

### COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS  
(Furnished by D. C. Cline, Banker  
and Broker.)  
Chicago Market Report and New York  
Cotton Market.  
St. John, N. B., Sept. 28th.

St. Mon.	St. Mon.	St. Mon.
Amalgam Copper .....	43 1/2	43 1/2
Amalgam .....	43 1/2	43 1/2
Am Sugar Refs .....	130	130
Am S and Rfg .....	130	130
Am Car Foundry .....	38 1/2	38 1/2
Am Locomotive .....	48 1/2	48 1/2
Brook Rpt Trst .....	47 1/2	47 1/2
Balt and Ohio .....	56 1/2	56 1/2
Cheam and Ohio .....	40 1/2	40 1/2
Canadian Pacific .....	172 1/2	172 1/2
Can and G West .....	7	7
Culo F and Iron .....	33 1/2	33 1/2
Consolidated Gas .....	14 1/2	14 1/2
Erie .....	29 1/2	29 1/2
Erie, first pd .....	43	43
Illinois Central .....	138 1/2	138 1/2
Kan and Texas .....	30 1/2	30 1/2
Norfolk and W .....	30 1/2	30 1/2
Great Nor pd .....	129 1/2	129 1/2
National Lead .....	121	121
Missouri Pacific .....	32 1/2	32 1/2
Nor and Western .....	72 1/2	72 1/2
N Y Central .....	138 1/2	138 1/2
Ont and Western .....	40	40
Reading .....	127 1/2	127 1/2
Republ steel .....	22	21 1/2
Pennsylvania .....	122 1/2	122 1/2
Rock Island .....	18 1/2	18 1/2
St. Paul .....	133 1/2	133 1/2
Southern Ry .....	21 1/2	21 1/2
Southern Ry pd .....	102 1/2	102 1/2
Southern Pacific .....	102 1/2	102 1/2
Northern Pacific .....	133 1/2	133 1/2
National Lead .....	84	83 1/2
Union Pacific .....	158 1/2	158 1/2
U S Rubber .....	30 1/2	30 1/2
U S Steel .....	43 1/2	43 1/2
U S Steel pd .....	108 1/2	108 1/2
Wabash pd .....	25 1/2	25 1/2
Western Union .....	102 1/2	102 1/2
Total sales in New York, Saturday	45,413 shares.	

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.  
Sat. Mon.

Dec. corn .....	66 1/2	66 1/2
" wheat .....	101 1/2	101 1/2
" oats .....	48 1/2	48 1/2
May corn .....	65 1/2	65 1/2
" wheat .....	104 1/2	104 1/2
" oats .....	51 1/2	51 1/2

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.  
C.P. Op'n. Noon.

Dom. Coal .....	84	84
Dom I and S .....	16 1/2	16 1/2
Dom I and S pd .....	102 1/2	102 1/2
N S Steel .....	47 1/2	48
C P R .....	172 1/2	172 1/2
Wabash .....	25 1/2	25 1/2
Montreal Power .....	102 1/2	102 1/2
Teleo Ry and L .....	8	8

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.  
Sat. Mon.

October .....	8.95	9.00
December .....	8.75	8.85
January .....	8.61	8.77
March .....	8.62	8.77

J. M. ROBINSON & SONS,  
Private Wire Telegram.  
Morning rates, Montreal, Sept. 28:  
Toledo Electric 55 1/2.  
Rio, 50 1/2.  
Mackay Preferred, 26 1/2.  
Laur Poly and Paper preferred, 53 1/2.  
Montreal Street 102 1/2.  
C. P. R., 172 1/2.  
Rio Bonds, 5 1/2.  
Dom Iron preferred 26 1/2.  
Lakok of Woods, 76 1/2.  
Bank of Montreal, 16 1/2.  
So. 25 1/2.  
Mexican Electric, 150 1/2.  
Montreal Power, 50 1/2.  
Nova Scotia, 10 1/2.  
Mex L & P Bonds, 100 1/2.

WINDS IN ARABIA.  
The whirling winds of Arabia some times excavate sand pits to the depth of 200 feet, the rim usually being three times that depth in diameter. A sand pit thus made may be entirely obliterated in a few hours and another excavated within a short distance of it.

