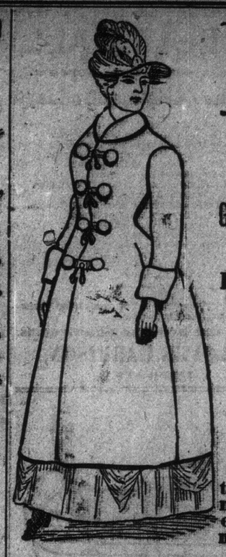

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