

DROP IN EXCHANGE DEPRESSES STOCKS

Organized Labor's Attitude on
Railway Question Another
Unwelcome Development.

New York, Dec. 18.—An unexpected reversal in British exchange and the attitude assumed by organized labor in connection with the return of the railroads, caused today's dull stock market to yield some of the ground gained during the previous session.

The decline in bills on London, which fell about 13 cents below yesterday's rally, was attributed in some quarters to the decision of the British court removing the ban on imports into England. This theory found supporters among bankers and exchange dealers, who regarded the recent recovery as a natural rebound from excessive pressure.

Italy, especially low-grade issues, were depressed 1 to 5 points, but some of this loss was due to the fact that support accorded investment shares of that division.

Loans ruled at 6 per cent, the lowest rate of the week, but it was generally understood that the banks would not release this rate in moderate amounts, for the balance of the year.

The stock market became almost stagnant after the first hour, with alternate rallies and declines from the irregular opening. Oils, metals and stocks provided the chief elements of uncertainty.

Metals and sugars were among the few sustaining features, the former leading as a result of better prospects, while sugars strengthened on opposition in the senate to the extension of government control. Sales amounted to 700,000 shares.

The feature of the bond market was the activity of convertible or speculative railway issues, mostly at moderate concessions, several high-grade industrial issues also easing fractionally. Liberty bonds also shaded with several of the international war issues. Total sales (par value) aggregated \$24,450,000. Old U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

DOLLAR OF U.S. IS AT DISCOUNT IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, Dec. 18.—As a result of recent movements in international exchange the Argentine gold peso has been the most valuable unit of currency in the world, now being quoted for telegraphic transfer at a premium above even that quoted for Spanish pesetas, according to foreign exchange authorities. Since the end of the war Argentina has been a heavy exporter, which has resulted in most nations, including the United States, becoming its debtors. The U. S. dollar, which is at a premium in European countries, is quoted at a discount here.

ADVANCE IN PREMIUM ON NEW YORK FUNDS

The Canadian dollar is again losing ground in the United States, as indicated in a fresh stiffening in the quotation for New York funds in the local market. Since reaching the maximum of 11 per cent. premium a week ago yesterday, the funds have been ruling for several days at a premium of 7-1/2 per cent., but yesterday the premium advanced to 8 per cent.

Another Gold Shipment?

New York, Dec. 18.—Gold coin amounting to \$250,000 has arrived in New York from Ottawa. This is the balance of \$10,000,000 shipment made by the Canadian government, under the Lize exchange between New York and the Dominion.

It is understood a further shipment of \$10,000,000 will follow within the next few days.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 18.—Money 1 1/2 per cent. Discount rates, short and three months' bills, 5 1/2 per cent.

Glaxbrook & Crown, exchange and gold brokers report exchange rate at 3.39 p.m. yesterday as follows:

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N. Y. f.d.s.	7 1/2	7 1/2	1/4 to 1/2
Mont. f.d.s.	par.	par.	1/4 to 1/2
Cable tr.	Open.	Close.	
Ster. dem.	411	410	
Sterling in New York:	Open, 3.79 3/4;		
	low, 3.78 1/2; close, 3.78.		

BANK OF FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The weekly statement of the Bank of France shows the following changes: Gold in hand, increased 273,040 francs; circulation, decreased 200,613,570 francs; silver in hand, decreased 4,147,730 francs; treasury deposits, decreased 12,015,388 francs; general deposits, increased 128,999,665 francs; advances, increased 12,359,552 francs; new advances to the state, aggregated 500,000,000 francs.

FOOD PRODUCTS PAYS EXTRA.

New York, Dec. 18.—The United Food Products Company today declared an extra dividend of 1-1/2 per cent. in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1-1/2 per cent.

Julius Kessler, president of the company, announced today that it has 1,000,000 gallons of whiskey on hand. One-half of this amount has been sold for export, he said.

TRUST COMPANIES' PROBLEMS.

The Executor and Trustee, a quarterly bulletin published by the Toronto General Trusts Corporation, has again made its appearance, and the matter contained is, as in earlier issues, of great interest to all who care to study the problems legal and otherwise, which trust companies in Ontario are called upon to deal with. The leading article is an exposition of the broad lines of trust company service. Another traces the history of surrogate court in the province, also treated, and some interesting extracts from the address by F. A. Vandestrapp in Toronto, are quoted.

NO CHANGE IN RATE.

London, Dec. 18.—The rate of discount on the Bank of England remained unchanged at six per cent. today.

