Wall Street Passes Thru a Day of Difficult Trading-Toronto Stock Market Has a Similar Experience.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 15. s-ssion of steadiness was all that could be said of the Toronto stock mar-ket to-day.

Movements in the listed issues, either speculative or investment, were small Consols, account and changes in prices were narrow. No specific information was available on any one issue except that on Steel common, in which one big holder was reported as expecting to make \$2,000,000 in case the public took the

Dealings in the market offered no opportunity for in and out transac-tions and prices admitted of few floor trading operations.

Most of the dealings were the legiti-

mate outcome of the public presentiment of the market, but in the inactive issues the dealings were questioned.
On the whole prices held steady, but no advances were made and sustained on yesterday's figures.

Wall Street Pointers. Copper stocks in London heavy and

N. and W. earnings now equivalen to over 10 per cent on comn

Steel report seasonable, failing off in business, but orders continue in excess of capacity.

Norfolk and Western sell \$1,500,000 common stock, practically all remaining in the treasury.

Reported that switchmen at Butte will return to work and Amalgamated mines will resume.

Joseph says: The market will be spotty temporarily; trade cautiously, but take advantage of quick dips of

Moderate profit-taking reactions may Dominio be expected in the market from time to time, but nothing much more serious, we believe, until prices of standard shares rise considerably higher.

The hitch in the Guggenheim Copper merger is believed only temporary and oftawa 210 will likely be altogether favorable. We believe Nevada Consolidated ought to be hought for a bite size. (Consolidated Traders) 148 believe Nevada Consolidated ought to be bought for a big rise.—Town Topics.

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H. O'Hara & Co. in a wander.

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H. O'Hara & Co. in a market letter say: With Christmas coming in the near future, public attention is inclined to wander away from stock fluctuations and business; in most exchanges generally it shows a falling the control of the off at this time of the year. General conditions, however, point to a more nas been the case in the last few weeks, outside interest, both locally and from England, is certainly more noticeable than has been the case for something like a year.

Landed Banking Lordon & Can. National Trust Ontario Loan ... do. 20 p.c. paid. Real Estate

On Wall Street.

Erickson Perkins & Co. had the following: The stock market was purely professional. The demonstration against the United States Steel Corporation by the American Federation of Labor undoubtedly took the edge off things. U. S. Steel was evidently supported. As we mentioned yesterday, we be-lieve a new policy has been discussed by leading companies, namely, that ef suspending dividend increases for the z\$2000 @ 83 present, because of the threatening labor outlook. We pointed out yesterday that the railroads could not with propriety increase freight rates if at the same time they are increasing dividends. They must get their increase in freight rates first. But we doubt if rates will be increased. The market is narrower and is likely to continue so. Hence we would trade for small profits for the present. Buy

chas. Head & Co., to R. R. Bon-gard: The market to-day might best be described as a waiting one. As the day progressed, business declined until at one o'clock there was not enough doing to attract customers to the tickers. Closing prices were strong at about 1-4 point below best prices. The market, the dull comparatively, has acted well and the outlook would seem to favor still higher prices. to favor still higher prices.

Finley Barrell & Co. wired J. P. Bickell: After a dull opening with lower prices, stocks were stagnant for a large part of the session and in the afterno began to show improvement. We be-lieve the market will harden around these prices and that another upward will come from about this level. The indications are that a few days bcum interest. of quiet must be expected.

Foreign Exchange. Glazebrook & Cronyn, Janes Building (Tel. Main 7517), to-day report exchange lates as follows:

—Between Banks.—

Duluth-Superior, xd.

Illinois Traction pref.

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Money Markets. Bank of England discount rate, 4½ per do. preferred cent. London call rate, 3¾ to 4 per Ogilvie Milling cent. Short bills, 4 per cent. Three perman conths' bills, 4 per cent. New York Crown Reserve

call money, highest 5 per cent., lowest 4%, per cent., last loan 5 per cent. Call money at Toronto, 5 to 5% per cent.

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spotty temporarily; trade cautiously, but take advantage of quick dips of one to two points to buy Pacifics and Coppers for turns. Among the low-priced shares M., K. & T. is most promising. Hold C. & O.; buy O. & W.; and do not overlook Cotton Oil.

