REPRESENTS THOSE WHO DETERMINE TO FLY THEIR OWN KITE

H. B. Ashplant Addresses Brass Company's Men.

GIVES THEM REASONS

Says Working Classes Must Get Into Public Life For Country's Welfare.

Ex-Ald. H. B. Ashplant, nominee of the Labor representation committee for the mayoralty, addressed another noon-hour meeting at the Empire Brass Company's plant today.

"What a stupid thing it is for the working class, which represents 95 per cent in any community, to be criticising and throwing stones at the other five per cent which is carrying the load of responsibility," said Mr. Ashplant.

"It is certainly clear that the blame for unsatisfactory conditions must be largely charged to the mistakes and past foolishness of the 95 per cent.

To Fly Their Own Kite.

"I represent in this campaign the effort of the working class to get down to its proper place in public work and share in responsibility. Those whom I represent have decided to fly their own kite and run their own political, as well as industrial organization in the future, instead of being tagged on to the tail of some other kite.

"There are two reasons why the working class must get into public life and save the situation from collapse," he continued. "One is a top-heavy incapacity of a small minority to carry the enormous load of present-day conditions. The other reason is the dangerous situation created by decay of supports to the present structure before the sturdy, brainy and brawny working class properly organizes itself to step in under the load and carry it with dignity and success, saving the disaster of a collapse."

Another Candidate Speaks.

J. F. Thomson, nominated as an alderman in No. 4 ward, on the same slate, also addressed the meeting, giving a sketch of his qualifications and past municipal experience. He stated that for many years he had been an active member of the council of Salford near Manchester, England.

Mr. Ashplant will speak at John McNee & Sons Friday noon.

MARKET CLERK HAS HANDS FULL MAKING BUYERS KEEP RULES

Captures Two Purchasing Illegally On Square.

In the role of guardian of the interests of the citizens of London on the Market Square, the market clerk has his hands full watching for those who would break city bylaws in order to make a profit in dealing in the things that bring cheer on Christmas Day.

This morning he espied and pounced upon a dealer from Ingersoll, who was about to purchase a big load of turkeys. Explaining to the man how wrong it was to such a thing, he sent him on his way without the turkeys.

Another man appeared unusually busy in the buying of fowl. Again the hero appeared on the scene, asked him his business, and when he explained that he was a commission man buying for several large firms in the city, he, too, was sent on his way.

They were breaking a bylaw passed a few years ago, making it unlawful for anyone to buy produce on the market either on a commission basis or for shipment to outside points, before 11 o'clock in the morning. Many attempts to do this are made around Christmas time, when turkeys are offered in large numbers.

NO DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN AS TO DISPOSAL OF CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUNDS

Local Officials Cannot Help Unemployed Men as Yet.

Reports that as a result of the dispatches from Ottawa recently, the funds in the hands of the Canadian Patriotic Association are to be used to make "out of work" pay to returned soldiers who may be out of employment, a large number of applications by returned soldiers for that allowance have already been made at the London office of the Patriotic Association were not denied today when an Advertiser reporter put the question to the officials of the association.

Nothing To Tell.

"We have nothing to give out for publication. We have received no instructions in the matter and the reports in the papers are very indefinite," was the reply of one official.

At the courthouse County Clerk John Stuart, president of the Middlesex patriotic fund, acknowledged that he had received some applications, but had been obliged to tell the men that he had received no instructions, and that at present he knows nothing at ll, apart from the newspaper reports about the matter.

More Applicants.

At the Government employment bureau the reporter was informed that quite a number of men who have registered there as unemployed have asked for certificates stating that they were out of work and therefore entitled to the unemployed pay. But here also these applicants have had to be told that nothing official is known about any unemployed pay and that no certificate could be given out.

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MANY CHANGES IN MIDDLESEX COUNCIL, CLERK'S PREDICTION

Nearly 50 Per Cent Will Not Run Again.

That there will be at least a 50 per cent change in the personnel of the 1920 Middlesex county council was the opinion expressed this morning by J. L. Robson.