PASSING OF OPEN AIR CURB.

New York, Dec. 18.—Plans for the New York curb market to go into operation advanced today when \$1,000,000 was paid for a building site at Trinity Place and Greenwich street, by the Curb Market Association. Construction is expected to start immediately. Completion of the building will result in the abolition of open air trading on Broad street, which for years has been a feature of the financial district for visitors.

BOSTON BANK CLOSES

Boston, Dec. 18.—The old South Trust Company, one of the smaller banking institutions here, closed its doors today, under order from State Bank Commissioner Thorndike. The closing followed a run on the bank.

BANK CLEARANCES

Clearings of Toronto banks for the week ended yesterday, with comparisons, were:

This week	\$112,749,437
Last week	110,181,936
Year ago	76,129,013
Two years ago	61,295,067

Clearances for the week at Montreal amounted to \$154,239,366, as against \$133,706,183 for the week, in 1918, and \$89,707,527 in 1917.

Clearances elsewhere include the following:

Ottawa	\$11,472,188
Winnipeg	66,275,206
Hamilton	7,391,834
Halifax	5,230,592
London, Ont.	3,794,167
St. John, N.B.	2,437,561
Brantford	1,490,839
Windsor	2,948,607

TRADING IS LIVELY IN SPANISH RIVER

Tram Power, Quebec Railway
and Montreal Power Are
Also Active.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Spanish River furnished the greatest number of shares to the market today, followed by Tram Power in the United Department, and Quebec Railway and Montreal Power. The high and irregular trading, with the exception of the upward swing between 25,000 and 30,000 shares, Spanish River dealings amounted to 30,000, and on this trading the stock rose about 1/2 point, with the close at 2 1/2. The upward swing brought the price down to 85 1/2, from which there was a gradual recovery to 86 1/2, and a further reaction to 86 1/4, with the close at 86 1/4. The day's trading was a net loss of 1/4 point.

Tram Power sold to the number of 7000 shares, and with fluctuations of 1/2 point, practically to fractions, rose to the closing price being but a fraction under the high and representing a net gain for the day of 1/4 point.

Montreal Power with dealings in 4000 shares, continued the upward swing begun the preceding day, advancing as high as 92 1/2, without important fluctuations, and closing at 92, a net gain of 1/4 point.

Quebec Railway was traded in to the extent of 500 shares, and reached a new high level for the year at 30.

Bank Clearings of Week Of Chief Cities of the West

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Following are the bank clearings for the principal cities of western Canada for the week ending today: Winnipeg, \$66,275,206; Vancouver, \$14,707,108; Calgary, \$8,659,609; Edmonton, \$6,369,755; Regina, \$4,325,450; Victoria, \$3,048,032; Saskatoon, \$2,281,575; Moose Jaw, \$1,778,663; Brandon, \$1,027,328; Fort William, \$1,218,021; Lethbridge, \$826,620; Medicine Hat \$655,160; New Westminster, \$557,053.

STERLING IS WEAK

New York, Dec. 18.—Foreign exchange rates suffered another decline at the opening of the local market today. Demand bills on the pound sterling were quoted at \$2.78 3/4, below yesterday's close. There was a fractional advance in New York funds on Canada, being quoted at 7 1/2 per cent. premium. French cheques dropped 11 centimes to 11/16 for the American dollar, and lire cheques were off 15 centimes at 15/32 for the dollar.

Sterling dropped another cent in early trading, making the rate 1/16 below yesterday's high. The decline was attributed to the decision of the king's bench division that the government had no power to prohibit importation of goods other than munitions and armaments.

French cheques also dropped another five centimes to 11/16, and lire cheques to 15/32. German marks were quoted at 2.96 each.

LEAD UP AGAIN.

New York, Dec. 18.—The American Smelting and Refining Company today advanced the price of lead from 7c to 7 1/16c a pound.

WEAKNESS SHOWN BY CORN AND OATS

Canadian Interests Reported
Trying to Defer Shipments
of U. S. Corn.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Renewed weakness in the British exchange and in hog values had a depressing effect today on the corn market. Closing prices of corn were heavy, 3/4c to 1 1/4c net lower with January \$1.29 1/2 to \$1.30 1/2, and May \$1.35 1/2 to \$1.36 1/2; oats finished unchanged to 1/4c lower and provisions varying from 2 1/2c decline to 1/4c advance.

