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QUOTATIONS IN ST. JOHN MARKET. Those who use or deal in cornmeal and tapioca have occasion to rejoice this week for these are the only two staples that have suffered any reduction in the market. Granulated corn meal dropped from \$1-37.10 to \$6.60-8.60, and tapioca toboggan from 18c-19c to 16c-17c. On the other hand bicarbonate of soda advanced 5c, and American plate beet went up \$4 and \$3 a barrel. Other market quotations remained firm.

Table of market quotations for various commodities including Groceries, Meats, Fruits, Canned Goods, Flour, and Oats. Lists items like Sugar, Beans, Cream, Eggs, etc. with their respective prices.

MONTREAL PRODUCE. Montreal, Jan. 2.—OATS—Extra No. 1 feed, \$7.50. FLOUR—New standard spring wheat grade, \$11.25 to \$11.35. ROLLED OATS—Bass 90 pounds, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

UNCERTAINTIES IN STOCK MARKET

Many Fluctuations With Oils Showing More Than Ordinary Strength. New York, Jan. 2.—The crisis in the local traction situation, as indicated by the projection of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company into federal receivership, served, in a measure, to impart confidence on the stock exchange today. Instead of the new year buying, which was expected as a logical sequel to the recent heavy selling for adjustment of 1918 income tax accounts, traders extended their short commitments, but covered urgently in the later dealings, when a spectacular rise in oils imparted activity to the general list and effaced many losses.

The advance in oils was featured by Mexican Petroleum, which made a net gain slightly in excess of ten points, after showing an early loss of almost four, while Texas Company covered its setback of the morning with a gain of three points, pan-American common and preferred, and Royal Dutch also displaying marked strength.

U. S. Bonds were unchanged on call. Motors, Shippings, Equipments and Distilling issues responded variably to the general improvement, the market finishing with a strong undertone. Sales amounted to \$35,000 shares.

MONTREAL SALES.

Table of Montreal sales for Thursday, Jan. 2. Morning: Victory Bonds 1922-2,200 @ 98 1/2, 12,000 @ 101 1/4, etc. Afternoon: Victory Bonds 1927-2,000 @ 101, 12,000 @ 102 1/4, etc.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET.

Table of New York Cotton Market prices. Lists items like Brazilian L. H. and P., Canada Car, etc. with prices.

HARDWARE MARKET PRESENTS THRILLS

Ingot metals seem to be furnishing most of the thrills in the hardware markets, which generally are very well maintained. Lead has reached lower levels, and with the heavy stocks held in Canada some are of the opinion that even further declines can be expected. Antimony has come down materially, and whereas seven lower prices have been reached, further big drops are anticipated. Spelter has come down, copper is lower, and there seems to be some tendency towards lower prices on aluminum.

An easier feeling has developed in regard to rope. Hemp, which is the staple of the last hour, Texas Pacific has been showing an early loss of almost four points, American Smelting made more than full recovery and many other leaders closed at moderate net gains, including U. S. Steel, Brooklyn Transit fell 6 3/8 points at its worst to 20 3/8, within 2 1/2 points of the lowest record in the road's history of 22 years; the two per cent notes, which precipitate the bankruptcy, broke 5 1/2 points, and other local utilities 1 to 2 points, falling slightly later.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS.

Table of New York Quotations for various stocks. Lists items like Am Beet Sug, Am Car Ry, Am Steel, etc. with prices.

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MONCTON TALKING CIVIC POLITICS

Labor Organizations Swinging in Line to Make Themselves Felt at the Polls—Will Have Full Ticket. Special to The Standard. Moncton, N.B., Jan. 2.—With Moncton's annual civic elections a little more than three weeks away, many rumors are in circulation as to the probable candidates for mayor and aldermen. The present indications are that the labor organizations, as a body, will take a more active part in securing the election of labor representatives to the board than in any previous year. It is rumored that the Labor Unions will put a full ticket in the field, and Mayor Tompkins has been urged upon by labor delegates asking him to head the ticket. Up to date nothing has been given his consent to stand for re-election, but rather to offer for a second term. A citizens' ticket is also talked of, but nothing definite has been decided upon. The result of the recall election in St. John, regarded as a signal labor victory, has encouraged the Moncton labor leaders to believe that a majority of the voters at the council board here can be captured by the candidates to be nominated and endorsed by organized labor. E. F. Robinson, recently appointed on the Workmen's Compensation Act Commission, will not offer for re-election, and Ald. P. A. Belliveau and Ald. Chapman, it is stated, will not offer for re-election.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER.

(McDUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Jan. 2.—The market opened somewhat better in the early afternoon. Local traction stocks were still weak, but a few issues turned upward notably Mexican Petroleum, which advanced half a dozen points and Distillers Securities which quickly advanced two points.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

Table of Chicago Produce prices. Lists items like Corn, Wheat, Flour, etc. with prices.

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BANK OF GERMANY ISSUES REPORT

Berlin, via London, Jan. 2.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany for the week ending December 12, shows the following changes: Total gold and bullion decreased 42,011,000 marks; gold decreased 41,848,000 marks; treasury notes increased 415,340,000 marks; notes of other banks decreased 570,000 marks; bills discounted increased 18,739,000 marks; investments decreased 1,174,000 marks; other securities increased 486,600,000 marks; notes in circulation increased 1,138,512,000 marks; deposits increased 57,942,000 marks; other liabilities decreased 151,854,000 marks. Total gold holdings, 2,262,623,000 marks.

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DECLINE IN CUSTOMS.

There was a decline in customs revenue in St. John in December, as is shown by the following: Duries \$206,322.60 \$143,994.92 S. M. Fund 566.62 1,089.92 \$206,889.22 \$145,084.85

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COLLINA RECEIVES RETURNED MEN

On Thursday evening, December 26th, the people of Collina joined by the friends of Lower Millstream, expressed their Christmas cheer and good will by giving the returned heroes a reception, viz: Ptes. Trueman, Gumbin, Grey Sprague, and James Moor. On the platform were many other returned soldiers, Sergeant Edwards and McKnight, Lt.-Col. Robert Sprague, Ptes. Blunt, Peterson, Craigie, Sprague and McKnight. Rev. C. S. Young was chairman. The meeting was enlivened by a well-selected programme. First, patriotic music, well rendered by the choir of Lower Millstream, followed by a brilliant and spicy address by the chairman. An address of welcome was next given in an effective manner by Mr. Charles Horton, followed by Mr. John E. McAuley, who heartily welcomed the heroes, and spoke of the grand resources of the country, and urged that more effort be put forth for production and stock-raising, citing the excellent market there is for all produce. Mr. Ezra Long made a stirring speech and paid a very high tribute to the flag. Many other speakers followed, and even the soldiers had a word of good cheer and encouragement. The responses from the soldiers were hearty and appreciative. After music again by the choir a lunch of all good eats was served. The meeting was then called to order. T. P. Shonts in letter to P. S. C. and board of estimate asks for eight cent fare. W. D. Hines expected to be appointed director general of railroads, leaves for California on January 3th. Government loss on operation of railroads in 1918 estimated at \$56,000,000.

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