While taking into account the usual changes resultant from the annual elections, Mr. Robson, in proof of his estimate, stated that many of the members of the different township and village councils are dropping out this year; in fact, the number who have stated that they do not intend to stand for re-election is in itself nearly 50 per cent of the present personnel. The elections take place on the first Monday in January and the nominations one week earlier.

1,000 TURKEYS SOLD ON LOCAL MARKET

Gobblers Average 50 Cents and Hen Birds 52 Cents Per Pound.

It was estimated by the market officials that in the neighborhood of a thousands turkeys were sold on the local market this morning. The average price was 50 cents a pound for gobblers and 52 for hen turkeys. There is a greater demand for hen turkeys on account of the lighter bones and finer-grained meat. Geese were quite plentiful this morning also, and were selling at prices ranging from 30 to 35 cents a pound.

Chickens and ducks were not so plentiful, and the prices remained steady. Next Saturday and Tuesday are expected to be the biggest days on the local market in regard to poultry.

Hay was plentiful this morning, the offering of 15 loads being the biggest in several days. The top price remained at $28, but the prices showed a tendency toward weakening.

Dressed hogs were offered in large numbers. The demand was good and so the price remained firm at $22 per cwt. for wholes and 24 to 26 cents for quarters.

A shipment of live hogs was made at $15.50 per cwt, the same as yesterday's. The shipment was fairly heavy.

CHARGED WITH STEALING WHISKEY FROM C. P. R.

Alex. Judge came before Judge J. C. Judd in the county court this afternoon on a charge of stealing whiskey from the C. P. R. which was acting as carrier. Prisoner was recently charged in the city police court with having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling-house, was convicted and fined under the O. T. A., $200 and costs. He has declared his intention of appealing against the judgment. The charge of theft was in progress at press time.

FREEDOM AT HAND

Only Five Hours More School This Term.

School will close Friday. Only five hours now stand between freedom and London's several thousand school children, and it is not likely that these will be arduous hours, either. The final day before the Christmas holidays is never a busy one. A little work is done in the morning, but the afternoon is given over to the class entertainment.

Star pupils have been at work for a week decorating the blackboards with Christmas designs, and all will be in readiness by tomorrow afternoon. Dialogues have been prepared, as well as numerous recitations, and there is not a schoolroom in London which will not have as brilliant an entertainment as any professional troupe could present.

OPINIONS DIFFER

School Teachers Say 95 Per Cent Are Dissatisfied.

School teachers of the city, at a meeting in Alexandra School last night, took a different view of the salary situation than members of the board of education. No. 1 committee of that body sent the teacher's request for an increase to next year's board, Trustee W. N. Manning remarking that 95 per cent of the teachers were satisfied with the $100 bonus which the board had granted them.

Ninety-five per cent of the teachers of the city were present at the meeting last night, and they expressed exactly the opposite opinion, one teacher stated today.

The salary question was referred to a committee.

LATE LOCAL ITEMS

S. A. TO CONDUCT SPECIAL SERVICES.—Col. J. Rawling and Adj. H. C. Ritchie of the Salvation Army left for the north to conduct special services in Owen Sound on Saturday and Sunday, in Wiarton on Monday and in Palmerston on Tuesday.

GOES ON TRIP.—Brig.-Gen. L. W. Shannon, C.M.G., who recently resigned the duty of G.O.C., M. D. No. 1, after 40 years' military service, left the city today enroute to the North West and California on an extended holiday tour.

FRUIT-GROWERS MEETING.—The annual meeting of the London Fruit-growers' Association is being held this afternoon at the office of the Middlesex agricultural representative. The principal business before the meeting is the election of officers for the ensuing year.

WILL DISCUSS BYLAWS.—The members' council of the London Chamber of Commerce will meet at Tecumseh House at noon tomorrow, and after luncheon will discuss the housing, Western Fair, waterworks and other bylaws with a view to deciding the best way to place them squarely before the municipal voters so that they may be able to vote on them intelligently.

