

THE STANDARD'S FINANCIAL SECTION

FURTHER SLUMP IN HIDES, WOOL AND SOME GROCERIES

Pork and Poultry Dearer and Eggs Are at Dollar Per Dozen.

Further weakening in hides to levels unknown of even in pre-war days, slumps in wool and feeds, and further reductions in several whole sale grocery staples and in fruits, feeds, and potatoes, were registered in the local market this week.

The better grades of pork attained and poultry was firmer; eggs were quite beyond the reach of the average pocketbook at one dollar per dozen.

Hides were the hardest hit of the list, a drop of one cent a pound was registered on green and salt hides and calfskins. Green hides are now quoted at 7 cents, salt hides at 5 cents and calfskins at 7 cents per pound. Washed and unwashed wool dropped 2 cents, washed is now from 17 to 18 cents, unwashed from 12 to 13 cents per pound. Rendered tallow went down a cent to 7 cents per pound.

In whole sales feeds, bran, at 34¢ was a dollar less than last week, and a reduction of 3¢ was quoted on shorts at 55¢ a ton.

Groceries are Lower

Reduction in wholesale groceries were, molasses at \$1.00 per gallon, down fifteen cents. Rice at from \$10 to \$11, down from two to three dollars per cwt. Cornmeal at from \$3.10 to \$3.15, down from ten to fifteen cents per bag. Currents sold at 26 cents at last week today they vary from 24 to 25. Shelled almonds dropped a cent, to 24 and 25 cents per lb. Rolled oats were reduced fifty cents per cwt. to \$19.00. Cheese at from 23¢ to 25¢ was down from a half a cent to a cent per pound.

In the wholesale fruits California oranges selling at from 37 to 38.50 a crate were fifty cents lower. Peanuts were off a cent at 12 cents per pound. Coconut dropped \$1 to 90¢ per sack. In wholesale meats the better grades of pork attained to 20 cents per pound, an advance of two cents. Mutton dropped two cents to from 8 to 10 per lb.

In the city market poultry was stiffer, eggs out of sight, and butter firm at last week's prices. Greening and holly, with rows of plump ducks, turkey and geese, lent a decidedly Christmas appearance to the stalls.

There was no change in oils or fish.

Wholesale Groceries

Sugar—					
Yellow	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Standard	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10
Rice, Siam	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Tapioca	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Beans—					
White	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Yellow-eyed	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Molasses	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Peas, split, bags	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Barley, pot. bags	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50
Currents	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24
Cornmeal, per bag	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.10
Cornmeal, gran.	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75
Cornmeal—					
Choice seeded	0.29 1/2	0.29 1/2	0.29 1/2	0.29 1/2	0.29 1/2
Seedling, 18 c.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10	2.10
Soda, bicarb.	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
Pepper	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37
Currents	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24
Prunes	0.21 1/2	0.21 1/2	0.21 1/2	0.21 1/2	0.21 1/2
Washing soda	0.02 1/2	0.02 1/2	0.02 1/2	0.02 1/2	0.02 1/2
Cocoa	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61	0.61
Chocolate	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
Java coffee	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48
Coffee, special blend	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.47
Evaporated peaches	0.27 1/2	0.27 1/2	0.27 1/2	0.27 1/2	0.27 1/2
Canned corn	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Canned tomatoes	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.21
Canned Peaches, 2's	3.75 1/2	3.75 1/2	3.75 1/2	3.75 1/2	3.75 1/2
Canned Peaches, 2 1/2's	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10
Peas	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Dates	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22
Figs, 1-2-1/2 box	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tea, Oolong	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55
Nutmegs	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Cassia	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Cloves, ground	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82
Ginger, ground	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
Shelled walnuts	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55
Shelled almonds	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55
Walnuts, lb.	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22
Almonds	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19
Almonds, per lb.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24
Flour, Man.	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.80
Flour, Ont. bbls	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Flour, rolled	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cheese, per lb.	0.28 1/2	0.28 1/2	0.28 1/2	0.28 1/2	0.28 1/2

