RAILWAY STOCKS SOLD TO ADVANCED LEVELS

Rumored Coming Increases in Dividends Stimulated Buying at New York.

WAR SPECIALTIES FIRM

Anglo-French Bonds Stronger, Selling for Future Delivery Being Disapproved.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Not the least interesting feature of today's short session was the fact that it marked the first anniversary of the resumption of dealings on the stock exchange after the enforced closure of virtually four and a half months, due to the outbreak of the war. There was this added difference, that when business was resumed a year ago trading was on a very restricted and limited basis. Today every part of the stock and bond list was open to full and free operation. Moreover, many issues altogether unknown last year have since leaped into extraordinary prominence.

Prices were extremely irregular at the opening. U. S. Steel fell 3-8 to 88⅝ and Canadian Pacific declined 1⅝ to 178, while war shares were fractionally lower. A demand for railway shares, with New York Central leading the movement, soon restored losses and substituted general gains. New York Central rose 2¼ to 105¼ in connection with rumors that the dividend was soon to be increased.

Other features of strength in that group included Norfolk and Western, New Haven, Union Pacific and the trunk lines. Specialties, particularly automobile stocks, Texas Co., Mercantile Marine preferred and some of the more conspicuous war issues, responded to the general forward movement, with some shading from top prices at the close. Total sales amounted to 297,000 shares.

Anglo-French war bonds were slightly firmer, and representatives of the banking syndicate expressed their disapproval of the recent selling for future delivery. The usual week-end budget of trade news was presented, all of a favorable character. President Wilson's views on business, as expressed in his Columbus speech, were one of the heartening features of the day.

London was a moderate seller in this market, but offerings from that quarter were freely absorbed. Exchange on London was slightly lower, on normal selling of bills. Continental exchange again reflected the conflicting conditions at those centres of finance.

The bond market was irregular, with no especial feature. Total sales $2,215,000. U. S. coupons 4's declined 5-8 per cent. on call during the week.

RICH GOLD DEPOSITS ARE NOT LASTING

Porcupine Camp Has Large Low Grade Ore Bodies Which Go to Depth.

In 1910 the Goldfields Consolidated of Nevada paid $7,000,000 in dividends on an issued capital of $35,591,480. This is believed to be the largest dividend ever paid by a gold mining company in a single year, tho not 20 per cent. of the enormous capitalization. Since then the mines of the Goldfields group have been failing rapidly. In 1914 the total output was $4,340,786, and the net profit $1,835,224, or less than 6 per cent. on the capital, without any allowance for amortisation. So Stratton's Independence and the Camp Bird, famous in their day, and sold for very large sums, are now in what the Mexicans describe as "borrasca." In fact, in the United States, as a general rule, high-grade ore is in limited quantities. The economic value of most of the deposits depends on very local enrichments, as much of the gold is not of primary deposition. This may account for the fact that copper mining is there much more in vogue than mining for gold. The long-lived gold mines, such as the Homestake, the mother lode group in California, and the Treadwell in Alaska, have only low-grade ores. The younger andesites in which there is secondary enrichment, rarely if ever give permanent mines. As stated by the Ontario Bureau of Mines, "pre-Cambrian formations are pre-eminently the metal bearing rocks of America." These are the ancient rocks at Porcupine and some other points in northern Ontario. In them the metal is evenly distributed, and it persists to very great depths, and when the shearing and schisting is so pronounced as we find it at Porcupine, ore bodies are necessarily very large and numerous, while the soft and shattered schist is very easily and cheaply mined. Porcupine is rapidly winning the confidence of experienced mining men.

CAR AND SCOTIA HIGHER OTHER GROUPS EASIER

Montreal Stock Market Passed Quiet Morning With Limited Interest Shown.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—Local stocks moved irregularly Saturday, closing the week with the dull firmness which characterized trading in the preceding five days. As on Friday, Scotia occupied the centre of attraction, nearly 2000 of the 5000 shares traded in being in that issue. Opening at 99½, or over a point below the previous night's close, a good demand brought the price to 101, and later it improved an additional ½. The closing bid was 100 3-4, as compared with 99 5-8 on Friday. Other war issues were inclined to easiness. Bridge lost 1 1-4, Forgings, 3; Cement, 1 1-4; Steel of Canada, 1, and Iron, ½.

