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FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.
(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Members
Montreal Stock Exchange.)

New York, Dec. 24.

Close	Open	Noon
Am Car & Pkwy.....	87 1/2	87 1/2
Am Locomotive.....	67 1/2	67 1/2
Am Beet Sugar.....	62 1/2	62 1/2
Am Can Sugar.....	45 1/2	45 1/2
Am Smelters.....	75 1/2	75 1/2
Anacostia Mining.....	61 1/2	60 1/2
Atch. T. & S. Fe.....	30 1/2	30 1/2
Brooklyn R. T.....	26 1/2	26 1/2
Balt. & Ohio.....	62 1/2	62 1/2
Baldwin Loco.....	73 1/2	73 1/2
Bute & Superior.....	19 1/2	19 1/2
Beth Steel.....	61 1/2	61 1/2
Chino Copper.....	38 1/2	38 1/2
Ches. & Ohio.....	55 1/2	55 1/2
Colorado Fuel.....	15 1/2	15 1/2
Central Leather.....	55 1/2	55 1/2
Crescent Steel.....	55 1/2	55 1/2
Erie.....	26 1/2	26 1/2
Great North.....	17 1/2	17 1/2
General Motors.....	128 1/2	128 1/2
Inspiration.....	48 1/2	48 1/2
Int. Marine Corp.....	112 1/2	112 1/2
Int. Marine Pfd.....	112 1/2	112 1/2
Industrial Alcohol.....	101 1/2	101 1/2
Kennecott Copper.....	38 1/2	38 1/2
Midvale Steel.....	48 1/2	48 1/2
Maxwell Motors.....	28 1/2	28 1/2
Mex Petroleum.....	167 1/2	167 1/2
Miami.....	22 1/2	22 1/2
Northern Pacific.....	84 1/2	84 1/2
N. Y. Central.....	74 1/2	74 1/2
New Haven.....	30 1/2	30 1/2
Pennsylvania.....	44 1/2	44 1/2
Reading.....	73 1/2	73 1/2
Republic & S.....	74 1/2	74 1/2
St. Paul.....	40 1/2	40 1/2
Southern Ry.....	29 1/2	29 1/2
Southern Pacific.....	38 1/2	38 1/2
Studebaker.....	49 1/2	49 1/2
Union Pacific.....	127 1/2	126 1/2
U. S. Steel.....	94 1/2	94 1/2
U. S. Rubber.....	72 1/2	72 1/2
Utah Copper.....	72 1/2	72 1/2
West Electric.....	42 1/2	42 1/2
Willis Overland.....	25 1/2	25 1/2

MONTREAL TRANSACTIONS.
(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Members
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Montreal, Dec. 24.

Can. Bank of Commerce.....	15 at 24.
Dominion Steel.....	5 at 61.
Laurentide.....	10 at 192.
Wabasco.....	100 at 58.
Steel Co.....	60 at 83.
Victory Loan Bonds 1922-100 at	98 1/2.
Victory Loan Bonds 1927-100 at	102.
Abitibi Pfd-75 at 80.	
Asbestos Pfd-25 at 62 1/2.	
Ships Pfd-100 at 75.	
Quebec Bonds-500 at 60.	

PRACTICAL REFORM

To the Editor of The Times:-

Sir:-In the past four years a new era
in the lives of the people has arisen, and
it would be only fair to say that the
work of the past for real reform has been
mainly due to the unflinching sincere ef-
forts of the editorial workers of good
newspapers, and to the high character
of the citizens of St. John city who have
responded nobly to the giant task of re-
forming all the good things suggested by
at least three of the newspapers.
This is a task that the higher in-
telligence can fully appreciate.
The present benefits of these efforts are
seen strongly in the new newspaper, the
force in a writer and more honest govern-
ing of all the inhabitants, and for the
first time as we know it in our life
nearly sixty years have there appeared
a new light on the horizon of reform.
In the long past of its history "party"
rule, and the party who bribed the
greatest ruler for the time being, till
the party in opposition once more ruled
with the dishonest hand-surely a state
and condition that the mass of the peo-
ple "paid the price" for being decidedly
fooled.

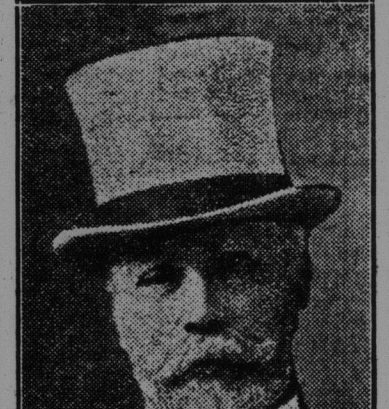
With the present majority of honest
representatives governing today, we con-
sider there is here in the heart of one of
the best sections of Canada an open and
clear opportunity to show a leading
hand to all the rest of the continent for
good governing. Creation has supplied
us with a garden land so prolific as to
supply the wants of the overplus popu-
lations of the world.

To keep this in mind our newspapers
are making their best efforts (those of
them who stick to the word "principle")
-and for the first time we see an out-
spoken editor has put it forth in the
strenuous sense of what it means-keep
your word. We think if the public will
follow this plan, or sense of word, to any
or all their adherents in every kind of
religion effort for good, that their con-
gregations will be greater and more be-
lieving.

