Stock Market News

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.

TO-DAY'S OPENING.

Beth. Steel	54⅛
Mack Truck	85¾
Punta Sugar	64½
Sinclair	22⅝
Studebaker	97½
Union Pacific	127¾
U. S. Steel	101¼
Kelly Springfield	18⅜
Pan. American	46¾
Sub. Boat	9

Montreal.

Abitibi	62½
Brazilian	51
Can. Steamships pfd.	44¾
Consolidated Smelters	37
Dominion Canners	32
Howard Smith	64
Montreal Power	155
Spanish River	110
Spanish River pfd.	118
Cuban Cane pfd.	46

NEW YORK MARKET A TRADING AFFAIR.

(From Halifax Chronicle).

Johnston & Ward received the following over their private New York wire yesterday:

NEW YORK, March 10.—While very irregular and, of course, very narrow, the market has been a little finer this afternoon, some few of the specialties advancing moderately in the late trading. Mack Truck stockholders will vote on an increase of the capital stock from 320,000 to 500,000. It is said that this stock will be merely held in the Treasury.

Taken as a whole, to-day's market has been a trading affair, without very much progress on either side.

NATIONAL BREWERIES PROFITS INCREASE.

MONTREAL, March 11.—Operating profits of the National Breweries Ltd. for the year to December 31, 1923, amounted to $1,029,704 against $1,254,674 the previous year. After deduction of bond interest, depreciation and preferred dividends there remained applicable to the common stock the sum of $570,361, equivalent to 6.32 per share as compared with $787,722 or 8.73 per share in 1922. After payment of $360,688 common stock dividends there was a surplus of $209,673 against $427,034 the previous year.

The working capital at December 31 last stood at $1,292,340 compared with $961,302 at the end of 1922. The most notable change in the balance sheet is in reserves for depreciation of buildings and machinery which is up to $795,660 as compared with $608,567 the previous year.

Council of League Meets to Consider Matters of Moment

GENEVA, Feb. 10 (A.P.)—As one of the slogans of the new British labor cabinet is that more use be made of the League of Nations in the effort to put Europe's political house in order, special interest is attached here to the League which will be held at Geneva beginning March 10. On that occasion Lord Parmoor will make his official entrance on the league stage as the representative of Great Britain, replacing Lord Robert Cecil.

Lord Parmoor's program of activity is still an unknown quantity, but as Premier MacDonald has come out for the admission of Germany and Russia to the league, the new British delegate may come to Geneva with some tangible suggestions calculated to hasten the advent of the two great European powers who are still outside the league portal. Interallied military control of the Rhine district as linked up with the great problem of security for France, constitutes a weighty matter that may find an echo at the March council reunion. League officials point out that the treaty of Versailles provides that under certain conditions interallied control of affected German territory passes to the League of Nations, so that the question of league direction does not present difficulties once the great powers and Germany reach an accord and accept the impartial Geneva jurisdiction.

Several other matters of importance occupy a place on the March agenda. Americans will be interested in the presence at Geneva of Norman H. Davis, formerly assistant secretary of state, who is expected to deliver in person the report of his special commission on the complicated Memel dispute which continued to threaten the relations between Lithuania and Poland, and menace political conditions in the Baltic. The task of Mr. Davis and his fellow commissioners has been rendered more difficult by a recent letter received by the League of Nations from the conference of ambassadors, which voices the hope that the league inquiry will not repudiate the decisions already taken by the Paris ambassadorial body with regard to Memel.

Another important agenda item is the report of the jurists on questions touching a proper and equitable interpretation of the league covenant. This juridical study was a sequence of the Italian questioning of the competency of the covenant in the dispute which arose between Italy and Greece following the murder of Italian officers at Janina, and the subsequent bombardment of Corfu by an Italian squadron. It is reported at Geneva that the report handles diplomatically the delicate issue of bombardment, but that it hits out clearly on all other questions.

The naval experts who have been meeting at Rome may complete their draft of a proposed convention for the extension of the principles of the Washington naval treaty to non-signatory states, and may be able to make their report to the March meeting. This convention draft will form the basis of a later international conference. It will fix the allocation of replacement tonnage for South American countries and the lesser naval powers of Europe. Other matters on the agenda include the report of the health organization of the league, which is now seeking to co-ordinate international efforts in an attempt more successfully to combat epidemics.