There was a fairly active demand for Car, which carried the price to 96, or 1 point up for the day.

The power group was quiet. Shawinigan receded nearly 1 point to 137 1-4, but Power was unchanged at 235.

Bank stocks and bonds were featureless, while there were no sales in the unlisted department. Total sales, 4996 shares; $1500 bonds and 400 mines.

WHEAT PRICES HIGHER ON HEAVY SHIPMENTS

Chicago Market Closes Half to Cent and a Quarter Above Previous Day's Levels.

LAKE NAVIGATION ENDS

Oats Advance as Result of Wintry Conditions in United States.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Big export clearances Saturday helped to inspire confidence on the bull side of the wheat market. Largely as a result, prices closed firm, 1-2 to 1 1-4c net higher, with December at $1.13 7-8 and May at $1.15 1-8. Corn gained 3-4 to 7-8c, and oats 5-8 to 3-4c. In provisions the market wound up unchanged to 15c higher except December pork, which was nominally fifty cents down.

Wheat traders attached significance to the fact that seaboard clearances of breadstuffs besides being of great volume contained only a small proportion from Canada. More than four-fifths of the total of 2,590,000 bushels originated in the U.S. It was on the buying basis on this fact that the market just before the close touched the highest price level of the day. An earlier display of strength appeared to come chiefly as a reaction from the temporary effects of peace talk. Offerings made during an initial period of weakness due to lower quotations from Liverpool had been readily absorbed, and the advantage thereafter, barring one notable lull in the demand, was decidedly with the bulls.

World shipments of wheat Monday were expected to be fairly large, and the outlook also was for a good increase of the U. S. visible supply. In this connection the fact was noted that the first shipments of new Australian wheat were reported today, 160,000 bushels, and that navigation on the Great Lakes ends at midnight tonight.

Oats advanced as a result of wintry conditions. There was talk of increased feeding, and of difficulties in shipping.

Provisions tended upward despite lower prices on hogs.

DOME EX. WAS LEADER IN MINING MARKET

Porcupine Crown and Crown Reserve Also Features—Heavy Buying Noted.

The mining market closed the week very strong, with sales of 250,000 shares in two hours. As in the last few days, Dome Ex. was the big feature, while Porcupine Crown and Crown Reserve were close followers.

In the Porcupines, Apex was very active, opening at 6¼ and selling up to 7. It closed at 6½. A meeting has been held and it is expected that the stock will be underwritten and the mine reopened and actively developed.

Dome Ex. was the bull feature, opening 1½ points up, at 39, and closing at the top figure, 42. There were unusually heavy buying orders in the market all day, and someone seemed to be willing to take all the stock offered. The street has it that 200,000 shares of the treasury stock has been underwritten.

Dome Cons. was very active, opening at 20 and working up to 21. Jupiter showed up with more strength, touching 18. There has been some big buying of this stock in the market, and developments on the property are said to be very promising. The amount of ore in sight is estimated at over $500,000.

McIntyre was quiet, but strong, between 96 and 97. There is a considerable short interest accumulating, and it is said that another upward swing will occur next week and carry the price well up to 125. Bets were made on the floor that McIntyre would double its volume of ore in the next year.

Preston E. D. was active around 6½. Vipond remained steady between 74½ and 75. Dome Mines was 28.25.

Porcupine Crown seems to be entirely out of line with the rest of the market. It pays a 12 per cent. dividend, has large ore reserves, and should see a higher market in the near future.

McIntyre Ex. sold at 32½. West Dome was strong, selling up to 18, closing at 17¾. There is said to be a pool in this stock, which intends to put the stock to 25, that being the figure which the recent reorganization seems to warrant.

In the Cobalts, Chambers-Ferland sold at 25½. Hargraves came to life and sold up to 3¾. La Rose was 65 bid. This company has just declared a dividend, and it would not be surprising to see an upward market for it. Nipissing sold at 7.90. Peterson Lake was steady at 38. New York curb interests are paying attention to this stock, and expect to make activity in a short time.

