

THE MARKETS

Liverpool Grain Market Closed, Chicago Wheat Lower—Live Stock—The Latest Quotations.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 26. Liverpool with other English grain markets was closed today.

WINNIPEG OPTIONS. Following were the closing quotations yesterday at this market: Dec. 26, Jan. 7 1/2, May 7 1/2.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY. Dec. 26, '05, Dec. 27, '04. Wheat, 40,850,000 bushels, 2,718,000 bushels, 10,554,000 bushels, 7,208,000 bushels.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS. New York, Dec. 26, '05, Dec. 27, '04. Wheat, 81 1/2, 81 1/2, 81 1/2, 81 1/2.

TORONTO PRODUCE MARKET. Grain. Wheat, spring, bush, \$0.75 to \$0.80. Wheat, fall, bush, \$0.75 to \$0.80.

NEW YORK DAILY MARKET. New York, Dec. 26. Butter—Steady; receipts, 4674; official price extra creamery, 25c to 25 1/2c; official price extra creamery, common to extra, 15c to 20c.

CATTLE MARKETS. Cables Unchanged—U. S. Markets Are Quiet and Steady.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK. Receipts were light at the city market, only 3 car loads of cattle, 62 in number, all told, which came in over the C. P. R.

EAST BUFFALO CATTLE MARKET. East Buffalo, Dec. 26.—Receipts, 200; fairly active and steady; prime steers, \$2.00 to \$2.10; shipping steers, \$1.75 to \$1.85; butchers, \$1.50 to \$1.60; heifers, \$1.25 to \$1.40; cows, \$1.20 to \$1.30; calves, \$1.00 to \$1.10; stock heifers, \$2.25 to \$2.40; stock cows, \$2.00 to \$2.10.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK. New York, Dec. 26.—Beef—Receipts, 4223; heavy and medium, \$12.00 to \$13.00; light, \$10.00 to \$11.00; calves, \$10.00 to \$11.00; hogs, \$10.00 to \$11.00; sheep, \$10.00 to \$11.00.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Chicago, Dec. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 18,000; market steady; common to fancy steers, \$3.75 to \$4.75; heifers, \$3.50 to \$4.50; cows, \$3.00 to \$4.00; calves, \$4.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$10.00 to \$11.00; sheep, \$10.00 to \$11.00.

ALLAN COMPANY FINED \$500. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 27.—When the Allan liner Corinthian arrived here a week ago from Liverpool she had among her passengers a Chinaman bound for Hamilton, Ont., who had not the needed papers, and as a consequence was not allowed to land.

MISS BOOTH'S LOSS. New York, Dec. 27.—It was learned Monday that Commander Eva Booth of the Salvation Army had her chatelaine bag cut from her.

HUMMEL RE-ARRESTED. New York, Dec. 27.—Abraham M. Hummel, the lawyer convicted of conspiracy in the Dodge-Morse divorce case, and released on \$10,000 bail, was re-arrested yesterday.

COTTON MAKERS' PLEA. Valleyfield, Que., Dec. 27.—The Textile Commissioners held a meeting here yesterday. Mr. Simpson and other prominent residents were examined and advocated increased protection.

FARM HOUSE BURNED. Perth, Ont., Dec. 26.—The farm house of William Lee, concessioner of Bathurst, was burned to the ground yesterday morning while Mr. Lee and family were attending church in Perth. Loss \$2,000.

SUCCESSORS TO INJURIES. Toronto, Dec. 26.—Robert McCulloch died yesterday from injuries received through falling in a tank of boiling water at Saint Ste. Marie on Dec. 26. He leaves a family of four orphan children.

PRESIDENT OF THE ZEMSTVO

Dmitri Shipoff Issues a Plea to All Having the Welfare of Russia at Heart to Work For a Peaceful Election—Story of a Mistake That Cost Four Men Their Lives—The Female Assassin.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14.—(Evening.)—Via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 15.—It seems to be beyond question that bloody collisions have occurred between troops and the united peasantry and workmen in the streets of Riga, during which machine guns were used.

Dmitri Shipoff's Plea. St. Petersburg, Dec. 14, via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 15.—The Emperor's day, Dec. 19, will be signalized by an important peasant manifesto and the publication of the election law.

Dmitri Shipoff, president of the Moscow zemstvo, is out with a strong appeal all having the welfare of the country at heart without regard for party affiliation to unite in the restoration of order and thus insure peaceful elections and the convocation of the National Assembly.