The Atlantic express came in this morning to two sections. The first, bearing mails and baggage, was on time, while the passenger section was two hours late in arriving.

## Grand Liberal Mass Meeting

### Oddfellows Hall, West End.

## TONIGHT

SPEAKERS:  
**JAMES PENDER, Esq.,**  
**HON. H. A. McKEOWN,**  
**EDWARD SEARS, Esq.**

Chair Taken at 8 O'clock by Dr. F. L. Kenney  
Ladies Particularly Invited.

### CIRCLED THE PROVINCE IN AN AUTOMOBILE

Percy W. Thomson and Party Covered  
Over a Thousand Miles  
Last Week.

Percy W. Thomson, of Wm. Thomson & Co., with a party of three others, have just completed a record breaking tour in Mr. Thomson's big white steam touring car. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Burrows, formerly manager of the Union Bank of Halifax, in this city. They left St. John on Saturday, 18th of September, and reached Woodstock last night. Their next stop was at Edmundston, and on Monday night they reached Riverview. On Tuesday they followed the river as far as St. Flavie, and the next night reached St. Alexis. From there the auto ran to Campbellton and on Friday went through to Campbellton. On Saturday Sheldan was reached and last night the party arrived in St. John. During the trip they covered 1004 miles, and did not meet with a single mishap. The car was used to cover the whole distance, and was with them on the slightest trouble of any kind. The trip took nine days, and their average progress during this time was about 115 miles per day. They completely circled the province of New Brunswick and on at least one stretch of road, that between St. Flavie and St. Alexis they held the record of running the first automobile through the district. Along other roads they also attracted much attention owing to the fact that the inhabitants had seen very few such machines before. The trip was simply for pleasure and this end was fully achieved. Mr. Thomson expressed himself as especially satisfied with the performance in view of the fact that he had used it for a trip to Boston only three weeks before.

### THE LAKE MANITOBA HAS ARRIVED AT LAST

Delayed by Fog for the Past Week—Big  
Passenger List for the  
Empress.

MONTREAL, Sept. 28.—S. S. Lake Manitoba, which has been delayed by fog for the past week, arrived in port this morning at 11:30. She is scheduled to sail again for Liverpool on Montreal on Thursday morning next. There has been an unusually heavy booking for the Empress of Britain which sails from Quebec next Friday, owing to the fact that the fog which is at present hampering navigation on the St. Lawrence has caused the Quebec and Montreal to be delayed. The Empress will not interfere with the Empress sailing on schedule time, the ship being outside the present fog zone.

### STILL ON STRIKE

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 28.—Contrary to expectation the striking paper makers formerly in the employ of the International Paper Company, did not resume work in any of the mills where the strike was in force. President Gary, of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers, today stated his reasons to the Associated Press as follows: "I signed an agreement with the International Paper Company calling off the strike with the acceptance of the five per cent. de- reason for continuing the strike. None make has to be endorsed by the locals before it becomes effective. This agreement was not so endorsed and I have called a meeting of delegates of all striking unions to be held at Albany tomorrow to ascertain if I have cause for continuing the strike. None of the strikers have returned to work."

One effect of the development of the winter port has been to greatly increase the value of West End property. It is now looked upon as about as safe an investment as a person can make. In fact, there seems to be a genuine boom which is affecting not only those districts near the water front, but all of the western section of the city. Only a few years ago one of the leasehold properties on the corner of Rodney and Union streets was offered for sale in the open market for less than hundred dollars, while nine hundred dollars was considered a fair price for the opposite corner. A few months ago when the Bank of New Brunswick was endeavoring to secure a site for its West Side branch, offers of ten thousand and nine thousand dollars respectively were refused for these premises. A score of years ago a whole Carleton block could have been bought for ten thousand, but since that time the realization has come that before very long Carleton real estate will be very valuable, and the owners are quite naturally holding on. More than this, although the properties have not required any further investments of capital during recent years, rents have been advanced at such a rate that soon the West side will be quite as expensive a section as is the South End.

### TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

LOST—On Saturday night on Prince William or King streets, a pocketbook bearing owner's name and containing money. Finder will be rewarded by leaving at 110 Prince William St.

FOR SALE—Store for sale, 50 Broad street.