Shamrock sold up to 19. Timiskaming touched 65, closing at 64. Traders are giving this stock a rest, but it is generally considered the cheapest stock on the list, intrinsically.

Silver was up ¼c, at 56c.

N. S. STEEL STRONG AT TORONTO MARKET

Company Making Record Earnings, and a Rise of Considerable Proportions is Predicted.

Nova Scotia Steel was the one feature on the Toronto Stock market at the week end. An important rise in the price of this issue has been predicted for some time, as it is known that the company's earnings are surpassing all records, not counting the very large earnings of the company's steamboats, which are now operating for the imperial government. The stock was fairly active on Saturday with sales up to 101½. Some of the buying was understood to be for New York people, who have taken an interest in the company as underwriters of the $1,000,000 of new stock. Steel Corporation was weaker at 46¼, with the sale of one board lot. Other listed stocks were dull and about unchanged. There was some little activity in the mines in the curb department at prices similar to those ruling on the Standard Exchange.

JOHN STARK & CO. NOW IN NEW OFFICES.

John Stark & Company, brokers, have moved from their temporary quarters at 24 East Adelaide street to their new offices in the Royal Bank Building, fifth floor, corner of King and Yonge streets, where they will be pleased to meet old and new friends and customers.

RECORD OF SATURDAY'S MARKETS

TORONTO STOCKS.

	Ask.	Bid.
Barcelona	11½	10½
Brazilian	53	...
B. C. Fishing	61	...
B. C. Packers com.	...	113
Bell Telephone	...	146
Burt F. N. com.	70	...
do. preferred	95	92½
Canada Bread com.	30	...
do. preferred	90	...
C. Car & F. Co.	*96	93
Canada Cement com.	42	41¼
Can. St. Lines com.	17¼	...
do. preferred	74½	72
Can. Gen. Electric	...	118¾
Can. Loco. com.	64	62
do. preferred	...	87
Canadian Pacific Ry.	...	180
Canadian Salt	...	110
City Dairy com.	98	...
do. preferred	101	...
Crow's Nest	75	...
Detroit United	70	...
Dominion Canners	31	...
Dom. Steel Corp.	46¾	46
Dom. Telegraph	100	...
Mackay common	80½	79
do. preferred	...	65¾
Maple Leaf common	...	50
do. preferred	...	93
Monarch com.	...	25
do. preferred	82	...
N. S. Steel com.	100½	100¼
Ogilvie com.	...	140
Pac. Burt com.	28	...
do. preferred	84	...
Penmans com.	...	60½
Petroleum	...	13.10
Porto Rico Ry. com.	46	...
do. preferred	100	...
Quebec L., H. & P.	...	18
Rogers common	95	...
do. preferred	99	...
Russell M. C. com.	44	41
do. preferred	74½	71
Sawyer - Massey	27½	...
do. preferred	74½	...
St L. & C. Nav.	125	...
Shredded Wheat com.	...	100½
do. preferred	...	93
Spanish R. com.	...	4¾
Steel of Canada com.	41	40
do. preferred	91	89
Tooke Bros. com.	18	17¾
Toronto Paper	...	38
Tucketts com.	39	...
do. preferred	90	...
Twin City com.	96	95
Winnipeg Ry.	180	...
—Mines.—		
Coniagas	4.90	...
Cons. Smelters	135	122
Crown Reserve	67	60
Dome	...	28.25
Hollinger	29.50	29.00
La Rose	70	65
Nipissing Mines	8.00	7.50
Trethewey	...	18
—Banks.—		
Commerce	203	...
Dominion	227	...
Hamilton	201	...
Imperial	210	...
Merchants'	180	...
Nova Scotia	261	...
Ottawa	207	...
Royal	221¼	...
Standard	215	...
Toronto	211	...
Union	140	...
—Loan, Trust, Etc.—		
Canada Landed	157½	...
Can. Permanent	183	...
Central Canada	190	...
Colonial Invest.	78	...
Hamilton Prov.	...	140
Huron & Erie	210	207
Landed Banking	...	149
London & Canadian	...	131
Tor. Gen. Trusts	...	205
Toronto Mortgage	...	134
—Bonds.—		
Canada Bread	93	...
Electric Development	...	88
Prov. of Ontario	...	89
Steel Co. of Can.	89¾	...

