

LATEST FINANCIAL AND SHIPPING NEWS AND NOTES

QUOTATIONS IN THE ST. JOHN MARKETS

Several changes in the wholesale prices of commodities have taken place during the past few days. Hand-picked beans are 15c to 20c cheaper; granulated cornmeal has advanced 25c to 30c. Manitoba flour is 20c in advance of last Thursday's price. No important changes have occurred in prices of meats, poultry or vegetables. In the fruit department, apples are dearer as are cranberries. California oranges have receded 50c to \$1.00. Middlings, oats and bran have all advanced in price. The following prices were obtained yesterday:

Groceries	
Sugar, standard	\$6.75 @ \$6.80
Rice	4.75 @ 4.85
Tapoca	5.90 @ 6.00
Beans—	
Yellow-eyed	4.50 @ 4.60
Hand-picked	4.25 @ 4.30
Cornmeal, gran.	5.35 @ 5.40
Cream of Tartar	0.52 @ 0.55
Currants, cleaned	0.12 @ 0.13
Molasses	0.53 @ 0.54
Peas, split, bags	6.25 @ 6.50
Barley, pot, bags	3.25 @ 3.30
Haisins—	
Choice, seeded	0.10 1/2 @ 0.10 3/4
Pancies, seeded	0.10 1/2 @ 0.10 3/4
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	0.90 @ 0.95
Soda, bicarb.	2.10 @ 2.20

Flours	
Manitoba	0.00 @ 7.55
Ontario	0.00 @ 7.10
Oatmeal, standard	0.00 @ 6.25
Cornmeal, bags	1.75 @ 1.80

Canned Goods	
Beef—	
Corned 2s	5.50 @ 6.10
Corned 1s	2.90 @ 3.50
Beans—	
Baked	1.50 @ 1.65
String	1.20 @ 1.35
Chickens	1.00 @ 1.15
Corn	1.05 @ 1.10
Horris, kippered	4.50 @ 4.75
Oysters—	
1s	1.75 @ 1.85
2s	2.60 @ 2.65
Pineapple—	
Sliced	2.07 1/2 @ 2.10
Grated	1.60 @ 1.65
Singapore	1.65 @ 1.70
Peas	1.02 1/2 @ 1.05
Peaches, 2s	1.30 @ 1.35
Peaches, 3s	2.35 @ 2.40
Plums, Lombard	1.25 @ 1.30
Pumpkin	1.05 @ 1.10
Raspberries	2.12 1/2 @ 2.15
Salmon—	
Pinks	4.75 @ 5.00
Cohoes	4.00 @ 4.25
Red spring	8.25 @ 8.50
Tomatoes	1.25 1/2 @ 1.25
Strawberries	2.37 1/2 @ 2.40

Provisions	
Pork, Can. mess	25.00 @ 26.00
Pork, Am. clear	27.00 @ 28.00
Beef, Am. plate	24.75 @ 25.00
Lard, pure	0.14 1/2 @ 0.15
Lard, comp. tubs	0.12 @ 0.13

Meats, etc.	
Country	0.06 @ 0.09
Butchers	0.09 @ 0.11 1/2
Western	0.10 @ 0.12
Lamb	0.14 @ 0.16
Veal, per lb.	0.11 @ 0.12
Mutton, per lb.	0.08 @ 0.10
Pork, per lb.	0.10 @ 0.14

Butter	
Tub	0.32 @ 0.32
Roll	0.30 @ 0.32
Creamery	0.30 @ 0.35
Eggs, fresh	0.40 @ 0.45
Eggs, case	0.32 @ 0.33
Cheese, Can.	0.18 @ 0.19
Fowl, per lb.	0.20 @ 0.22
Turkey, per lb.	0.20 @ 0.22
Chickens, per lb.	0.20 @ 0.22
Potatoes, bbl.	2.50 @ 2.75

Fish	
Boaters, boxes	0.75 @ 0.90
Cod—	
Medium	6.00 @ 6.25
Small	4.75 @ 5.00
Finnan haddies	0.09 @ 0.07
Herring—	
Gr. Manan, bbls	4.00 @ 4.50
Kipper, boxes	0.00 @ 0.90
Hadcock	2.00 @ 2.04
Halibut	0.00 @ 0.15

Fruits	
Apples, N. S., bbl.	2.00 @ 5.00
Cocconuts, sacks	4.50 @ 5.00
Cranberries, Cape Cod	0.00 @ 15.00
bbl.	0.00 @ 0.18
Almonds	0.00 @ 0.17
Bananas	0.00 @ 0.18
Walnuts	0.00 @ 0.18
Dates, new	0.00 @ 0.18
Filberts	0.00 @ 0.14
Lemons	0.00 @ 0.45
Calif. oranges	0.00 @ 3.00
Onions, Canadian	0.00 @ 0.09
75-lb. bags	0.00 @ 2.50
Peasants, roasted	0.00 @ 0.14