GOING TO TORONTO. — County Warden John Currie, County Councillor A. Ryckman and County Engineer Charles Talbot go to Toronto tomorrow to meet the provincial minister of public works and highways relative to the proposed extensions of the county road system. The county council has approved the bylaw, but an order-in-council is necessary in order to put it into effect. The proposed extensions have been inspected by an engineer from the department. The extensions will make the Middlesex county roads system 500 miles in extent.

DENEKINE'S TROOPS SAID TO HAVE SLAIN 5,000 JEWS IN UKRAINE

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—Reports of a fresh wave of pogroms in the districts of Ukraine, occupied by Gen. Denekine's forces, are printed by the Lemberg newspaper Gazetta Wisecrowka, according to Lemberg advices today. The newspaper declares that about 5,000 Jews were killed in Yekaterinoslav alone.

APPEAL IS DISMISSED.

London, Dec. 18.—The privy council has dismissed with costs the appeal of the Toronto Railway versus the Corporation of Toronto, concerning the liability of the appellants to contribute towards the cost of the high level bridge.

WILL ENDEAVOR TO PASS CUMMINS BILL BEFORE AMERICAN SENATE RECESS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Night sessions of the Senate, leaders said today, probably will be continued in an effort to have the Cummins railroad bill passed before the holiday recess. The bill, which is framed to meet the requirements of the railroads when they revert to private control, comes up again today when the anti-strike clauses with two substitutes will be considered.

The substitutes were offered by Senators McCormick, Republican, Illinois, and Jones, Democrat, New Mexico, and were designed along the lines of the Canadian law. The McCormick substitute would prohibit strikes or lockouts of employees until sixty days after decisions by an arbitration board which would be required to render decisions within ninety days.

CIVIL SERVICE SERVANTS NOT PLEASED BECAUSE OF NEW APPOINTMENTS

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Two recent appointments to superior positions in the civil service have excited protests from two of the greatest departments in the Dominion Government and pointed comment from The Civilian, the organ of the Civil Service Association of Canada. The appointments to which objection is taken are those of Col. Cary to the collectorship of Vancouver and Lieut. Alphonse Payette to the postmastership of Hull.

"Both these appointees are outsiders without any experience in the work they have been hired to supervise," says The Civilian. "The customs service has some 3,000 members of from one to forty years' official experience—years spent in many cases in anxious, weary waiting for the long-hoped-for opportunity to make use in an executive capacity of their stored-up departmental knowledge and for the financial benefits due and long overdue as a reward of application to duty."

FIUME PEOPLE DESIRE D'ANNUNZIO'S TROOPS TO REMAIN FOR A WHILE

Strong Pressure Is Being Exerted To Induce Poet-Soldier To Stay.

Fiume, Dec. 18.—Obstacles to the withdrawal of Capt. Gabriele d'Annunzio's forces brought about a new turn in the Fiuman situation yesterday and may block acceptance of proposals made by Gen. Badoglio, Italian chief of staff. Strong pressure is being exerted by a large number of soldiers who wish to remain in Fiume, until formal annexation to Italy is promised, and there are also various elements of the annexationists waiting stronger guarantee, even insisting that the present garrison be maintained here as a regular Italian garrison, under the command of d'Annunzio.

Feeling is running at highest pitch preparatory to the plebiscite which will be held today.

At a meeting last evening to discuss various phases of the question, Commander Rizzo, chief of the d'Annunzian navy, said that Capt. d'Annunzio's troops would he taken back to Italy and would be permitted to rejoin the army without punishment. Answering those asking for the retention of the present garrison under Capt. d'Annunzio, he said d'Annunzio "cannot remain with the garrison, for a general would be sent to command it. D'Annunzio has been more than a king and he cannot be allowed to serve under a general sent by the Italian Government."

IMPORTATION OF ALL GOODS PROHIBITED IN ORDER ALLOWED AGAIN

Customs Instructed to Pass Articles Affected in Government Order.

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Auckland Geddes, commissioner of national service and reconstruction, announced in the Commons that in view of the decision of Justice Sir John Sankey that the Government possessed no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods, the customs had been instructed to allow the importation of all articles affected in the Government's prohibitory proclamation, pending an appeal.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE ARE CARING FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES IN ARMENIA

Earl Curzon Outlines Work Accomplished There.