TORONTO SALES.

	High.	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
Brazilian	53	...	...	10
Cement	42	40¾	41⅝	125
Dome	28.40	...	...	25
Gen. Elec.	119	...	...	20
La Rose	67	...	...	500
Mackay	80¾	80½	80½	3
N. S. Steel	101½	99⅞	100½	735
Nipissing	7.85	...	...	250
Russell	42	...	...	40
Steel of Can.	40	...	...	40
Steel Corp.	46¼	...	...	27
Smelters	135	133	132	107
do. Rights	6¾	5¾	6¼	284
—Unlisted.—				
Apex	7	...	...	2,000
Chambers	25	...	...	2,000
Dome Ex	41	40	40	1,800
Dom. Fdry.	120	119	119	80
do. pref.	83	80	80	135
Pet. Lake	38	...	...	500
Silver Leaf	3¼	...	...	1,000
West Dome	18	17¼	17¾	7,200

McINTYRE EXTENSION ISSUES STATEMENT

Production for November Sixty-Three Thousand Three Hundred and Ten Dollars.

The following statement has been issued by McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd., of production for October and November, 1915:

	November.	October.
Tons milled	8,667	8,741
Value per ton	$7.29	$7.48
Gross value	$63,310	$65,382
Recovery	$60,284	$62,265
	95.52 p.c.	95.23 p.c.
Operating costs	$35,231	$35,051
	$4.07	$4.01
Operating profit	$25,050	$27,214

No. 5 Shaft.

600-foot level—Development on south drifts, total length, 71 feet; average width, 5 ft. 2 in.; average value, $11.17. Diamond drill hole No. 64, 120 ft., at an angle of 35, cut ore body 6 ft. wide, assaying $10.70.

700-foot level—Diamond drill hole, No. 65, total length, 139 feet, flat hole, cut two stringers, one 6 inches wide, assaying 40 cents at about 90 ft.; another, 9 inches wide, assaying $6.40 at about 125 ft. Diamond drill hole, No. 66, at an angle of 37, cut vein 3 ft. 5 in. wide; assay value, $5.20. Drifts from south crosscut, total about 30 ft., assays very erratic, running from $10.40 down to 40c.

No. 4 Shaft.

West end of No. 211 stope, opening up a body of 4 ft. 6 in. of ore; assay of a round of shots on 8th inst. on 400-foot level, $16, over 4½ ft.

Mill Construction.

New mill addition housed in and corrugated iron being placed on roof. Expect covering to be finished by 15th. Weather so far has been favorable for outside work.

McIntyre Extension.

Shaft down 885 feet. Progress in November, 91 feet. Serious delay by defective fuses. Started one stoping drill on ore on 400-foot level below the raise running to 300 level. No results to report as yet. Electric pump to be installed at 600-foot level, arrived, and will be in operation shortly, saving expense in pumping by air.

Jupiter.

Unwatered down to floor of 200-foot level. Expect to finish unwatering about 15th inst. No. 1B shaft appears to have been sunk in quartz porphyry. Deliveries of timber for head frame and sampling works beginning to arrive.

LA ROSE DIVIDEND.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the La Rose Consolidated Mines Co., a quarterly dividend of 1 per cent. was declared, payable Jan. 20, 1916, to shareholders of record Dec. 31. Transfer books of the company will close from Dec. 31 to Jan. 19, 1916.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Erickson, Perkins & Company, 14 West King street, report the following fluctuations on the New York Stock Exchange:

	Op.	High	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
—Railroads.—					
Atchison	106	106½	106	106½	1,300
B. & Ohio	93	93¾	93	93⅝	2,000
Br. Rpd. Trn.	88	88½	88	88½	400
Can. Pac.	179½	180½	178	180	3,300
Ches. & Ohio	62	62⅝	62	62½	700
C. Gt. W.	14⅝	...	...	...	.....
Chis., Mil. & St. Paul	93⅞	94	93¾	93¾	400
Erie	42¼	42¾	42⅛	42½	10,600
do. 1st pfd.	56½	57¼	56½	57¼	1,700
do. 2nd pfd.	50	...	...	...	200
Gt. Nth. pfd.	125	125⅝	125	125⅝	700
Inter-Met.	21⅝	21⅞	21⅛	21⅝	2,300
K.C. Sth.	31	31	30⅝	31	600
Lehigh V.	80½	81⅛	81½	81	400
M., K. & T.	6⅛	6⅛	6	6	700
Miss. Pac.	4¼	4½	4⅛	4⅛	2,500
N.Y. Central	103	105	103	104⅞	18,700
N.Y., N. H. & Hartford	74¼	75¼	74¾	74¾	1,600
N.Y., Ont. & Western	30	...	...	...	100
Nor. & W.	119¾	121⅛	119⅛	121	5,500
Nor. Pac.	116⅛	116¾	115⅞	115⅞	900
Penna.	59	59⅝	59	59¼	1,900
Reading	80⅝	81¼	80¾	80¾	4,300
Rock Island	19	19	18	18⅛	6,600
St. L. & S. F. 2nd pfd.	6½	...	...	...	.....
South. Pac.	100¾	101	100⅛	101	2,800
South. Ry.	22⅝	22¾	22½	22¾	3,000
Union Pac.	136¼	137¾	136⅛	137⅜	9,500
U. Ry. In. Co.	21	21¼	21	21	700
West. Mary.	32	...	...	...	.....
—Industrials.—					
Amal. Cop.	31½	31¾	31	31½	800
Am. Ag. Ch.	71¾	...	...	...	400
Am. Bt. Sgr.	69⅞	70	69	70	1,200
Am. Can	60	60¼	59¼	60	2,400
Am. C. & F.	79	79⅞	78¾	79¾	1,600
do. pfd.	71½	72¾	71½	72¼	1,000
Am. H. & L.	10¾	10¾	10⅝	10⅝	200
do. pfd.	50½	...	...	...	400
Am. Ice Sec.	26½	...	...	...	100
Am. Linseed.	21¼	21½	21⅛	21½	500
Am. Loco.	68¾	69¼	68¾	69¼	2,800
Am. Smf. cm.	164⅝	166¾	163¼	166	10,000
Am. Smelt.	97⅜	97⅛	96⅞	97¼	3,200
Am. St. Fdy.	61⅛	61⅞	61	61⅞	1,100
Am. T. & T.	128½	...	...	...	800
Am. Tob.	214½	214½	208	208¼	2,800
Am. Wool.	48	...	...	...	.....
Anaconda	85½	86	85⅛	85⅛	9,200
Beth. Stl. pf	112	113¾	111	113⅝	5,800
Chino	53	55¼	53	53	1,600
Cent. Leather	54½	54½	54⅛	54⅛	1,800
Col. F. & I.	50⅛	51	50⅛	50⅛	2,500
Con. Gas	142	142½	141¾	142¼	1,300
Corn Prod.	19⅜	19⅜	19⅛	19¼	1,800
Calif. Pet.	26⅝	27¼	26⅝	27	800
Dis. Sec.	46	46¾	46	46½	2,800
Dome	28	28	27¾	28	1,200
Gen. Elec.	175	175	174½	174¾	300
Gt. N.O. Ctfs.	48½	48½	48	48	2,500
Guggen.	76¼	76½	76¼	76½	400
Gen. Motors	530	531	530	531	300
Goodrich	72⅝	73⅝	72¼	72¾	3,300
Int. Harv.	110½	...	...	...	100
do. pref.	199	199	197¼	197¼	1,600
Ins. Cop.	44	44⅝	43⅝	43⅝	4,100
Mex. Pet.	91	92¼	91	92	3,300
Max. Motors	73⅝	75¾	73⅞	74¾	1,300
do. 1st pf.	99¼	...	...	...	100
do. 2nd pf.	55½	56	55½	56	200
Nat. Lead	63½	64	63½	64	200
Nev. Cop.	16½	16½	16⅛	16⅛	500
Pitts. Coal	34¾	36	34¾	35½	2,300
P. S. Car	63	63½	63	63⅝	500
Ray Cop.	25	26⅛	26	26	4,300
Rep. I. & S.	54	55¼	53½	54⅝	9,400
do. pref.	110⅞	111	110¼	111	.....
S.S.S. & I.	63	...	...	...	100
Sears Roe.	176¼	...	...	...	200
Ten. Cop.	56⅞	56⅞	56½	56¾	1,300
Texas Oil	212	215	212	214	1,000
U.S. Rubber	54	54	53½	54	1,100
U. S. Steel	86⅛	86⅜	85¾	86	41,300
do. pref.	116	...	...	...	800
do. fives	104	104	103¾	104	1,800
Utah Cop.	78¾	79¼	78½	79¼	3,700
Vir. Car Ch.	46½	...	...	...	100
W. Un. Tel.	88½	88¾	88½	88¾	300
Westing.	67⅜	68	67¼	67⅞	4,200
Wool. com.	114½	...	...	...	200