All have seen the world's material past
that could self accumulation have
brought more sorrow and unhappiness to
those so inclined, and that their lives in
the main are greatly shortened by their
effort. The necessity of newspapers in
their great unending task of education
is their value to the neglected of the
masses voice of the masses, and the
splitting apart of humanity, as ob-
served in the past history of nations.
The schools and all institutions in the
newer life should be wiser to the call for
advanced efficiency in one of the most
important matters of human life for any
nation or people. We are all of a sim-
ilar composition and deserve an equal
opportunity to be mates with our kind,
and the greatest for our good is educa-
tion as so persistently advised by every
popular newspaper printed and sent
broadcast over the world.

Respectfully,
J. S. CLIMO.

SPEAKER RE-ELECTED.



Rt. Hon. J. W. Lowther, Speaker of
the British House of Commons for many
years, has been again returned
without opposition. In the Old Country
they have a permanent speaker, unlike
Canada, where a new presiding officer
for the Commons is elected at the inaugu-
ration of each new parliament.

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WITH a world-wide connection
and with branches in all the
important cities and towns through-
out Canada and also in the United
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and Mexico, this Bank has the
facilities for handling with despatch
every phase of banking. The Man-
ager will be pleased to consult with
prospective customers regarding
their banking requirements of on
any matters pertaining to business
and finance.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

HEAD OFFICE - TORONTO

ST. JOHN, N.B., Branch J. M. CHRISTIE, Manager

GROCERY MARKET

The following comment on the market
situation as regards food stuffs appeared
in Canadian Press last week:-

Substitute flour difficulties seem pos-
sible of solution, according to advices
reaching the trade this week. It is un-
derstood prices which will be paid for
accumulation of substitute flours have
been named and whereas in all cases
these do not cover entire cost, it is fur-
ther thought these will not result in se-
rious losses to the millers. The movement
will have to be started soon, as it is said
supplies must be assembled at seaboard
for overseas shipment by February 15.
Full details as to how business will be
handled and prices to be paid are not yet
available.

The salmon situation has finally been
settled, it being understood that pack-
ers' figures for sockeye have been met
and pinks accepted at a slight reduction
per case. The Canadian trade will re-
ceive no more than current prices, and
these are not high, but they are better
before another pack is put up.

Montreal-The advance of the week
has been made for paper bags, mince
meat, caustic, cod liver oil, cough syrup,
maple sugar, tomatoes and cauliflower.
There is a very firm demand for all these
and prices are high.

Bean and pea stocks are stated as very
heavy, and the natural consequence is a
softening of prices for these lines, par-
ticularly so as there is but a small and
limited sale for them.

Reports are better regarding the im-
provement looked for in sugar supplies.
Canned goods are somewhat uncertain,
and favorable prices are obtainable now
on peas and tomatoes, but corn is steady
and firm. Peanuts of all kinds in the
shell are particularly easy and may go
lower.

Toronto-The lifting of the restrictions
in full by January 1 in news welcomed
by the trade as a whole. Conditions are
such that more nearly normal business
operations may soon be expected to re-
sult, and the whole machinery of distri-
bution on sugar operate smoothly.

There have been some lower prices
named on some grades of raisins as bet-
ter supplies become available. A reduc-
tion of fifteen cents per dozen has been
made in some quarters on jelly powders,
the removal of the restrictions on sugar
with better manufacturing conditions re-
sulting, being a factor.

Grapefruit has eased away slightly on
the local market, with ample supplies
available. Oranges are in very good sup-
ply, with prices firmly held. Potatoes
have softened, prices being up ten cents
per bag.

A decline in live hogs of twenty-five
cents per cwt. has been recorded this
week. Some dealers are realizing on cur-
rents to slightly lower levels are also re-
ported, boness backs and ribs becom-
ing coming down one cent per pound. Lard
is somewhat unsettled, with a firmer
market a possibility. Butter is up one
cent a pound, and eggs one cent a dozen.
With the exception of turkeys and ducks,
a general easing away of buying prices
on poultry of from one to two cents per
pound is reported.

NEW SECRETARY.



J. E. Walsh has been appointed secre-
tary of the Canadian Manufacturers'
Association, vice G. M. Murray, re-
signed. Mr. Walsh was for some time
connected with the old Canada Atlantic
Railway at Ottawa and for twelve years
has been transportation manager for the
C. M. A.

SCALE DOWN THE LIVING COSTS

A Thoughtful Letter on the Prob-
lems Now Confronting
the People

To the Editor of The Times:
Sir:-Your editorial (The Testing
Time) in the Times of Dec. 21 is so evi-
dently inspired by considerable thought
on the present situation, and is so ab-
solutely free from any influence, polit-
ical or otherwise, that I am impelled
as a private citizen to suggest certain
phases of some of the problems con-
fronting Canada today, and at the same
time voice an opinion along the line of
safe solution.