The past month shows an increase of American collaboration with the League of Nations. Minister Grew came from Berne to take part in the deliberations to draft a new convention for the control of the international traffic in arms. This is in connection with the general drive of the league against excessive armaments, and is deemed of importance in view of Premier MacDonald's ambition to convoke a new international conference for the reduction of air and undersea warships.

A tribute to the capacity of American women has been paid by the appointment of Doctor Alice Hamilton of the Harvard Medical school as a member, the only woman member, of the permanent health organization of the league.

Archbishop DuVernet

MAKES THOUGHT TRANSFERENCE TEST.

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C.—(Canadian Press)—How a crude toy—a pendulum made by suspending a key from a piece of string—had made it possible for him to demonstrate the feasibility of thought transference, was explained by Archbishop DuVernet, whose experiments have aroused keen interest, to a group of young people here recently. The movement of the pendulum, in response, according to the Archbishop's theory, to concentrated thought, thrilled the gathering.

His Grace declared that thought transference had been accepted for many years as a theory, but had not been scientifically proved until recently. It remained for him, he stated, by the use of the Chevereuil pendulum to send thought messages at will at any time and under almost any conditions. He told of a number of well authenticated cases of thought transference, where people had received direct messages without the use of any mechanical device.

The differences between the cases outlined by the archbishop and those the subject of his experiments was that the former were messages conveyed direct to the conscious mind, whereas messages could be sent at will through the unconscious mind and intercepted through the muscles.

It was clear, he said, that if our thoughts are broadcast like a radio message and had an influence on the thoughts and actions of others, these thoughts should be of the right kind.

London Extends Joy Hours

DURING EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

London, Feb. 23 (A.P.)—London is a place where nearly everyone goes to bed early and gets up late, but just to please the tourist joy-seekers coming to the Empire Exhibition, it is going to let people have a good time up to 2 o'clock in the morning five days a week this summer. At present cabarets, restaurants and hotel ball-rooms close a little after midnight except on extension nights when one can dance until 2 o'clock in the morning. From April 1 until the Exhibition closes, every night will be extension night except Saturday and Sunday.

The London County Council, chief regulating authority on public behavior, has just yielded to widespread demand for making London a little gayer during the exhibition. But it hasn't yet yielded to the request that the late dancers be allowed to keep on buying champagne until the orchestra stops. Unless this is done the people out for a good time will have to buy enough liquor before 12.30 to keep them merry until 2.

Labor Party members of the London County Council were divided in their opinions about permitting diners-out to enjoy themselves after midnight.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid are holding an Entertainment in the Presbyterian Hall on Thursday evening, March 20th, at 8 o'clock. Programme will consist of songs and musical items. Also competition in which all can take part, and for which prizes will be given. Don't miss a jolly good time. Admission 30c.—mar19,2i

In Memory of You

Sleep, Comrade, sleep! You did not
die in vain,
For in this house to-night you live
with us again.
Your life you gave, dear Pal, in Flanders' sacred field
For freedom and democracy; even unto death did yield.

Sleep, Comrade, sleep! the poppies o'er
you grow,
Guardians of your tomb; we want the
world to know
That sacred ground wherein you lie
asleep
Is guarded day and night by Belgium's
sacred feet.

You left us, dear Pal, for a soldier's
reward;
To take up your home with our crucified Lord.
Our Comrade in France, with the
Heavenly Host,
In memory of YOU we sound the Last
Post.

Written by Lieut. Rickard
to the Boys who went Home from
the 14th Battalion, In France.

Lieut. Rickard will lecture with the picture "On Tour With Our Smiling Prince" which opens at the Star Movie Monday next.

Councillor Outerbridge Presented With Gift

On Saturday night last, the employees of the Prince's Rink waited on Councillor Outerbridge, the Manager and Secretary of the rink, and presented him with a handsome electro-silver toaster as a token of the good will existing between the rink employees and the manager. A touching address accompanied the gift and was read by Mr. L. S. Chancey on behalf of the employees as follows:—

"Dear Mr. Outerbridge:

With many heart aches and tears of regret, we are gathered here this evening to offer our condolences to you in this your hour of great grief. Your terrible loss lies heavy with us and as we are desirious of bearing part of your burden brought about by this tragic happening, we express ourselves as deeply lamenting the passing of one so near and dear to you. We are sensible of your agony because we are closely allied with you in your despair. Your season is dead and we mourn with you!