The post telegraph congress at Moscow is still holding out, insisting that the strikers can be victorious, although unless a new development enters into the situation their cause apparently is lost.

Runs On the Banks. Nevertheless the strikers can cripple the postal services for an indefinite period, it is impossible for the Government to secure a resumption of telegraphic communication.

The desperate strikers here continue their attacks on mail wagons and the robbery of letter boxes. The provincial zemstvos are complaining that they are unable to collect taxes without the aid of the Federal Government.

General Was Sorry. The arrival of Gen. Maximovich, successor of the late Gen. Sakharoff at Saratoff, was signalized by an unfortunate incident. The peasants in the district of Balascheff had been "rounded up" by the authorities, with the aid of Cossacks, in order to persuade them to return the wood and other property which they had stolen.

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CLOSER AND CLOSER. Church Conference Finds a Basis for Practical Work in Coming Together. Toronto, Dec. 23.—The official report of the proceedings of the church union committee, which has been in session this week in the Metropolitan Church, prepared and published under authority by the secretaries, was made public last evening.

Summing Up Resolution. The judgment of the joint committee respecting these reports is summarized in the following resolution, which was moved by Rev. Principal Scribner, and seconded by Rev. Principal Shaw, and unanimously adopted: "That this joint committee, having received the reports of the various sub-committees on doctrine, polity, and law, the ministry, administration and law, and also the reports of the various denominational committees, rejoices among the substantial unity existing among the negotiating churches, and feels encouraged in continuing further negotiations for union."

Franchise For All Hungarians. Budapest, Hungary, Dec. 20.—The terms of the proposed universal male suffrage bill, made public yesterday, give the franchise to all Hungarians over 24 years of age, who are able to read and write, provided that voting shall be direct and secret, and that any one entitled to vote shall also be qualified for election, provided he has been a Hungarian subject for ten years, and has not been sentenced for dishonest practices.

TO GEORGEAL FACTS

Books of the Mutual Life Co. So Manipulated.

AN EXAMINER'S CONFESSION. Knew Report Wasn't True, But Didn't Do Anything, Admits Isaac Vanderpool, Chief New York State Examiner—President McCurdy Ordered the Transfers of Profits to Debit of Profit and Loss.

New York, Dec. 23.—Additional testimony as to the management of the Mutual Life was adduced yesterday before the Legislative Committee tending to show that the company had not profited from the sale of the securities to conceal the reduction of book values of real estate, or losses, as Counsel Hughes called them.

Francis Hendricks, superintendent of the State Insurance Department, when on the stand Thursday said he had never heard of such a thing, and that it had never been called to his attention.

Yesterday after auditors of the Mutual Life had testified to this fact, Isaac Vanderpool, chief examiner of the department, declared that he had not discovered the matter in his examination of the company last year, when in his report he gave the company what was practically a certificate of "good character."

These transfers of profits to the debit side of the profit and loss account were made by the auditors upon instruction of President McCurdy and Vice-President Grannis, and the written instructions were produced. They named the figures that adjusted the accounts, and last year, while there was really a profit of almost a million and a half dollars, when these transfers were made, no profit whatever was shown.

Vanderpool said he had examined the report of 1904, which showed no profit from the sale of securities. Although he knew this was untrue he did not so report it because he did not think it was necessary. The same situation existed in the New York Life, according to Vanderpool, although the practice was not general, and when asked what he did in the matter he said: "Nothing."

Vanderpool said he had examined the Hanover Bank account of the New York Life in 1904, and did not find the \$100,000 that was paid to Andrew Hamilton. He never knew of the year-end loans of the Metropolitan Life to Vermilye & Co., and never knew how they were handled in its collateral loans. He said he never in an examination of a company went back of its ledgers.

No Special Care. Henry D. Appleton, second deputy in the Insurance Department, was on the stand a large part of the afternoon. He said that no more attention is paid to the statement of a New York company than to that of any other state. No actual inspection is made of a report unless an examination is made.

The committee will resume next Wednesday.

INQUIRY INTO YORK LOAN. Officials and Some Employees of the Company Are Summoned.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Subpoenas were issued yesterday for a number of the officials and employees of the York County Loan Co. to appear before investigator W. H. Cross at the York Loan offices, Roncesvalles avenue, at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning.

W. T. White, manager of the liquidating company, says at this time it is impossible to estimate the cost of winding up the company or say how long it will take before affairs are in shape.

It is estimated that it will take perhaps four years.