Meats, Etc. Wholesale

Beef—					
Western	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Butcher's	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.19
Country	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Veal	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13
Mutton	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
Pork	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
Lamb	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18
Country Produce Retail					
Per roll	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63	0.63
Per tub	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Eggs, case	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Eggs, fresh	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95
Chickens, per lb.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Pow.	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Turkey	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Duck	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55
Geese	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Potatoes per bbl	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Ground nut, per lb.	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08
Habbits, per pr.	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50

Green Goods Retail

Apples, per peck	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Cabbage, native, ea.	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Mushrooms, per lb.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shall and parsnips	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Onions, 5 lbs for	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Potatoes	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Maple sugar, per lb.	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Butter, per lb.	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Lard, per head	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carrots, per peck	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Beets, per peck	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Celery, per bunch	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
Turnips, per peck	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Spinach, lb.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

TRADING RANGE ON WALL STREET WAS VERY LIGHT

Less Than a Dozen Stocks Were Dealt in During a Featureless Day.

New York, Dec. 16.—Business on the stock exchange today was perfunctory to an unusual degree, the greatly reduced dealings representing little more than the efforts of professional interests to strengthen their position on the short side account.

Those manoeuvres were moderately successful, so far as they had to do with issues of the speculative or volatile variety; but in other quarters, notably among high-grade rails and industrials, not much headway was made.

Constructive elements again were wholly lacking, aside from the relative steadiness of money rates and the surprising strength of the foreign exchange market, special sterling, but these were ignored and played no part as helpful factors.

Trading is Limited

A very large proportion of the day's trading was compressed in less than half a score of stocks, notably United States Steel, Crucible Steel, Baldwin Locomotive, Mexican Petroleum and affiliated shares, except in Southern Pacific and Reading, dealings in rails were light with an uncertain trend.

Unlike yesterday's session, stocks were more responsive to the money market, leaders registering best quotations in the last hour, when an abundance of money was offered at six per cent, as against the previous quotation of seven per cent. Final prices, however, showed impairment among the oils, steels and equipments. Sales amounted to 700,000 shares.

The bond market was more active than at any time in several weeks, but the tone was irregular, both as to domestic and foreign issues, including the Liberty group. Total sales, per value aggregated \$25,000,000. Old United States bonds were unchanged on call.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

	Open	High	Low	Close
Am Bee Sugar	49	49	49	49
Am Car Fdy	122	122	120 1/2	121
Am Loco	81 1/2	81 1/2	81	81 1/2
Am Smelting	40 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2
Am Steel	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Am Tele	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Am Can	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Beth Steel	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Bald Loco	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
Brook Rap Tr	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
C. F. I.	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Ches and O.	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Crucible Stl	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Can Pac	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Cent Leath	36	36	35 1/2	35 1/2
Erie Com	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Gen Motors	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
Gr North Pfd	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
Mex Petrol	164 1/2	164 1/2	164 1/2	164 1/2
NY NH and H	17 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
N Y Central	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
North Pacific	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Pennsylvania	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Reading Com	72	72	71 1/2	71 1/2
Republic Stl	61 1/2	61 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
St Paul	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Saxon Motors	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
South Pac	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2
Studebaker	40 1/2	40 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
U S Steel	116 1/2	116 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
U S Stl Com	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2
U S Stl Pfd	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
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N. Y. Fund, 17 1/2 p.c.				

ST. JOHN BANK CLEARINGS

St. John Bank clearings for the past week were \$3,220,385, as compared with \$3,437,561 for that same time a year ago.