We have, however, often heard you remark that "it is a poor heart that never rejoices" and we rejoice now, because the opportunity has presented itself for us to express our gratitude for your many kindnesses during the time we have been under your managership. The past winter has been very trying in many ways as we all know, and we appreciate the manner in which you have smoothed over the rough spots and encouraged harmony and good fellowship at all times. In presenting to you this little present as a token of our continual esteem we wish you happy days and hope you will long be spared to continue as our leader.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) Frank Wilcox, James Wilcox, J. Bragg, S. Bragg, L. S. Chancey, J. Nugent, W. F. Power, A. Wilcox."

Mr. Outerbridge, who was entirely taken by surprise, replied briefly thanking the members of his staff for their kind gift. Everyone connected with the Rink had to put up with a discouraging winter owing to the mild weather conditions and he the more sincerely appreciated, at such a time, this spontaneous expression of the good will existing between the Rink employees and himself.

A Picture That Will Make You Gasp

"A BLIND BARGAIN"—GREATER THAN "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE."

The Nickel Theatre offers to the amusement lovers of St. John's, today and to-morrow the great film entitled "A Blind Bargain." This picture is of the "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," type, and is claimed by critics to even excel that wonderful story of Robert Louis Stevenson's.

Beyond the door in the above scene lie hidden dangers—a horde of apes—countless thrills. You will gasp at the year's biggest thriller. A Doctor, a mute servant, an Ape-Man and a brave girl are mysterious figures in this absorbing drama.

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Magistrates Court

YESTERDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

George England and Ralph Reid who have been held on remand charged with the larceny of goods to the value of $169.00, the property of M. J. O'Brien, Mundy Pond Road, appeared before Judge Morris yesterday, when both prisoners elected to be tried in the Lower Court. Upon the charge being put before them, they each entered a plea of "guilty." Head Constable Byrne stated for the information of the court that England made a voluntary statement of the crime which was also corroborated by Reid. This was put in as evidence. They confessed on the night of March 6th to breaking into the store of O'Brien and stealing there from a quantity of hams, cigarettes, tobaccos, potted meats, chocolates, etc. This they placed in bags and removed to a shed near the old railway station, using a horse and sleigh taken from a neighboring barn. They next told of visiting the store of J. Burnstein and asking for a drink. Noticing that Burnstein's store was not well supplied they offered to sell him their stock for $100.00. This was agreed to by the proprietor, and the stolen goods was brought to the house and placed in a bedroom upstairs. Burnstein stated at the time that it would not be safe to leave them downstairs. They made two trips, the proprietor paying them $25.00 and $3.00 respectively. Reid stated that Burnstein had told them to bring a bag every night and that if any trouble occurred he would not know them in the matter. Sentence was suspended pending the hearing of Burnstein's case.

THIS MORNING'S PROCEEDINGS.

At 11 o'clock this morning Joseph Burnstein was arraigned for preliminary enquiry re the O'Brien larceny, and through his counsel Mr. Jos O'N Conroy made a motion for trial in the Supreme Court. Inspector General Hutchings then pointed out to the court that it was necessary to make an amendment of the former charge before such procedure was taken, and therefore defined the charges as aiding, abetting and receiving. In the meantime the preliminary enquiry was proceeded with. The first witness called was M. J. O'Brien who identified the stolen goods purchased by Burnstein as his property. Five packages in all were labelled and put in as evidence. The court adjourned at 1 p.m.

Reward Offered for Missing Boy

We have received the following commication and have been asked to give it publication.

Mr. Editor,—

Dear Sir,—My boy has been missing since January 2nd, 1924. I have travelled on false clues over 12,000 miles of the diferent sections of the United States and Canada, and now trying to make a grand drive by calling the help of the different newspapers throughout the United States and Canada. This boy left a home of plenty, and disappeared completely out of sight from the above date.

I am making this ardent appeal to all the newspapers, not only with the hope of restoring him to his home but the saving of a mothers life who is slowly but surely dying away, and is only a question of how long she will last without getting some idea of his whereabouts.

Hoping this will not fall on deaf ears, you will lend me your co-operation and strength of the newspaper you represent. We are offering a $100 reward to the finder, and also willing to make a present of a $100 to the reporter who writes the story which is the means of bringing results. I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,
THOMAS FOLEY,
84 Newtown Ave.,
Astoria, Long Island, N.Y.C.