London, Dec. 18.—Earl Curzon of Kedleston, secretary of state ofr foreign affairs, in the House of Lords yesterday, explained how England and France were jointly caring for Christian refugees in Armenia and the other districts.

Regret was expressed by Earl Curzon that "omens are not favorable that the United States will undertake a mandate in this part of the world."

BRITAIN MUST DEPEND ON SOUTH AMERICA FOR HELP

United Kingdom Can Manage To Raise Sufficient Sheep.

London, Dec. 18.—Great Britain can become self-supporting, as far as mutton and lamb is concerned, in a few years, but must for a considerable time be dependent upon South America for beef, according to a report just issued by the board of trade committee appointed last April to consider means of insuring the Kingdom's meat supply.

Among the Dutch of the committee was a study of plans to foster production for the British market and prevent domination of the market by foreign organizations. The report makes numerous recommendations, including measures to encourage British meat companies in South America and says that in view of the strong position held by American companies in the South American trade, it is agreed that some action is desirable to safeguard the interests of British producers and traders, at home and abroad. This step, the report says, is "to protect consumers from the menace of monopoly," but there seems to be no general agreement as to the best measures to be adopted.

27 DEGREES BELOW ZERO IN THE ADIRONDACKS

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Reports from Adirondacks this morning are to the effect that the temperature of early morning ranged from 20 to 27 degrees below zero. The low mark was recorded at Stark, St. Lawrence County.

Syracuse registered ten degrees below zero.

New York, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Steamer LaFayette (French) from Havre.

Manchester, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Steamship Tuscarora (British), from New York, via Liverpool.

SOCIALISTS TO URGE DISSOLUTION.

Rome, Dec. 18.—The Socialist parliamentary group has decided to intensify its opposition with a view to bringing about a dissolution of the new Chamber of Deputies, according to the Tribuna.

STANDARD STOCK SALES.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Morning sales: Atlas, 250 at 35, 1000 at 36; Dome Extension, 1000 at 34½; Gold Reef, 1000 at 5; Kirkland Lake, 2000 at 49¾; Lake Shore, 1000 at 119; Monita, 5000 at 17; Porcupine Crown, 1000 at 28¾; Adanac, 1500 at 6¾, 1500 at 6⅝; Beaver, 1100 at 49, 2500 at 48½; Chambers, 1000 at 14½; Crown Reserve, 500 at 42½; La Rose, 500 at 47; Trethewey, 2500 at 45½, 1200 at 45¾, 3000 at 46.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

THE LOCAL MARKET

There was a fair offering of dressed poultry on the local market, but the biggest supplies are expected on Saturday and next Tuesday.

Turkeys were considerably dearer this morning, selling at 48c to 52c a pound, retail, but chiefly at 50c. Wholesale, they were quoted at 46c to 48c a pound.

Geese were up in price also, selling at 30c to 33c a pound.

Dressed hogs were a trifle firmer, selling at $22 a cwt. By the quarter they were quoted at 24c to 26c a pound.

Only a few bags of potatoes were offered. The price remained steady.

Christmas trees were a feature of the market. Spruce trees were selling at 35 cents to $1.50 a piece, and as high as $3 for large ones. Cedar was selling at 25c to $1 a tree.