STANDARD EXCHANGE.

Cobalts—	Sell.	Buy.
Bailey	6	4⅞
Beaver Consolidated	46	44½
Buffalo	1.15	1.05
Chambers - Ferland	25½	25¼
Coniagas	4.95	4.70
Crown Reserve	67	66
Great Northern	7½	6½
Gould	½	...
Hargraves	4	3¾
Hudson Bay	...	23.00
Kerr Lake	5.25	4.75
La Rose	75	65
McKinley Dar. Savage	65	63
Nipissing	8.00	7.75
Ophir	11	10
Peterson Lake	38	37¾
Right-of-Way	5	4½
Seneca - Superior	75	...
Silver Leaf	3¾	3½
Shamrock Consolidated	20	19½
Timiskaming	64	63½
Trethewey	18	16½
Wettlaufer	...	8
York, Ont.	1	...
Porcupines—		
Apex	6¾	6½
Dome Con. M.	21	20¾
Dome Extension	42	41½
Dome Lake	25½	24
Dome Mines	29.00	...
Eldorado	¾	¼
Gold Reef	3	1
Homestake	28	24
Hollinger	29.25	...
Jupiter	18½	18
McIntyre	98	96
McIntyre Extension	32	31
Moneta	10	9½
Porcupine Crown	99	94
Porcupine Imperial	5	4
Porcupine Vipond	75	74
Preston East D.	6¾	6
Teck - Hughes	15	14
West Dome	17¾	17½

STANDARD SALES.

	High.	Low.	Cl.	Sales.
Apex	7	6¼	6¾	35,500
Beaver Con.	46	44	44	2,100
Big Dome	28.25	...	...	200
Bailey	4⅞	4¾	4¾	1,100
Coniagas	4.65	...	...	10
Crown Res.	*67	65	65	3,500
Chambers - Fer.	25½	25¼	25¼	6,000
Dome Con.	21	20	21	14,500
Dome Lake	24½	...	...	500
Dome Ext.	42	39	42	68,150
Great Northern	4½	...	...	1,000
Hargraves	3¾	3¼	3¾	13,800
Hollinger	29.00	...	...	25
Jupiter	18	17¾	18	7,500
McKinley	66	...	...	100
McIntyre	97	96	96	4,000
Moneta	9½	...	...	500
Nipissing	7.95	...	...	100
Ophir	10	...	...	1,000
Porc. Imperial	5¼	5	5	9,000
Pearl Lake	14	...	...	5,000
Preston	6¾	6½	6¾	7,000
Porc. Crown	94	90	94	1,050
Porc. Vipond	75½	74½	74½	3,500
Peterson Lake	38	37¾	38	1,200
Shamrock	19½	19	19½	7,000
Silver Leaf	3½	3½	3½	7,000
Timiskaming	65	64	64	4,000
Teck - Hughes	15	...	...	500
West Dome	18	17¼	17¾	2,175

*Buyers sixty days.