On this recession think good buying opportunities will be found in Southern Pacific, Smelting, Rock Island preference.

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THE METROPOLITAN BANK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Dividend of Two Per Cent. for the quarter ending December 31st next (being at the rate of Eight Per Cent. Per Annum) on the Capital Stock of this Bank has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and Branches of the Bank on and after the third day of January, 1910.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th to the 31st December, both days inclusive. By order of the Board

W. D. ROSS, General Manager. Toronto, 16th November, 1909.

### THE DOMINION BA

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to 31st December, both days Shows Him to Be a Man of Prin-The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Bank in Toronto, on Wednesday, 26th January next, at 12 o'clock

By order of the Board. Toronto, 19th November, 1909

Lake of Woods Milling-13 at 134.

Dominion Iron—75 at 71½.

Dominion Coal—25 at 91½.

Textile bonds. C—\$6000 at 96.

Dom. Textile—50, 50, 200, 125 at 70½.

Oglivie Milling—50 at 183½.

Sco—12, 25 at 160%, 50 at 141½.

Shawinigan—25 at 101%.

Torouto Railway—50, 25 at 125%, 10 at 1:

C.P.R.—100 at 179%.

C.P.R.—ights—2 at 10.

Crown Reserve—100 at 4.64.

Mackay—3 at 90%.

Dominion Steel pref.—25 at 136½.

Lake of the Woods—25 at 133%, 125

183%, 25 at 133%.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Erickson, Perkins & Co. (Beaty & Glass-

co), 14 West King-street, report the fol-lowing fluctuations in the New York

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Toledo

Open. High. Low. Cl. Sales

133½, 25 at 133%. Merchants' Bank-10 at 170.

Benk of Montreal-11 at 252.

C. A. BOGERT, General Manager.

#### QUOTATIONS IN HANDS OF INSIDERS.

World Office

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 15. A market somewhat specialized was exhibited by the trading at the New York market to-day. Rather unusual dealings occurred in Toronto Railway, which could only suggest the covering of outstanding short accounts. In the other speculative stocks, business was exceedingly quiet, and prices were scarcely as firm as they were on Tuesday. There is a continued evident lack of speculative interest in the market, and unless this can be changed no broadening of operations can be expected, and, in the meantime, quotations will be in the hands of

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Laurentide Pulp pref.—50 at 13114.

Shawinigan—25 at 10114, 100 at 10076.

Asbestos—65 at 30.

Halifax St. Railway—27 at 12114.

Toronto Street Railway, xd.—1 at 125, 25 at 12514, 10 at 12514, 50 at 12514.

Twin City—25 at 11114.

N. S. Steel & Coal—25 at 82, 55 at 8214, 75, 50 at 8214. West ghouse .... Wis. Cent. ... Woollens .... Price of Oil. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—Oil closed 50 at 82½.

Oglivie bonds—\$1000 at 112%.

Asbestos pref.—12% at 90. New York Cotton. Asbestos pref.—12½ at 90. C.P.R. rights—25 at 976, 30, 4, 3 at tt 10%, 21, 23 at 104, 33 at 10½. Commerce—22 at 193. Crown Reserve—10 at 4.60. Dominion Textile—75 at 70¼, 5 at tt 70¾.

Dominion Iron—10 at 71%, 75, 75, 100 at 71%, 125, 75, 100, 5, 50, 100, 50, 50 at 71%. Halfax Railway bonds—\$1000 at 100 and nterest. Quebec Railway—25 at 65. Dominion Steel bonds—\$9000 at 26, \$1900 Quebec Railway—25 at 65.

Dominion Steel bonds—\$9000 at 26, \$1000 at 85%.

Montreal Street Railway—1 at 215, 50, 50 at 215%.

Montreal Telegraph—25 at 147.

Soo—25 at 142, 25 at 141½, 50, 10 at 141.

Merchants Bank—10 at 170.

Détroit United—106 at 65½, 1 at 65.