This is surely a time to use our best
judgment in the selection of our public
men to whom we must look to grapple
with the solution of the serious problems
facing the whole world, but our duty is
not done even if we are successful in
the choice of our representatives.
Public men need assistance, and it is
the duty of the press to secure from
representative citizens in all departments
of life and service an expression of in-
dividual opinion as to where the danger-
points lie, and suggest their method of
meeting and overcoming the situation to
secure "the greatest good to the greatest
number."

I read with interest an article by Si-
monides in The Telegraph recently, and
a careful understanding of his theme
will reveal the serious aspect of one
great problem of the day, namely labor,
and labor's relation to capital. Now we
have always been inclined to refer to
labor and capital as the man without
money who works for the man with
money, with the result that wealth is
added to wealth, and without any last-
ing advantage to labor in the picture,
but this idea must be dispelled, in fact
it is largely being dispelled through a
new viewpoint of labor itself-a truly
healthy sign. Labor today does not seek
to fix its income on the basis of what
any industry can pay-they want a liv-
ing wage, and when I say a living wage
I mean such a wage as will enable them
to live economically in comfort and lay
away each month a small amount for a
rainy day.

I regard this, as I have stated, to be
a healthy viewpoint as the old idea of
leading prosperous industries because
they were prosperous and suffering
hardship on small pay and lost time be-
cause some industry was dragging along
close to bankruptcy, simply through il-
l-advised direction of capital or bad man-
agement, was fatal to the interest of the
laboring class. Now where does this
lead us? Labor requires a fair wage,
but when we attempt to discover what
this implies, we are face to face with
labor's relation to: 1st, cost of food;
2nd, cost of housing; 3rd, cost of manu-
factured articles such as clothing and
housekeeping fixtures.

How can we proceed to adjust the
cost of these three items in order that
labor may be able to arrive at their
basis of remuneration? If labor is to
give the necessary assistance in the com-
ing period of readjustment, and I am
bound to say that we are terribly de-
pendent upon its assistance, we must
get down to a fixed basis on living costs
Should wheat be selling at present day
prices? No, it would not be necessary if
only a reasonable return on capital was
demanded.

Should sugar be selling at the price
it is today? No, not if shipping inter-
ests who are transporting the raw ma-
terial were allowed to receive only a fair
return on their investment.

I might go through a long list of such
supplies and furnish answers either
along this same line or run up against
middlemen (highwaymen many of them
should be called) who have been and
still are taking advantage of the situ-

ation to rob the public. The food pro-
ducer and the trader should today be
subject to strict legislation fixing prices
in great detail, and it is the plain duty
of the government to take the most
drastic steps along these lines, else labor
will either demand higher wages than
industries will warrant or will rise in
revolt and cause untold trouble.
I will not make much comment on the
matter of housing at this time, important
as it is, inasmuch as your readers
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the question is receiving very consid-
erable attention at the hands of the va-
rious governments of Canada.

Manufactured articles should be sub-
ject to price fixing legislation in just as
strict detail as food. The abnormal
profit paid on a great many lines of
manufactured articles during the war
should cease at once and such prices
fixed as will insure a fair return to cap-
ital well directed and industries well
managed. This is no time for our pub-
lic men to lie down and regard their
work as done, their real testing time is
only coming. It is easy to put through
arbitrary legislation, good and other-
wise, on the crest of a great national
interest such as the country at war means,
but what about the present apparently
suffer times when the manhood of our
nation is returning and seeking to rein-
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Start at the fountain-head by gradu-
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of reconstruction and readjustment of
our national life.

E. R. REID.
St. John, Dec. 24, 1918.

JOHN B. JONES AND JOHN THORNTON

To the Electors of Saint John:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

We respectfully ask the honor of your
votes on the 30th inst.

We have a deep sense of the City's
needs and are convinced that a strong
check should be kept on forces which
are attacking the City's interests, other-
wise our bond issue and tax rate will
be a sad reminder of this year's extrava-
gance. If you give us the majority of
your vote we will demand careful
management of the Safety and other de-
partments and thus protect the citizens
and aid the City's trade.

We agree with the Board of Trade
that the City Council should have
agreed to arbitrate the dispute between
Con. McLeelan and the policemen. The
principle of conciliation was adopted
last week in Toronto, was urged by the
Governor-General while here, and should
have been tried out and thus have saved
the cost and trouble of this election.

We shall favor any fair proposal for
the City to control or buy out the
rights, interests, etc., of the New Brun-
swick Power Company, whereby to give
citizens gas, electric lighting and power
and street car service at lower rates
than are now paid.

We feel that the C. P. R. and the
government should provide a traffic
bridge via Navy Island to the West
Side and we shall work to that end.
JOHN B. JONES
JOHN THORNTON.
St. John, N. B., Dec. 26th.



CHRISTMAS IS OVER

And you'll find here, because of
liberal and early buying, a well as-
sorted stock of stylish goods for
men's wear.
Business and Evening Suits, Over-
coats and Storm Coats, Neckties and
Neckwear, Shirts and Collars.
In our Custom Tailoring Depart-
ment, the newest and best clothes to
be had-more than thirty have any
idea of. Among them plenty of good
blues, ready to be tailored just as
you wish in fashionable styles.

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66 Prince William Street

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