New oats, cwt	$2 95	to	$3 00
Barley, per cwt	2 80	to	2 80
Grain, Bushel—			
New oats, bu	1 00	to	1 02
Wheat, per bu	1 90	to	1 90
Barley, per bu	1 34⅔	to	1 34⅔
Vegetables—			
Cabbages, per dozen	1 00	to	2 00
Cabbages, per head	5	to	15
Potatoes, per bag wholesale	2 60	to	2 75
Potatoes, per bag retail	2 75	to	3 00
per bu	1 90	to	2 00
Potatoes, per peck	50	to	50
Lettuce, per doz	40	to	50
Parsley, per doz	40	to	50
Sage, savory, doz	40	to	50
Spinach, per bu	1 00	to	1 00
Green onions, doz	30	to	40
Dry onions, bu	3 40	to	4 00
Onions, per pk	1 00	to	1 00
Beets, per bu	75	to	1 00
Carrots, per bu	65	to	1 00
Parsnips, per bu	1 25	to	1 50
Winter radishes, per doz bunches	40	to	40
Hubbard squash	15	to	25
Pumpkins, each	15	to	25
Green and red peppers, per doz	8	to	10
Celery, per doz	40	to	75
Turnips, per bu	50	to	60
Citrons, each	10	to	25
Fruits—			
Apples, ungraded, bbl	5 00	to	5 00
Apples, domestic, bbl	6 50	to	6 50
Apples, No. 1, bbl	6 50	to	7 50
Apples: per peck	30	to	60
Apples, per bu	1 50	to	2 25
Hay and Straw—			
Hay, per ton	25 00	to	28 00
Straw, per ton	12 00	to	13 00
Dairy Produce, Retail—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	70	to	72
Butter dairy, lb	68	to	68
Eggs, per doz. strictly fresh	90	to	1 00
Honey, extracted, 5-lb. pails	1 50	to	1 50
Dairy Products, Wholesale—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	67	to	68
Butter, dairy lb rolls.	65	to	65
Butter, crocks, lb.	65	to	65
Eggs, fresh, wholesale	85	to	85
Eggs, crate lots, doz.	75	to	75
Poultry, Dressed, Retail—			
Ducks, each	1 25	to	1 75
Chickens, each	90	to	1 50
Chickens, per lb	28	to	33
Turkeys, retail, lb	48	to	52
Turkeys, wholesale	46	to	48
Geese, per lb	30	to	33
Live Fowl—			
Ducks, per lb	22	to	24
Old fowl, per lb	16	to	18
Spring chickens, lb	20	to	22
Turkeys, per lb	35	to	35
Geese, per lb	22	to	25
Live Stock—			
Fat sows, per cwt	11 00	to	12 00
Small pigs, pair	8 00	to	12 00
Hogs, alive, cwt	15 50	to	15 50
Meats, Wholesale, Cwt.—			
Dressed pork, quarter, per lb	24	to	26
Dressed hogs, whole	21 50	to	22 00
Veal, per cwt	25 00	to	27 00
Beef, per cwt	11 00	to	14 00
Heifer beef, cwt	16 00	to	19 00
Mutton, per cwt	17 00	to	18 00
Spring lamb, cwt	20 00	to	22 00
Rabbits (dressed) per pair	75	to	75
Hides and Wool—			
Cow hides, No. 1	24	to	25
Cow hides, No. 2	24	to	25
Cow hides, No. 3	23	to	24
Calf skins, No. 1	60	to	65
Calf skins, No. 2	58	to	60
Horse hides, each	8 00	to	9 00
Kip, per lb	30	to	40
Sheepskins, each	2 50	to	3 00
Wool, unwashed— Fine, per lb	52	to	55
Coarse, per lb	40	to	42

FLOUR.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Manitoba Flour—Government standard, $11, Toronto, in jute bags.

Ontario Flour—Government standard, in jute bags, prompt shipment, Montreal, $9.30@9.40; Toronto, $9.30@9.40.

Millfeed—Delivered Montreal freights, bags included; bran $45 per ton; shorts, $52 per ton; good feed flour, $3.15@3.50 per bag.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—The local market for cash oats was again stronger and prices were marked up ½c to 1c per bushel, with carlots of No. 2 Canadian western quoted at $1.05½ to $1.06; No. 3 Canadian western and extra No. 1 feed, $1.03½ to $1.04; No. 1 feed, $1.01½ to $1.02, and No. 2 feed, 99½c to $1 per bushel, ex-store.

Oats—Extra No. 1 feed, $1.03½@1.04.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Flour—Unchanged; shipments, 65,213 barrels.

Bran—$43.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Flour prices were firm and unchanged.

All lines of millfeed were in active demand and the undertone was firm.