NOTE: Wire all information at my expense regardless of cost to the above address.

Description of Thos. (Bud) Foley.

Age, 15 years, looks 17.
Height, 5 feet 6½ inches.
Weight, 140 pounds.
Eyes, grey.
Complexion, light.
Hair, light.
Nose, very slight break, has bad habit of picking his nose which has enlarged his nostrils.
Born, in New York.
Wore dark mixed suit, light tan overcoat, tan cap, tan shoes.
Student at De La Salle Institute.
(Expert chauffeur.)

The Last Straw

NEW YORK—(By Canadian Press)—The recent snow and slush storm brought a modern Sir Walter Raleigh into view. He transported women across the slush filled streets for a fee of ten cents a trip. Business was good until the appearance of a woman weighing 190 pounds. A crowd of two hundred people gathered and the man for a consideration considerably above his normal fee agreed to transport his corpulent passenger. With his "fare" clinging ardently he assayed the trip and after much slipping and sliding reached the other side. Here he turned down a dozen slight comely women. "That's all," he said, "I'm through," and strode away.

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Criticisms of School Methods

Pupils Loaded up With Useless Facts Not Taught To Learn, Asserts Ernest Robinson, M.P.

Trenchant criticism of present day educational methods in the public schools was levelled on Sunday at the People's Forum, at the Church of the Messiah, by Ernest Robinson, M.P. for King's County, N.S. As an old-time teacher and school inspector, Mr. Robinson handled his subject "The Child and the Public School," from a professional standpoint, expressing the opinion that the present system was all wrong, doing everything for the child except teaching it to learn, and loading the students up with a mass of memorized material which they neither understood nor wanted to understand, so long as they could pass these "periodical abominations," the grading examinations.

Undoubtedly, he said, there had been marvellous progress in every way during the 19th century, but he thought future historians would agree the most remarkable movement of the century was the development of state-aided education, with the state in practically all civilized countries insisting that every child must be given at least an elementary education. This movement had grown from nothing before 1825, until to-day almost immeasurable sums were being expended on state-aided education. He attributed the feverish haste of this movement for education of the common people to the transference of power from kings and privileged classes to the democracy.

On the other hand, he pointed out that the lofty dreams of Franklin and others that universal education would end crime and war and empty the jails had proven fallacious, since both war and crime continued, and even juvenile crime was, if anything, on the increase. This meant either that education had been over-valued, or that children were being given the wrong sort of education, with a question as to whether the inconceivable sums being spent on public education were producing the right results.

Since the State spent so much for education it had the right to expect at least that the schools should turn out sufficient citizens, not specialists. Dealing in detail, Mr. Robinson said children were taught to read, but not to think what was meant by their reading, while the curriculum seemed to have the fatal effect of killing the natural curiosity of children for information. They were merely taught to memorize and patter off stuff they did not understand or want to understand.

In the same way with arithmetic, he argued every child leaving public school should, at least understand whole numbers and fractions, but the text books were tragic repetitions of mathematical puzzles, which did not give even a smattering of real knowledge. Geography was even worse ,with mere lists of statistics and facts, and nothing to give really useful information about countries, the causes of their climates and their products, vital matters in after life. History was as bad, with lists of dates of battles and kings whose main merit was that they were dead, instead of giving useful information as to the lives and conditions of peoples.

Hygiene teaching he denounced as absurd, with a lot of stuff about diseases, bones and nervous systems, instead of teaching health and the value of keeping well, pure air and water and proper food.

The chair was taken by W. C. R. Anderson, principal of the William Dawson School, and discussion followed the address.—Montreal Gazette.

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Sir George Foster

PROPOSES REDUCTION OF THE CABINET.

Ottawa, March 6.—That the Dominion Cabinet be reduced from seventeen to twelve Ministers, was the suggestion made by Sir George Foster in the Senate to-day. On grounds of economy, Sir George advocated the abolition of the Department of the Secretary of State, the merger of the Customs Department with that of Finance, the combining into department of Public Works, Railways and Canals, and Marine and Fisheries departments, the addition of the Solicitor-General's Department with the Justice Department and the merging of the Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment Department with the Defence Department. This would automatically abolish five cabinet portfolios which carry a salary of $10,000 a year each.

Sir George also recommended a business survey of the Civil Service to eliminate unnecessary expenditures. A pre-audit instead of a post-audit of expenditures, would prevent much extravagance.

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