Cauliflower	0.20	0.20	0.50
Pumpkins, per lb.	0.00	0.00	0.02
Sweet potatoes, lb.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Crab apples, per pk.	0.40	0.40	0.60
Crabberries, per qt.	0.00	0.00	0.25
Green and red peppers, per peck	0.40	0.40	0.50
Garlic, per lb.	0.00	0.00	0.60
Fruits, Etc. Wholesale			
Florida grapefruit	0.50	0.50	7.00
Meessina lemons	0.00	0.00	6.00
Cal oranges	0.00	0.00	8.50
Bananas, per	0.00	0.00	6.12
Peanuts, roasted	0.15	0.15	0.24
Canadian onions, per owl	2.25	2.25	2.50
Cocoanuts, per sack	0.00	0.00	7.50
N. S. Apples bbl.	5.50	5.50	6.50

Fish Retail

Halibut	0.00	0.00	0.40
Cod, medium	0.00	0.00	0.12
Finnan haddies	0.00	0.00	0.30
Haddock	0.00	0.00	0.18
Salmon, fresh	0.40	0.40	0.50
Mackerel	0.00	0.00	0.25
Kippers	0.00	0.00	0.07
Smelts	0.00	0.00	0.25
Oysters, per qt.	0.00	0.00	1.25
Clams, per qt.	0.00	0.00	0.50
Scallops	0.00	0.00	1.00

Hay and Feed Wholesale

Hay, per ton	20.00	20.00	20.00
Straw, per ton	20.00	20.00	20.00
Bran, per ton	47.00	47.00	47.00
Shorts, per ton	50.00	50.00	50.00
Oats, per bush	0.90	0.90	0.90

Offs, Wholesale

Palatine	0.20	0.20	0.24
Royalite	0.00	0.00	0.21
"Premier," motor gas	0.00	0.00	0.65 1/2

Hides, Wholesale

Green hides	0.90	0.90	0.90
Salt hides	0.00	0.00	0.05
Calfskins	0.00	0.00	0.07
Wool, washed	0.00	0.00	0.27
Wool, unwashed	0.00	0.00	0.18
Sheep skins, clips and lambs	0.00	0.00	0.45
Rough tallow	0.00	0.00	0.09
Rendered tallow	0.00	0.00	0.07

STEAMSHIPS IS DOWN 8 POINTS IN BIG TRADING

Pessimistic Rumors Regarding British Empire Steel Supposed to be Cause.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Prominent in an outstanding week market on the local stock exchange today was the selling of steamships common which was liquidated to the extent of 1,800 shares and sold down to a new low level for several years at 35, with the close at 35, a recession of 8 points on the day. The preferred liquidation was not so drastic but still heavy being down 5 1/4 points to a new low at 61 3/4. The drive is in some quarters smothered. Loyal Power, Quebec Railway and Riondon held steady. The Victory issues were less active than usual, but were steady to firm throughout the list. Total sales: Listed, \$306; bonds, \$187,800.

Other New Lows.

Other new lows were Brazilian down 2 points to 30; Brompton, down 2 to 51 7/8; Steel of Canada, down 1 point at 35; Dominion Steel down 1 1/2 points to 42 1/2. Other weak stocks were Howard Smith, down 2 to 103; Wayagamack, down 2 to 87; Spanish issues, down 1 1/2 points each to 85 for the common and 91 1/2 for the preferred; Toronto Railway down 1 3/4 to 53 1/2.

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MONTREAL SALES

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Abitibi	55	55 1/2	55 1/2
Brazilian L. H. and P.	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Brompton	51 7/8	51 7/8	51 7/8
Canada Car. Pfd.	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Canada Chem. Pfd.	58	58	58
Canada Cement Pfd.	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Canada Cotton	78	78	78
Detroit United	95	95	95
Dom. Bridge	74 1/2	75	75
Dom. Canamers	36	36	36
Dom. Iron Pfd.	59	59	59
Dom. Iron Com.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Dom. Tex. Com.	101	101	101
Laurentide Paper Co.	90	91	91
Macdonald Com.	20	20	20
Mt. L. H. and P.	77	77	77
Manum's Limited	95	100	100
Marquette Railway	21	21	61
Norfolk	139	140	140
N. V. N. L. H. and P.	101	102	102
Spanish River Car.	84	84 1/2	84 1/2
Spanish River Pfd.	91	91	91
St. John's Car. Com.	52	52	52
St. John's N. L. H. and P.	87	87 1/2	87 1/2
Sylsackack	64	64	64