Rolled ats active and higher prices expected.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat, war grade, $11@11.10.

Rolled Oats—Per bag, 90 lbs., $4.80@5.10.

Bran—$45.25.

Shorts—$52.25.

HAY.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Hay—On track, Toronto; No. 1, $27 per ton; No. 2 mixed, $21 per ton.

Straw—In carlots, track, Toronto, $14.50@15.50 per ton.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, $24@25.

LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 444. Cattle trade is quiet and unchanged, with a weak demand. Farmers should now withhold shipments until after the holidays. Quotations: Heavy beef steers, $13@13 75; butchers, choice, $12 25@13; good, $10 75@11 50; medium, $8 50@10; common, $6@8; butcher heifers, choice, $11 25@12 50; medium, $8 50@10; common, $6@8; butcher cows, choice, $10@10 75; medium, $8@9 50; canners and cutters, $5 25@6 25; butcher bulls, good, $9 50@10 75; common, $6@8; feeding steers, good, $10@11; fair, $9 50@10; stockers, good, $8 50@9 50; fair, $7@8 25.

Calves—Receipts, 37. The calf trade is slow at lower prices. Quotations: Choice, $17@20; medium, $13@16; common, $7@11.

Milch Cows—Choice, each, $125@175; springers, choice, $100@150.

Sheep—Receipts, 387. The lamb market is steady. Quotations: Ewes, $7@8 50; lambs, $16@18.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,053. Hogs are firm at yesterday's advance, and early sales were made on the basis of $17, fed and watered. Quotations, fed and watered basis: Selects, $16 75@17; light, $14 75; heavy, $15 75; sows, $11 75@14 75.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts, 500; slow.

Calves—Receipts, 400; market steady at $6@20.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,200; 25c lower; heavy, mixed, yorkers, light yorkers and pigs, $15; roughs, $13@13 50; stags, $8@12.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,800; steady; lambs, $10@18 50; yearlings, $9@14 50; wethers, $12@12 50; ewes, $4@10 50; mixed sheep, $11@11 50.

GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Opening: Corn—December, $1 47; May, $1 36¼.

Oats—December, 82½c; May, 83½c.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Most traders in corn leaned to the opinion today that the market had been over bought, and that a reaction from the recent sharp advance was due. Bearish sentiment was emphasized by lower quotations on hogs, and by a fall in British exchange. Commission houses led the selling. Opening prices, which ranged from ⅛c to 1¼c lower, with January at $1 40@40¼, and May at $1 36¼@1 36⅜, were followed by moderate further declines and then by something of a rally.

Oats tended down grade with corn. After opening ⅛c to 1⅛c lower, including May at 83½@83¾c, the market continued to sag.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Opening: Oats—December, 92¼c; May, 93¾c.

Barley—May, $1 58⅝.

Flax—May, $5 05.

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES.

[Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.] Chicago, Dec. 18.

Corn—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	$1 47	$1 49¾	$1 46½	$1 47
May	1 36⅝	1 38⅝	1 35¼	1 35¼
July	1 35	1 36⅞	1 33⅝	1 33⅞
Oats—				
Dec.	82½	83¾	81⅞	82¼
May	83¾	85⅛	83	83¼
July	77⅝	78⅝	77⅛	77⅛

PROVISIONS.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Provisions were weak as a result of setbacks in the value of grain and hogs. Selling, though, was not urgent.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Hams—Short cut, 190s 6d.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 184s 6d; Wiltshire cut, 187s; clear bellies, 191s; long clear middles, light and heavy, 202s; short clear backs, 191s; shoulders, square, 153s; New York shoulders, 134s 6d.

Lard—Prime western, in tierces, 198s 6d; American refined, in pails, 198s 6d.

OILS.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Turpentine Spirits—136s 6d.

Rosin—Common, 53s.

War Kerosene—No. 1, 1s 7¾d; No. 2, 1s 6¾d.

London, Dec. 18.—Calcutta Linseed—December and January, £50.

Linseed Oil—105s 6d.