NEW YORK COTTON.

J. P. Bickell & Co., 302-7 Standard Bank Building, report New York Cotton Exchange fluctuations as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Prev. Close.
Jan.	12.49	12.50	12.18	12.18	12.46
March	12.75	12.75	12.33	12.45	12.74
May	12.96	12.97	12.54	12.57	12.96
July	13.06	13.06	12.58	12.77	13.06
Oct.	12.60	12.60	12.32	12.35	.....
Dec.	12.16	12.20	12.13	12.13	12.37

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Bar silver, 56c.
LONDON, Dec. 11.—Silver, 26⅞d per ounce.

MONTREAL GRAIN MARKET.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12.—There was an improvement in the demand from foreign buyers for Manitoba spring wheat Saturday, and the few bids that did come forward were 6d per quarter lower than yesterday. The demand in other lines was also quiet. Flour continued active, with a firm undertone. The demand for millfeed was good, and millers were closely sold up.

PRICES MUCH EASIER FOR NEW LAID EGGS

Bulk of Sales at St. Lawrence Market at Fifty and Sixty Cents.

TOMATOES GOING UP

Scarcity of Hot-House Variety on Wholesale Market Sends Prices Soaring.

The St. Lawrence Market was not quite so crowded on Saturday as usual, partly caused by many holding their produce for the Christmas trade; but, despite this fact, trade was rather slow and draggy.

New-laid eggs were decidedly easier, for, tho one vendor received her usual 75c per dozen for all she had, the bulk only asked 65c per dozen, and many of them had to reduce the price to 60c, while others reduced to 55c, and large quantities of the really new-laid brand sold out at 50c per dozen.

Butter remained about stationary in price, selling at 35c, 33c, 32c and 30c per pound.

Fowl also sold at about the same rates it has been going at for the past two weeks. Chickens, starting at 20c per lb., soon declined to 18c, then 17c, 16c, and 15c per lb., while some closed out below those figures. Ducks sold at from 18c to 22c per lb.; geese at 14c to 16c, with an odd one bringing 17c, while turkeys brought from 20c to 25c per lb.

In the wagon section, the fresh vegetables were noticeably lighter in quantity, and were soon sold at about the same prices they have been bringing for some time past. There were only a few cauliflowers brought in, the very small heads selling at 5c each, larger ones bringing $2 per bushel box.

Beef cut into quarters is being brought in in larger quantities, and proves a ready sale, the fronts going at 10c per lb., and the hinds at 11c and 12c per lb.

There were also some good medium-sized pigs, weighing about 120 to 130 lbs. each, which sold at 12c per lb.

Apples continue to bring a fairly good price, some first-class Snows selling at 80c per 11-quart basket.

There were only four loads of hay brought in on Saturday, the top price received being $21 per ton.

Grain—

Fall wheat, cereal, new, bushel	$1 00 to $1 02
Fall wheat, milling, new, bushel	0 85 0 98
Goose wheat, bush.	0 88 0 90
Barley, feed, bush.	0 48 0 53
Barley, malting, bush.	0 56 0 60
Oats, new, bush.	0 40 0 43
Buckwheat, bush.	0 76 0 78
Rye, bush.	0 80 0 85

Hay and Straw—

Hay, new, No. 1, ton	$18 00 to $21 00
Hay, mixed, per ton	15 00 1 00
Straw, rye, per ton	17 00 19 00
Straw, loose, per ton	9 00 10 00
Straw, oat, bundler, per ton	16 00 17 00

Dairy Produce—

Eggs, new, per doz.	$0 50 to $0 75
Bulk going at	0 60 ....
Butter, farmers' dairy	0 30 0 35
Bulk going at	0 33 0 35

Poultry—

Spring chickens, lb.	$0 16 to $0 20
Spring ducks, lb.	0 18 0 22
Fowl, lb.	0 14 0 16
Geese, lb.	0 14 0 16
Turkeys, lb.	0 20 0 25

Farm Produce, Wholesale.