Boers ruled the corn market throughout the day, except during a sudden transient bulge after noon, when a majority of traders acted on the idea that the market had been over-bought and that a reaction from the recent sharp advance was due. This position was especially emphasized by the fresh breaks in sterling, owing to the uncertain condition of exchange, Canadian interests were trying to cancel or defer shipment of corn bought in the United States. The temporary late upturn in corn quotations was ascribed to foreign buying of 1,000,000 bushels of rye. Active trading by holders of corn, however, soon became much more than an offset.

Data were governed chiefly by the action of corn. Eastern demand was less in evidence.

Provisions averaged lower in sympathy with hogs, corn and exchange. But sides, doubt was current that the Edge bill would be of much immediate help to exports.

MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—The cash grain was firm and active with little change in prices to note. The feed and rolled oats markets showed no change from the previous day and butter and cheese prices were also unchanged. The egg market rules firm with no change in prices. Potato prices are still at the high price quoted yesterday.

Oats—Extra No. 1 feed, \$1.02 1/2.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, first, new standard grade, \$1.10 to \$1.11.

Rolls oats—Bag, 90 lbs., \$4.80 to \$5.10.

Barley—45c to 46c.

Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$24 to \$25.

Cheese—Finest easterns, 29 1/2c to 31c.

Butter—Choice creamery, 68 1/2c.

Eggs—Fresh, 80c to 90c; selected, 85c; No. 1 stock, 87c to 88c; No. 2 stock, 85c to 86c.

Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, \$2.25.

Dressed hogs—Atlantic killed, \$24.50.

Lard—Pure wood pails, 26 lbs., net, 29c to 30c.

FEW CHANGES IN MINING MARKET

Beaver, La Rose and Crown
Reserve Easier—Tretthewey
Remains Favorite.

Trading in mining stocks dwindled again yesterday, transactions falling below 57,000 shares, but it is confidently predicted by brokers that the end of the Christmas holiday season will witness a movement on a broad scale, particularly in the silver stocks. If the buying power is light at present, the offerings are likewise restricted, holders of stocks showing no great inclination to part with them at prevailing prices.

The coming year is expected to be one of the greatest in the history of the northern mining camps with a considerably enlarged output of gold as compared with the record for 1918, while the upward trend of silver promises to make the volume of the metal produced reach remarkable figures.

Tretthewey was well bought between 45 1/2 and 46, closing at the latter figure, unchanged from Wednesday. Quite a glamor has been cast around Tretthewey by the richness of the silver deposits in its Gowanda properties, and the reputation of the whole district has been much enhanced by the fact that the company is now at 40.

Beaver was soft, selling off 1 1/2 to 48. La Rose was easier between 47 and 48, closing at 47 1/2, with the close at 47 1/2. Beaver was quoted a point lower at 42 1/2.

Movements in the gold group were all most negligible. The following changes were made: 34 1/2 was a shade higher, while losses of small fractions were shown by Kirkland Lake at 1/2, and McIntyre at 1/4. Crown at 2 1/2. McIntyre at \$2.14; Atlas at 36, Lake Shore at \$1.19, Kooraa at 18 and Moneta at 17 were stationary.

ORE FROM BIG DYKE ASSAYS HIGH IN GOLD

The directors of Big Dyke have just notified their shareholders of a most important development in connection with the operations on their property in Porcupine.

It was recently announced that in sinking the shaft the formation was found to have changed to the softer and ideal quartz and schist well mineralized with fine pyrites. A sample of this ore has been assayed by the provincial assayer and reveals a high value in gold. The directors wish to avoid making sensational announcements, but the value of this assay will be made known to anyone really interested, as it has been made known to the shareholders, and it is a big value. The vital fact revealed is that the gold values exist in the pyrites, and Big Dyke has very large deposits of this formation.

BRISK DEVELOPMENT WORK AT WASAPIKA

Manager Rogers Leaves for Camp to
Continue Operations.

Manager George R. Rogers has just left for Wasapika, where development work is being pushed with a view to proving the downward continuation of the large body of conglomerate ore cut thru in the crosscut at the 100-foot level. When Mr. Rogers left the camp work was being concentrated on the sinking of the shaft, which had reached a depth of 150 feet. It is planned to continue sinking to 300 feet and run a crosscut to the Ribble vein. It will be noted that the 100-foot level the Ribble vein had widened out to over 26 feet in width and that average value over this distance was almost \$8 per ton in gold.

Mr. Rogers is confident that at the 300-foot level the vein will be found to have become wider and higher grade, as has proven to be the case in Porcupine. Formations have been pronounced by eminent geologists as identical with those in the big gold camp, and it is safe to say that few of the big producers had as good showings at the 100-foot level as has the Wasapika.