Petroleum—American refined, 1s 9d; spirits, 1s 10½d.

Turpentine Spirits—135s.

Rosin—American strained, 50s; type G, 54s.

Tallow—105s.

WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 18—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—Rails were lower by fractions to 1½ points at the opening of today's stock market, as a result of the labor organizations' move toward government control of transportation lines. The reaction in rails probably accounted for the heaviness of other leaders, especially General Motors, Crucible Steel and active industrials generally. Oils were erratic, Mexican Petroleum displaying strength, while Texas Company reacted sharply. Pressure against United States Steel contributed to the further irregularity of the list within the first half hour.

2 p.m.—Metal shares were brought forward during the dull noon hour, their advance concurring with reports of further sales of copper and an advance in the price of lead. American Zinc preferrd, American Smelting, and Anaconda, Utah, Inspiration and Cerro de Pasco Coppers were 1 to 3 points higher.

NEW YORK.

Jones, Easton, McCallum Company, brokers, Royal Bank Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for The Advertiser as follows:

Toronto, Dec. 18.

Trunk Lines and Grangers—	Open.	High.	Low.	1p.m.
Baltimore & Ohio	29⅝	30⅛	29⅜	29⅝
Erie, com	13	..	..	..
Erie, 1st pfd	19⅞	19⅞	19½	19½
Great Northern	77¼	77⅜	76⅝	76¾
New Haven	26⅛	26¼	25⅝	25⅞
New York Central	68⅝	68⅝	67½	67¾
Rock Island	25	..	..	..
St. Paul	37	37	36½	37
Pacifics and Southern—				
Atchison com	83½	83⅞	82¾	83
Canadian Pacific	134⅞	134⅞	134	134
Missouri Pacific	25	25	24⅝	24⅝
Northern Pacific	79¼	79⅜	78½	79⅜
Southern Pacific	102⅞	102⅞	101⅝	102⅜
Southern Railway	20¾	21⅜	21	21⅜
Union Pacific	122½	122¾	122	122½
Frisco Railway	16⅛	16¼	16⅛	16¼
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio	53¼	..	..	..
Lehigh Valley	42¼	42¼	42	42
Norfolk & West	97½	97½	96½	96¾
Pennsylvania	40⅜	40⅜	40	40¼
Reading Railway	76½	76½	75⅝	76
Tractions—				
Brooklyn Transit	13⅝	14⅝	13¼	14⅜
Industrials—				
Allis-Chalmers	46⅝	46⅝	46	46
Alaska Gold	1⅞	1⅞	1¾	1¾
Am. Beet Sugar	94¼	..	..	..
American Can	54⅜	54⅜	54	54⅜
American Car	138½	138½	137	138¼
American Hide	25½	25½	24¾	24¾
Am. Hide, pfd	115	..	..	..
Am. Locomotive	94	..	..	..
American Sugar	94¼	..	..	..
Am. Smelters	65¾	68¾	65¾	68¼
American Steel	45	45	44½	44½
American Wool	126½	..	..	..
Atlantic-Gulf	172½	173⅞	172½	173⅞
Baldwin Loco	109½	109½	107⅞	108½
Central Leather	94	94⅜	94	94⅜
Corn Products	85⅞	85⅞	85	85
Col. Fuel & Iron	39½	..	..	..
Distillers	76⅞	76⅞	76¾	76¾
General Electric	166	..	..	..
General Motors	327	327	322	327
Goodrich Rubber	81	81	80	80
G. Northern Ore	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛	37⅛
Inter. Paper	75¼	75¼	74½	74¾
Inter. Nickel	21⅛	21¼	21	21¼
Maxwell Motor	34	..	..	..
Marine, com	50½	50⅛	49½	49⅝
Marine, pfd	107	107⅜	106⅝	107
National Conduit	10¼	10¼	10	10⅛
Studebaker	104	104¾	103¾	104½
U. S. Rubber	125½	125½	124⅜	125
Virginia Chemical	66⅞	..	..	..
Westinghouse	53⅜	53⅜	52⅞	52⅞
Willys-Overland	28⅞	28⅞	28¼	28½
Coppers—				
Anaconda Copper	56¾	57⅞	56¾	57½
Inspiration	50½	51¾	50½	51⅝
Ray Consolidated	19⅞	20⅛	19⅞	20⅛
Tennessee Copper	10	10	9⅞	10
Utah Copper	73¼	75⅛	72½	75⅛
Oils—				
Mex. Petroleum	209½	209¾	206⅝	208⅝
Pan-American	106⅛	106⅛	104¼	105½
Sinclair Oil	44⅞	44⅞	43⅝	44½
Texas Oil	226½	229	223⅜	228
Trans. Oil	40	40¼	39	40¼
Steels—				
Bethlehem, B	94	94	93	93½
Crucible Steel	208	210	207½	208¾
Lackawanna	84⅞	85½	84¾	85½
Pressed Steel Car	101½	101½	100½	100½
Republic Iron	110¼	111⅛	109¼	110⅝
U. S. Steel	103¾	104	102⅞	104
Bonds—				
Anglo-French 5's	95½	..	..	..