Hay, Oats and Feed	
Hay, car lots, ton	16.00 @ 18.00
Hay, per ton	18.00 @ 20.00
Mdys, small lots, bags	32.00 @ 32.00
Oats, car lots, bush	0.50 @ 0.51
Oats, per bushel	0.50 @ 0.51
Bran, ton lots, bags	30.00 @ 30.00

Oils	
Royalite	0.00 @ 0.16 1/2
Premier motor gaso-	
line	0.00 @ 0.20
Ex. No. 1 Lard, com.	0.00 @ 0.82 1/2
Palmatine	0.00 @ 0.20
Turpentine	0.00 @ 0.76

Hides, Skins, etc.	
Beef hides	0.14 @ 0.16
Calif. skins	0.15 @ 0.16
Tallow, rendered	0.05 @ 0.06
Leath. Skins, Dec.	1.50 @ 1.50
Wool, washed	0.33 @ 0.40
Wool, unwashed	0.28 @ 0.29

MARKET DULL AFTER FIRST HOUR, ALMOST STAGNANT AT THE CLOSE

Hopeful sentiment but lack of investment inquiry suggested further caution — Sterling higher, but Exchange on Vienna and Petrograd dropped to low records.

New York, Dec. 30.—Apart from the higher quotations registered by speculators, some of which were subject to further manipulation, today's market manifested no very decided trend in either direction. Trading became very dull after the first hour, the last half of the session being marked by frequent periods of absolute stagnation.

Among traders sentiment inclined to more hopefulness, but the lack of investment inquiry suggested further caution, pending the settlement of international questions still under discussion. Anglo-French war bonds were only moderately active at or near their recent minimum of 93 7/8 and other high grade securities were more or less apathetic.

The market's strictly professional status may be judged from the fact that its leaders comprised the old group—Mexican Petroleum, making a new record on its rise of 3 3/8 to 114 1/2—while California Petroleum preferred advanced 1 3/4 to 81. Associated Oil five to 68 and Texas Company 5 1/2 to 234.

Other active and strong issues included some of the war shares, Crucible Steel excepted, Coppers, American

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)	
Montreal, Thursday, Dec. 30th—	
Can. Loco—20 @ 62.	
Cedars Bonds—1,000 @ 80.	
Steamships Pfd—50 @ 71.	
Steel of Canada Pfd—30 @ 94 1/2, 35 @ 95.	
Steel of Canada Com—55 @ 39 1/2, 15 @ 39 1/2, 35 @ 40.	
Cement Com—100 @ 39 1/2, 10 @ 39.	
Dom. Iron Com—140 @ 49 1/2, 14 @ 49 1/2, 26 @ 49 1/2, 25 @ 49 1/2.	
Shawinigan—10 @ 126, 1 @ 137.	
Toronto Railway—4 @ 111.	
Canada Car Pfd—10 @ 105 1/2.	
N. S. Steel—10 @ 101 1/2, 10 @ 101 1/2.	
200 @ 101 1/2, 1 @ 102.	
General Electric—1 @ 113.	
Ames Pfd—200 @ 70 1/2.	
Ames Com—95 @ 40 1/2.	

Afternoon	
Can. Loco—115 @ 62 1/2, 25 @ 62 1/2, 25 @ 62 1/2.	
Steamships Com—15 @ 16 1/2.	
Steel of Canada Pfd—5 @ 70 1/2.	
Steel of Canada Com—5 @ 39 1/2.	
Cement Com—50 @ 39 1/2.	
Dom. Iron Com—25 @ 49 1/2.	
Canada Car Pfd—5 @ 105 1/2, 25 @ 104.	
N. S. Steel—25 @ 101 1/2.	
Ames Pfd—120 @ 70 1/2.	

Winnipeg Wheat Close	
Dec.—117 1/2.	
May—120 1/2.	
July—121.	

SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC.	
December Phases of the Moon.	
New Moon, 6th	2h, 4m. a. m.
First Quarter, 13th	7h, 35m. p. m.
Full Moon, 21st	5h, 52m. p. m.
Last Quarter, 28th	8h, 59m. p. m.