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Santa Claus sometimes forgets, and the light of Christmas Morning or New Years Day sees much besides gladness. If you want to get back at some of your friends who unexpectedly surprised you by their kind remembrances; or if you feel you have overlooked some one in your bounty, and would like to fill a few more rows of stockings, play Santa Claus some more, and select something to wear for useful NEW YEAR'S GIFTS at B. J. GOUGH'S.

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AN ADROIT COUNTER

Bannerman's Coolie Policy Takes Starch Out of Tories.

OF LITTLE EFFECT FOR YEAR. Rand Officials Say 48,000 Chinese Coolies Are Already in Transvaal—Home Rule, in the Face of This Policy, Will Likely Be Practically Shelved—What Mining Officials Have to Say.

London, Dec. 23.—The announcement made by the Premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in his speech Thursday night has aroused a storm of indignation among the Conservatives as the result of which the question of the policy for Ireland appears likely to be well nigh forgotten.

Whatever may have been the intention of the Premier, his action is looked upon in some quarters as an adroit counter move to Balfour's plan for forcing discussion on already there, in any case it projects a new and totally unexpected theme of contention into the forefront.

It had been supposed that the new Government would do nothing of the kind without consulting a committee to consider the question. The leading officials of the Rand, as a general rule, reserve their opinions on the matter, but they admit that the action of the Government can have little effect for at least a year.

Chinese coolies are already there, while the original idea was to experiment with 50,000. The elections for the new Government of the Transvaal will take place in February.

What Mining Officials Say. Johannesburg, South Africa, Dec. 23.—Mining officials here deplore the action of the Home Government regarding the importation of Chinese coolies, as announced by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in London Thursday night.

In mining circles it is pointed out that expensive preparations are being made for the coolies, and that the prevention of their importation would entail much hardship on the mine owners.

The latter are determined to make a strong campaign with the possible result of serious difficulties. The cry is raised that the Government is interfering unwarrantably with the rights of the Transvaal. Many persons here look for an outburst of disloyalty.

WHAT WILL KITCHENER DO? Possible Result of Speech Made by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

London, Dec. 23.—The announcement of Premier Campbell-Bannerman in his speech at Albert Hall Thursday night at the opening of the electoral campaign, that the Government has given instructions for the stoppage of the importation of Chinese coolies to South Africa, caused the Rand market to open weak yesterday.

The Conservative papers refer to the step as being "the most serious taken by a responsible Government since the attempt to impose the stamp duty on the American Colonies." The possibility of Lord Selborne, the High Commissioner in South Africa, resigning is discussed.

Kitchener May Resign. The Premier's reference to Indian affairs, in which he said, "We shall make ourselves a party to no step involving an invasion of the sacred principle of the subordination of the military to civil authority," is taken by many military men to imply either the recall or the resignation of Gen. Lord Kitchener, the commander-in-chief in India, who successfully has disputed with late Viceroy, Lord Curzon of Kedleston.

Home Rule Policy. While the Premier had little to say on the Irish question, the Conservatives will take his announcement that "these domestic affairs which concern the Irish people alone and not us, should be in their hands" as a reiteration of the policy of home rule, and this will be the battle-cry of the Unionists in the impending campaign.

A HORRIBLE TRAGEDY. Woodstock Hotelman Decapitated by a C.P.R. Train.

Woodstock, Dec. 23.—It was a horrible death that awaited Henry Herlich at the C.P.R. station last night. In a pool of blood, with his head cut off and his trunk completely severed, he was found lying between the rails at a switch on the main track a hundred feet from the station.

How the accident occurred is unknown. At nearly 11 o'clock two young men came to the station from up town and were returning home along the tracks. Between the rails they discovered the body of the unfortunate man.

Friends who quickly gathered recognized the remains as those of Henry Herlich, proprietor of the C.P.R. Hotel, across from the station. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter.

Boy Killed Coasting. Peterboro, Dec. 23.—Adam Hayes, the 15-year-old son of Samuel Hayes, is dead, as the result of injuries received when coasting. His sled struck some bare ground, throwing him off. The sled struck him in the bow.

Killed by Scaffold's Collapse. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Joseph Renard of Montreal, foreman carpenter on the addition to the Western Department Block, was instantly killed yesterday morning by the collapse of a scaffold which precipitated him to the ground, a distance of about 50 feet. He landed on his head, crushing the skull in.

Locomotive Boiler Explodes. Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 23.—A Lehigh Valley locomotive, drawing a south-bound freight train, while pulling into a siding at Vanetten last night exploded its boiler, killing the fireman and fatally injuring four others of the train crew.