Transportation into the West Shining Tree camp is now in excellent shape, as there is sufficient snow to permit the use of sleds. Mr. Rogers made the trip out from Wasapika in a cutter in seven hours.

NIPISING SHOWS BIG GAIN IN CASH ASSETS

New York, Dec. 18.—The financial statement of the Nipissing Mines Co. shows cash and securities amounting to \$3,568,467 and ore bullion worth \$906,630, a total of \$4,475,097. The last previous statement at the end of August showed cash \$2,742,504 and ore and bullion worth \$1,120,852, a total of \$3,863,356. Cash assets thus show an increase for the three months of \$699,701.

PRICE OF SILVER

London, Dec. 18.—Bar silver, 78 3/4 pence ounce.

New York, Dec. 18.—Bar silver, \$1.34.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Grand Trunk Railway traffic earnings from December 7 to 14, 1919, \$1,341,590; 1918, \$1,385,902; decrease, \$44,312.

C. N. EARNINGS

Canadian National Railways' gross for the second week of December was \$1,918,923 an increase over a year ago of \$118,030. Since Jan. 1 the gain in gross is \$10,363,914.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED.

Penmans common, 1-3/4 per cent., payable Feb. 16 shareholders of record Feb. 5; Penmans preferred, 1-1/2 per cent., payable Feb. 2, shareholders of record Jan. 21.

Dividend Notices.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today a dividend of two and one-half per cent. on the common stock for the quarter ended 30th September last, being at the rate of seven per cent. per annum from revenue and three per cent. per annum from special income account, was declared payable on 1st December next, to shareholders of record at 2 p.m. on 1st December next.

By order of the Board,
BERNARD ALEXANDER,
Secretary.

Montreal, 10th November, 1919.

THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA MAKES GAIN OF OVER HUNDRED MILLIONS IN ITS TOTAL ASSETS

Golden Jubilee Year Report Shows Assets of \$533,000,000,
an Increase of Over \$100,000,000 — Deposits Show
Growth of Over Eighty-Five Millions—Net Profits Gain
Approximately \$600,000.

The Royal Bank of Canada is out with an annual statement that will in many respects, be regarded as the most notable it has ever forwarded to its shareholders. The Royal Bank has not only reported steadily ahead, but is even able to report a gain in assets for the twelve months of well over one hundred million dollars. The Royal is able to announce to its shareholders that at the close of its golden jubilee year its assets are away beyond the \$500,000,000 mark.

Under the conditions that have prevailed during the past year this achievement is nothing short of remarkable and must be attributed to the business producing organization which the Royal Bank has built up with its system of over-600 branches.

Growth of Assets

An examination of the general statement of assets and liabilities shows that the total assets now stand at \$533,047,084, being up from \$427,512,982 at the end of the last fiscal year. Of this amount liquid assets total \$273,908,862, against \$224,982,088, while loans and discounts have gained to \$238,834,870, as compared with \$183,748,392 a year ago.

The benefit the Royal Bank's branch system has been in building up a close relationship with the public is reflected by the very large gains in deposits. Total deposits now stand at \$191,121,399, as compared with \$132,591,717. Of this amount deposits bearing interest amount to \$259,465,159, up from \$197,348,439, and deposits not bearing interest \$159,656,239, as compared with \$135,243,278.

A closer study of liquid assets indicates a gain of approximately \$50,000,000, chiefly in the following items: Balances due by banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada, \$18,101,373, as against \$10,381,516; Dominion and provincial government securities \$15,325,598, as against \$8,599,976; Canadian municipal securities and British, foreign and colonial securities, other than Canadian, \$23,400,542, as against \$23,620,000.

\$85; call loans in Canada, \$16,435,614, compared with \$10,087,481; call loans elsewhere than in Canada, \$23,812,751, compared with \$24,374,191.

Big Gain in Earnings.

Following the issue of new capital made, the capital of the bank now stands at \$17,000,000 and the reserve fund at \$1,000,000. With the larger resources at its disposal there has been a considerable gain in net profits and for the 12 months period these amounted to \$3,223,244, equal to 10.87 per cent on the average capital and reserve for the year. This shows a gain of approximately \$600,000, as compared with the previous year, when total profits were reported at \$2,809,846.

With the total profits added to the balance of profit and loss brought forward, the amount available for distribution this year is \$3,959,021. Of this amount \$1,866,196 was paid in regular dividends, \$340,000 as a bonus of 2 per cent. to shareholders to mark the 50th anniversary of the bank, \$100,000 transferred to officers' pension fund, \$400,000 written off bank premises account, and \$156,406 war tax on bank note circulation, leaving to be carried forward to profit and loss, \$1,096,415, as compared with \$585,747 at the end of the previous year.

BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Dec. 18.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve decreased \$1,877,000; circulation increased \$1,716,000; bullion decreased \$1,608,000; other securities decreased \$1,213,000; public deposits increased \$1,384,000; other deposits decreased \$1,288,000; notes reserve decreased \$1,723,000; government securities decreased \$2,016,000. The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 13.38 per cent., last week it was 13.68 per cent.

As a Matter of Value

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National Trust Company Limited

Capital Paid-up - \$1,500,000
Reserve - \$1,500,000
18-22 King Street East
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C. P. R. IS LOWER.

Fresh weakness in the pound sterling was reflected in an ease in the C. P. R. in New York yesterday. The opening at 134 1/4 was a point above yesterday's close, but the price sagged to 134 1/4, the closing being at the lowest of the day.

NEW ISSUE

\$4,500,000

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of Canada, Limited

(Incorporated under the Ontario Companies Act.)

7% Sinking Fund Cumulative Preferred Stock

Quarterly Dividends payable 1st January, April, July and October. Preferred as to both dividends and assets, callable as a whole or in part at the Company's option at 110 and accrued dividends on any dividend date on thirty days' notice. Provision has been made for the annual retirement, commencing during 1923, of an amount equal to 2 1/2% of the largest amount of Preferred Stock which has been at any one time outstanding.

No bonds may be issued, nor mortgage nor lien given on the fixed assets, without the consent of 75% of the Preferred Shareholders.

Transfer Agents—Chartered Trust & Executor Co., Toronto; Montreal Trust Co., Montreal. Registrar—Standard Bank of Canada Toronto and Montreal.

Capitalization

(Upon completion of the present financing.)

	Authorized	Issued
Preferred Stock.....	\$15,000,000	\$4,500,000
Common Stock.....	15,000,000	5,331,000
(No Bonds)		

The following information is summarized from a letter from Mr. C. H. Carlisle, General Manager and Treasurer of the Company:—

1. The Company is the largest manufacturer of tires in Canada. It also manufactures a wide line of mechanical and other rubber goods.

2. The Company's business has had a most remarkable growth as shown by the following figures:—

Year ending	Sales	Net Earnings	Year ending	Sales	Net Earnings
Sept. 30—			Sept. 30—		
1915—	\$2,370,914	\$188,730	1918—	\$8,544,557	\$760,997
1916—	3,446,683	298,413	1919—	12,839,123	1,324,328
1917—	5,509,433	422,928			

(The above figures are after making provision for depreciation and Business Profits Tax, and without any benefit accruing from the present large addition of capital.)

Preferred Stock Annual Dividend requirements \$ 315,000

Net Earnings, year ending September 30, 1919 1,324,328

Net earnings are therefore over 4 times the requirements.

3. (a) The Company at all times is to maintain net liquid assets to not less than 115% of the Preferred Stock outstanding.

(b) The Company also agrees to maintain net tangible (including liquid) assets of at least 200% of the Preferred Stock outstanding.

(c) Where owners of stock reside in countries other than Canada, dividends will be paid at par of exchange in such countries, provided the premium involved does not exceed 5%. Where the premium exceeds 5%, the holder will be given the benefit of 5% premium.

4 No dividends will be paid on Common Stock unless all Preferred Stock dividends have been paid and unless the Company has surplus undistributed profits equal to at least two years' dividends on the Preferred Stock then outstanding.

The Company's Books have been examined and statements certified by Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., Toronto, etc., and Bowers and Saffern, New York. The Company's Plans have been appraised by the Canadian Appraisal Company, Limited, Toronto, etc., and all legal details relating to the formation of company and issuance of stock have been passed upon by Messrs. Blake, Lash, Anglin & Cassels.

Certificates are on file and may be examined at any of our offices.

\$1,500,000 of this issue having been appropriated for exchange with the old preferred shareholders at 97%, we offer the remainder for subscription.

PRICE: \$97.50 per share (\$100 par value each)

Payable as follows: \$10 per share on application, \$87.50 per share on January 5th, 1920

Shares carry dividends from January 1st, 1920.

The right is reserved to allot all, none, or a portion only of the amount applied for. In event of partial allotment, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards payment of amount due on allotment. Interim Certificates will be issued pending preparation of definitive certificates.

Applications will be made to list these shares on the Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchanges.

Orders may be telegraphed or telephoned at our expense.

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