BRITISH PORTS.	
Belfast, Dec. 25—Arr: Str Durango, Chambers, Liverpool for Halifax (bottle trouble).	
Glasgow, Dec. 23—Arr: Strs Cabotia, Mitchell, Baltimore; Kastalia, Telfer, Newport News.	
London, Dec. 27—Arr: Str Alconada, Watts, Botwood, Nfld.	

FOREIGN PORTS.	
Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 27—Arr: Sch Palmetto, New York (and sailed for Halifax).	
Boston, Dec. 28—Arr: Strs Boyne, Liverpool; Colorado, Hull.	
Sid Dec 28: Str Canadian, Liverpool.	
New York, Dec. 28—Sid: Sch J Frank Seavy, Port Reading for Calais.	
Rockland, Dec. 27—Arr: Sch Ralph M Hayward, Bridgewater, N. S., for New York.	

THE TUG PEJESKOT.

Portland Argus: The tugboat Pejeskot arrived in port Tuesday having in tow two of the Sagadahoc Towing Company's barges, Nos. 2 and 3, one laden with pulp and the other with lumber, bound from St. John, N. B., for New York via the Cape Cod canal. Capt. Sweet and his tow were not exposed to the furious gale of last Sunday, having been fortunate enough to make Rockland harbor just ahead of it.

ST. JOHN CLEARINGS SHOW INCREASE FOR PAST WEEK

St. John.

Bank clearings for week ending yesterday were \$1,269,771. For the corresponding week last year, \$1,215,514.

Montreal.

In Montreal this week were \$58,048,777 against \$67,390,778 for the corresponding week, \$34,303,341 in the corresponding week a year ago, and \$44,481,165 two years ago.

Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Bank clearings this week (five days), \$37,490,512; last week, \$50,467,031; year ago, \$38,691,228.

Halifax.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—Halifax bank clearings for the week were \$2,118,454 and for the corresponding week last year, \$1,473,512.

Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Bank clearings for the week ended today, \$4,477,294, as compared with \$3,454,158 for the corresponding week last year, \$2,277,194.

Quebec.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—Bank clearings for the week ended today were \$2,802,680; the corresponding week last year, \$2,277,194.

London.

London, Ont., Dec. 30.—Bank clearings this week were \$1,703,869, as compared with \$1,410,602 a year ago.

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)	
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat, No. 2 red, 1.24 to 1.25; No. 3 red, 1.23 1/2 to 1.24 1/2; No. 2 hard, 1.23 1/2 to 1.24 1/2; No. 3 hard, 1.16 to 1.19 1/2.	
Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, 68 1/2 to 70 1/2; No. 4 white, 68 1/2 to 69.	
Oats—No. 3 white, 42 1/2 to 43 1/2; standard, 44 1/2.	
Rye—No. 2, 96 to 98.	
Barley—64 to 78.	
Timothy—5.50 to 8.25.	
Clover—10.00 to 18.00.	
Pork—16.75; lard, 9.82; ribs, 9.87 to 10.35.	

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET SALE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)	
High. Low. Close	
Jan. 12.11 11.93 12.16	
Mar. 11.39 11.23 11.35	
May 10.63 10.51 10.61	
July 10.77 10.64 10.76	
Oct. 10.40 10.28 10.36	

MONTREAL MARKET

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)	
Ames Holden Com.	20 1/2 @ 20 1/2
Ames Holden Pfd.	70 1/2 @ 71
Brazilian L. H. and P.	54 @ 54
Canada Car	87 1/2 @ 88
Canada Cement	39 1/2 @ 39 1/2
Canada Cement Pfd.	90 1/2 @ 90 1/2
Can. Cotton	37 @ 38
Detroit United	71 @ 71 1/2
Dom. Bridge	230 1/2 @ 231
Dom. Iron Pfd.	96 @ 100
Dom. Iron Com.	49 @ 49 1/2
Dom. Tex. Com.	74 1/2 @ 75 1/2
Laurentide Paper Co.	187 1/2 @ 188
Lake of Woods	132 @ 134
MacDonald Com.	10 1/2 @ 11
Mitun, and St. Paul	122 @ 124
Mt. L. H. and Power	223 @ 224
N. Scotia Steel and C.	101 1/2 @ 101 1/2
Ottawa L. and P.	120 @ 120 1/2
Ogilvie	135 @ 138
Pennam's Limited	60 @ 61
Quebec Railway	15 @ 15 1/2
Shaw W. and P. Co.	137 @ 138
Sher. Williams Co.	55 @ 56
Spanish River Com.	34 @ 35
Steel Co. Can. Com.	29 1/2 @ 30
Toronto Rail	111 @ 111 1/2
Tuckett Tobacco	29 @ 29
Winnipeg Elect	180 @ 180

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