Coaches Roll Down Bank. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 23.—One passenger was killed and six were injured in a wreck on the Illinois Central Railroad near Holly Springs, Miss., yesterday. Two coaches of a northbound passenger train were derailed and turned over a 25 foot embankment.

Locomotive Explodes. Paterson, N. J., Dec. 26.—A railroad locomotive was partly blown to pieces, and two members of the train's crew were badly injured here yesterday by the explosion of the engine's boiler.

Fate of Crew Not Known. Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—With all her headgear torn away and her topsails set, an unknown three-masted schooner has sunk in 12 fathoms of water six and a half miles northeast of winter quarter lightship and directly in the path of coastwise navigation. The fate of her crew is not known here.

Twelve Seriously Hurt. Durango, Cal., Dec. 26.—The east-bound Denver and Rio Grande passenger train from Silverton, well loaded with passengers, was wrecked three miles from here Sunday and many of the passengers were injured, twelve of them seriously.

China-Jap Treaty Signed. Peking, Dec. 21.—The China-Japanese treaty was signed yesterday. The Chinese commissioners signed the treaty and later solely to Manchurian affairs and that the reports of a China-Japanese alliance are false.

SUICIDE OF A "SANTA CLAUS."

Joseph Miller Buys Children Presents and Then Hangs Himself.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—By hanging himself with a shawl strap to the post of his bed, Joseph Miller, aged 28 years, of 512 West Front street, committed suicide last night.

Miller was taken to his room about 7 o'clock and at 8 o'clock his wife found him dead.

Dr. George Smith was called, but nothing could be done. Coroner Wilson decided not to hold an inquest.

Miller came from North Gwillimbury three weeks ago, and although he had often declared he would commit suicide, last night he seemed to be in good spirits.

In the afternoon he drew \$5.65 from the bank and bought some presents for his little children and wife. This seems to point to the fact that his action was not premeditated. His action is attributed by his wife to a sudden fit of melancholy.

Direct Line With Mediterranean. London, Dec. 23.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, at the Chamber of Commerce banquet in Paris, spoke in support of the projected steamship line between Montreal and Mediterranean points.

M. Lemeux described the strong sympathy of the French-Canadian to France, the land of their fathers, a sympathy which existed side by side with firm attachment to Great Britain.

Vesselmen Object. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Vesselmen from the Maritime Provinces are complaining of the \$5 tax exacted by the United States from Canadian vessels touching at ports in the Eastern States.

The money is taken in the form of a fee for a certificate for a clean bill of health, which must be obtained. As to the head tax, it is asserted, is collected rascally, seemingly at times when money is needed.

Massacre Goes On. London, Dec. 23.—A despatch to The Evening Standard from Constantinople says that the Turkish Consul at Batoum reports that the Armenians are massacring Tartars at the rate of 600 daily.

Farmer Drops Dead. Gorrie, Dec. 23.—John Doig of Garriek Township dropped dead Thursday at the farm of his brother-in-law, John Inglis.

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MAGISTRATE ON PLUMBERS.

How Col. Denison of Toronto Would Deal With Bonus Men.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—"Conspiring one with the other by deceit and falsehood, or other fraudulent means to defraud the City of Toronto of \$500 in connection with the Isolation Hospital," was the charge preferred yesterday morning against nineteen plumbers in connection with the Plumbers Combine.

Mr. W. R. Riddell, K.C., on behalf of the defendants intimating that there might be a plea of guilty; but Col. Denison said he would not try the case which he thought was a serious one. "It is a case, his Worship remarked, in which, if there was a conviction before me I would not fine them, but would imprison them."

Mr. Joseph Harrison, explained the system by which the tenders for the plumbing contract, and the heating and ventilation contract, gave I. O. U.'s of \$20 and \$25 respectively to eleven other firms tendering, making a total of \$495. The amount had, however, now been repaid to the city.

It was said intimate that the amounts and the I. O. U.'s in other cases would also be repaid.

Will Not Obey Summons. St. John, N. B., Dec. 23.—James Pedder, of the Pender Nail Works, and Wm. Bruckoff of the Portland Rolling Mills here, were served with summonses Thursday in connection with the inquiry at Toronto regarding the combine in tacks. Pedder said Thursday night that he had not taken legal advice as to his action, but he had not made tacks for ten years. He doubted the power of the summonses in New Brunswick. Bruckoff told a reporter he would not go to Toronto. The summonses are returnable Dec. 28.

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