Sales to noon, 350,000 shares.

VICTORY BONDS.

[Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.]
Toronto, Dec. 18—Noon.

	Open.	Close.
1922	98¾	98⅝
1923	98¾	98¾
1927	101⅜	101¼
1933	102¼	102¾
1937	103¾	103¼

MONEY.

London, Dec. 18.—Closing: Money, 1½ per cent.

Discount rates—Short bills and three months, 5⅞ per cent.

Bar silver, 78⅜d per ounce.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 18.—Closing prices today were:

British 5 per cent loan	91
British 4½ per cent loan	83¾
Consols, for money	50¾
Atchison, com	105
Baltimore & Ohio	37
Canadian Pacific	171
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	48
De Beers	30¼
Denver & Rio Grande	9
Erie, com	17
Erie, 1st pfd	25
Grand Trunk	8
Illinois Central	112
Louisville & Nashville	140
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	12
New York Central	87
Norfolk & Western	125
Ontario & Western	21
Pennsylvania Railway	51
Rand Mines	3¾
Reading Railway	106½
Southern Railway	28
Southern Pacific	102
Union Pacific	158
United States Steel	133

COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Cotton—Futures closed quiet and steady: December, 25.14d; January, 24.47d; February, 23.85d, March, 23.12d; April, 22.45d; May, 21.68d; June, 21.18d; July, 20.63d; August, 20.04d; September, 19.43d; October, 18.75d; November, 18.28d.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Grand Trunk earnings from December 7 to 14, 1919, $1,341,590, a decrease of $44,312.

C. P. R. EARNINGS.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Canadian Pacific Railway earnings for the second week in December amounted to $3,935,000, an increase of $155,000 over the corresponding week a year ago.

EXCHANGE DECLINES.

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 $3 79¼, or 3½c below yesterday's close. There was a fractional advance in New York funds on Canada, being quoted at 7¾ per cent premium. Franc checks dropped 11 centimes to 11.02 for the American dollar, and lire checks were off 15 centimes, at 13.02 for the dollar.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S WEEKLY STATEMENT

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	160,081
Other securities decreased	213,000
Public deposits increased	1,364,000
Other deposits decreased	12,383,000
Government securities decreased	9,016,000

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 13.38 per cent; last week it was 13.63 per cent.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal	$154,234,366
Winnipeg	66,275,206
Hamilton	7,391,836
Halifax	5,230,592
St. John	3,137,561
Windsor	2,948,607
Brantford	1,490,899

TORONTO.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.] New York, Dec. 18.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid.
A Sugar	71¾	70¼	SWheat	149	143
do pfd.	118¼	117	do pfd.	90	..
Barcel	7¾	7	Spanish	89	88¾
Brazilian	51½	50¾	Stl Can.	85	84¾
B C Fish	62½	61	do pfd.	100	..
Bell Tel.	116	..	Tor Ry.	46	43
Burt, c.	108	106	Tre'wey.	59	58
do pfd.	108	106	Tucketts	59	58
C Bread.	30