Hay, No. 1, new, ton	$17 00 to $18 50
Hay, No. 2, ton	13 00 14 00
Straw, car lots	6 50 ....
Potatoes, new, Ontarios, bag, car lots	1 25 1 30
Potatoes, New Brunswick, bag, car lots	1 40 1 45
Butter, creamery, fresh-made, lb. squares	0 33 0 34
Butter, creamery, cut sq.	0 32 0 33
Butter, creamery, solids	0 32 ....
Butter, separator, dairy	0 30 0 32
Eggs, new-laid, per doz.	0 45 0 50
Eggs, cold storage, doz.	0 30 0 33
Eggs, cold storage, seconds	0 24 0 25
Cheese, per lb.	0 18½ 0 18¾
Honey, extracted, lb.	0 11 ....

Fresh Meats, Wholesale.

Beef, hindquarters, cwt.	$12 50 to $13 50
Beef, choice sides, cwt.	11 00 12 00
Beef, forequarters, cwt.	9 00 10 50
Beef, medium, cwt.	9 00 10 50
Beef, common, cwt.	7 00 9 00
Light mutton, cwt.	11 00 12 00
Heavy mutton, cwt.	7 00 9 00
Lambs, spring, per lb.	0 15½ 0 16½
Veal, No. 1	13 00 14 00
Veal, common	8 50 10 50
Dressed hogs, cwt.	12 25 12 75
Hogs, over 150 lbs.	11 00 12 00

Poultry, Wholesale.

Mr. M. P. Mallon, wholesale poultry, gives the following quotations:

Live Weight Prices—	
Spring chickens, lb.	$0 12 to $0 13
Spring ducks, lb.	0 11 0 12
Geese, lb.	0 10 ....
Turkeys, lb.	0 16 ....
Fowl, lb., heavy	0 11 ....
Fowl, lb., light	0 08 ....
Dressed—	
Spring chickens, lb.	$0 13 to $0 16
Fowl, lb., heavy	0 13 ....
Fowl, lb., light	0 10 ....
Spring ducks, lb.	0 14 ....
Geese, lb.	0 12 ....
Turkeys, lb.	0 18 ....
Squabs, 10-oz., per doz.	3 60 ....

Hides and Skins.

Prices revised daily by E. T. Carter & Co., 85 East Front street, Dealers in Wool, Yarns, Hides, Calfskins and Sheepskins, Raw Furs, Tallow, etc.:

Lambskins and pelts	$1 20 to $1 25
Sheepskins	1 50 2 00
City hides, flat	0 18 ....
Country hides, cured	0 17 ....
Country hides, part-cured	0 16 ....
Calfskins, lb.	0 18 ....
Kip skins, per lb.	0 16 ....
Horsehair, per lb.	0 35 ....
Horsehides, No. 1	3 50 4 50
Tallow, No. 1, per lb.	0 05½ 0 07
Deer skins, green	0 07 ....
Deer skins, dry	0 20 ....
Deer skins, wet salted	0 05 ....
Deer skins, dry salted	0 15 ....

WHOLESALE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Hothouse tomatoes, which, after the deluge, became quite scarce last week, have advanced considerably in price, the No. 1's again bringing 25c per lb. Saturday, and No. 2's 20c per lb.

Oranges, both Navels and Floridas, continue to come in in large quantities, the prices remaining about stationary.

Wholesale Fruits.

Apples—25c to 35c per 11-quart basket; Snows, 50c per 11-quart basket; Snow apples, $3 to $6 per bbl.; Spys, $4 to $6 per bbl.; Greenings and Baldwins, $3 to $4.50 per bbl.; Russets, $3 to $4.50 per bbl.; imported, $2.25 to $3 per box; British Columbia, $2.25 to $2.50 per box; Ontario, $1.50, $2 and $2.25 per box.

Bananas—$1.50 to $1.80 per bunch.

Casaba melons—$3.75 and $4 per case of eight.

Citrons—40c per dozen.

Cranberries—$7 to $9 per bbl.

Figs—10-lb. box, $1.35; 12-oz., 19c; 8-o