Switch—25 at 19½, 25 at 179½, 100, 25 at 179½, 25 at 179½, 50 at 179½, 50% at 179, 75, 25, at 179½, 25 at 179½, 50 at 179½, 50% at 179½, 75, 25, 25 at 179½, 25 at 179½, 50 at 179½, 50 at 25%.

Dom. Coal—25 at 91½, 50, 5, 25, 100 at 91½, Dom. Textile bonds—60 at 36.

Bell Telephon—6 at 147.

Rubber—75 at 94½, 25 at 94½, 25 at 94.

Dominion Textile pref.—25 at 103.

Rio—60, 75 at 90½.

—Afternoon Sales.—

Montreal Heat & Light—150 at 130½, 36 at 130½, 15 at 130½, 12 at 130

Nova Scotla Steel—25 at 83, 100 at 83½.

Dominion Coal—25 at 91½.

Textile bonds. C—\$6000 at 96.

IMPROVEMENTS IN ORIENTAL SERVICE. New Features in 1910 Schedule of

Great Northern Steamship Co. An important feature of novelty has

been introduced into the 1910 sailing schedules just announced by the Great Northern Steamship Co. It has been decided to make Manila a port of call on both the going and return voyages of the steamer engaged in the trans-Pacific service. Under the new schedule a person can stop over at Manila 17 days if desired. The steamship Minnesota, which is the largest steamship in the trans-Pacific service, will man of the T. N. O. commission, who made four round trips to the Orient has just returned from a tour of induring the coming season. The ac-commodations on this steamer are of of gold, iron pyrites and copper are bethe first class and it is equipped with all modern conveniences and facilities. Several new improvements have been of gold prespectors to Porcupine and made during the last year, the most important of which, is the installatio of the wireless telegraph service, said to be the most powerful of any steamship in the world. At present the Minnesota holds the record for long distance wireless telegraphy, having established communication over 3628 miles. With this apparatus, the yessel is in communication with either Seat-tle or Yokohama all the time.

Another feature that will appeal to the tourist this year is the privilege of leaving the ship at Yokohama and proceeding by rall or through the inland sea by boat and rejoining the Minnesota at Nagasaki; this sea is noted for its beauty, and the side trip now offered involves no additional expense.

The schedules for the coming year 800 The schedules for the coming year 100 have been arranged with a view to accommodate a large tourist travel' to the Orient, and the rapidly increasing travel in Manila and the various island possessions of the United States. The first sailing has been fixed for March 22, and will be appreciated probably by a large number of tourists to Japan, as they will be able to arrive in that country early in April, when the beautiful cherry trees of the Empire of the Rising Sun are in full bloom. Other westbound salkings are set for June 20, Sept. 19 and Dec. 19 from ings are May 3, Aug. 1, and Oct. 31, 1910, and Jan. 20, 1911, from Hongkong. The route taken by the Minnesota follows the warm Japan current by way of the Great Circle Track to Yoko and is the shortest route to the Orient, covering 14 days of invigorating 372 air and then passing through the fascinating Oriental waters to Kobe, Nagasaki, Manila and Hongkong.

New Fire Insurance Companies. The National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, one of the leading companies of the United States, has

taken out a license to do business in the Province of Ontario. The Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Com pany of Halifax, a strong company well known in the Maritime Prov inces, has also entered this field. These companies have placed their agender for Toronto and the Province of On-tario in the hands of Messrs. Smith, MacKenzie & Hall, with offices at 24

Toronto-street, Toronto. Messrs. Smith & MacKenzie have been in the insurance agency business for a number of years, being Toronto agents for the Atlas Fire Assurance Company and the London & ...anca-4,000 shire Fire Insurance Company of Eng-1,400 land. The new firm will continue to act as representatives of these com-panies. Mr. Charles Hall has been chief inspector for the Norwich Union 300 chief inspector for the Norwich Unic 800 Assurance Society in Canada for 107,660 number of years and his many friends

1,900 thruout the province will be plased to Buffalo and Return, Only \$2.10, via Grand Trunk, Saturday, Dec. 18. Leaving Toronto 9 a.m., via fast Buffalo Express. Tickets valid returning all trains until Dec. 20, inclusive. This is the only double-track route. Last 13.000 al. trains until Dec. 20, inclusive. This 9500 is the only double-track route. Last 24,000 cronto.

800 northwest corner King and Yonge-streets. Phone Main 4209. The establishment of a fortnightly freight service between Boston and Rotterdam, by the Holland-American 600 Rotterdam, by the 200 Line, is announced.

Secure tickets at city ticket office,

## MR. HOCKEN'S UNION RECORD

ciple in All Things.

"As to Mr. Hocken," says The Lance "he is a member in good standing of his union. He is an editor now, and or years has been much busied with public affairs, and so it can be said of his old trade as the parson's boy said of his father's religion; 'He's not working much at it just now.' But when he was a printer, there were few more consistent members of the Typographical Union than he. Sometimes one hears of union men boasting of their unionism when one feels tempted to say, 'Small thanks to you,' for their unionism when one feels tempted to say, 'Small thanks to you,' for their providers carefully in the careful of the say in the say of the say in the say of the say of the say in the say of th unionism consists entirely in accepting and enjoying the union wages and union conditions which the sacrifices and struggles of others have won for them. That is not the class of unionmen that Mr. Hocken belongs to, how ever. His days of unionism were not all cloudless and balmy as days of June. He has been thru the storm and stress that tries men's souls, which only those who have fought the fierce battle of a keenly-contested strike can appreciate. He was foreman of the composing-room on The News when that paper, under a former manage-ment, tried to overthrow the Typographical Union. Self-interest might have dictated another course, 6,200 called and princip.

6,200 threw in his lot with his compact which is compact threw in his lot with his compact which is compact threw in his lot with his compact which is compact.

Preparing for Active Work in Municipal Campaign.

The members of the W. C. T. U. will take an active part in the municipal election, in the interest of the temperance candidates, and they will try to get the women voters to turn out in full force on polling day.

Numerous automobiles and cabs have been engaged, while a house to house canvass will also be made. The organization is also pointing encoded and zation is also printing special cards to leave with the lady voters. These when filled out will state what time a cab or auto is required to call for and where she wants to be taken. A special meeting to consider this subject was held at Central Methodist

Jim Hill in British Columbia. WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—That James J. Hill intends immediately to prosecute the building of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway, connecting Vancouver with Kootenay by a shore line is shown by the calling for tenders to-day by the Great Northern Railway for the construction of two sections of the line.

THE

# **Sterling Bank**

OF CANADA

**HEAD OFFICE** TORONTO

BRANCHES IN TORONTO MAIN OFFICE-Cor. King and Bay Sts. Adelaide Street-Cor. Adelaide and Simcoe College Street-Cor. College and Grac o

Parkdale—Cor. Queen and Close Ave. West Toronto—Cor. Dundas and Kee Sts.

DIVIDEND NOTICES.

#### Dominion Coal Comp'y LIMITED

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

A quarterly dividend of one per cent, has been declared on the common stock of Dominion Coal Company, Limited, payable Jan. 3, 1910, to shareholders of record on Dec. 15, 1909. Transfer books of the common stock

will be closed from Dec. 16 until Dec. 21, 1909, both days inclusive. J. MACKAY, Secretary.

California Eucalyptus Just 20 shares unsoid—\$100 each; payable \$10 monthly from Jan. 1, 1910. Three hundred dollars profit per share in ten years. Guaranteed by trust mortgage on timber and lands estimated at \$16,000. Investigation invited. For particulars see W. E. DYER, Room A, 114

King West.

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EDWARDS, MORGAN& CO Chartered Accountants, 8 and 20 King St. Wast, Toronto EDWARDS & RONALD, Winnipeg.

A Wizard and His Work

If a roomful of people were asked to name the world's greatest

living inventor, most of them probably would respond with the name of Thomas A. Edison. They all would admit that few men ever lived who were responsible for more PRACTICAL inventions of world-wide value than "the Wizard of Menlo Park." He is responsible for the multiple system of telegraphy, the incandescent light and the phonograph, to name only a few of the best known children of his brain.

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