WANTED AT ONCE—A capable girl for small family, where nurse is kept. No waiting. References required. Apply to MISS BOWMAN, 111 Princess street.

### SAFETY BOARD WILL MEET THIS EVENING

Will Discuss Chief Clark's Request for  
Counsel, and the Disposal of  
The Old Ambulance.

The safety board will meet this evening in regular session. Among the matters referred to the board is Chief Clark's request for counsel to defend him in the suit which Thos. Dobson is bringing against him. The board was given power to act on this at the last meeting of the common council. Another matter that will likely be discussed is the disposal of the old ambulance wagon. There is a strong sentiment in favor of using it as a police patrol wagon. The chief difficulty in the way of doing this is the finding of a stable to house it. In this connection the need of a hall system is also felt.

### AUDIENCE ENJOYS LAST PERFORMANCE

Double Bill Saturday Evening  
One of the Best  
Given

St. John's first season of grand opera was brought to a close on Saturday evening when the Boston Singers presented as a double bill the last act of Rigoletto and Macbeth's Cavalleria Rusticana. The audience was no larger than those attending previous performances. There was some disappointment in view of the fact that he had used it for a trip to Boston only three weeks before.

The Rigoletto scene, perhaps the best in the whole opera, included several splendid solo parts leading up to the intensely tragic climax. And in his first appearance Mr. Paul captivated the audience. He was the Cavalleria Rusticana. The audience was no larger than those attending previous performances. There was some disappointment in view of the fact that he had used it for a trip to Boston only three weeks before.

### WEST SIDE REAL ESTATE ADVANCES

One Effect of the Development of Winter Port Trade

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### ALARMING CONDITIONS.

CHATHAM, N. B., Sept. 27.—A resident of Black River who was in town yesterday, said that the forest fires had reached an alarming condition in that vicinity. Since Tuesday farmers and residents have been out in the woods fighting the flames and endeavoring to stop the onward march of conflagration. They made little headway until Friday night, when danger was averted. The flames had burned over a large section, however, and are liable to break out again unless rain comes. The dry spell has been exceptionally long and there is great danger of a general conflagration. Last night a big forest fire broke out near Rogersville and Blackville, an amount of damage being done.

### HEAVY RAIN CAN ALONE SAVE COUNTRY'S LUMBER

Farmers Fighting Forest  
Fires in All Directions  
Over Thousand Acres Already Destroyed in  
Charlotte

Settlements on the Miramichi in Danger—  
Loss in the States

Unless a heavy rain falls immediately great damage will be done by the forest fires in different parts of the country. A telephone message from Oak Bay, Charlotte County, states that the fire there is still burning, although there has been no wind for the past few days. The fire is on the Broad Road, near Oak Bay. Several men are daily fighting the flames, which threaten to do more damage, if the wind increases. There is also a fire in the vicinity of Westfield and the smoke there is also thick. No fires are burning at Spruce Lake or Prince of Wales. The smoke here is still remains, and with the fog is most annoying to vessels.

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### WOODSTOCK DEFEATS ST. STEPHEN

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Sept. 28.—A golf team from St. Stephen, which defeated the Woodstock team today and after a friendly match returned home this evening.

The players were: St. Stephen, Balmain, J. E. Ganong, Creighton, T. M. Jones, Black, R. Kirkpatrick, Young, Loane, and Chalmers. At 6 o'clock luncheon was served at the club house and complimentary speeches delivered. In the police court this morning the Knottford assault case was given a hearing. After the evidence of Theodore Cain, complainant, the defendant, Fred J. Williams, was sent up for trial at the October circuit court.

### A Thousand Acres

The fire between Board Road and Waverly has covered an area of one thousand acres and has consumed almost all the forest. Several farm houses have at times been endangered and have only been saved by swamping wide swaths and setting fire to fight fire. Wesley Berry, W. McCarrie and Joseph Clarke have been heavily losses in this fire.

### Turned Topsy Turvy

MONTREAL, Sept. 27.—Navigation has been turned topsy turvy by reason of the dense cloud of fog and smoke which hangs over the river between Montreal and Quebec. The mail steamer Virginian, which should have sailed on Friday morning, is still at her wharf. The Ottawa and Parliam, due to sail on Saturday morning, have not yet got away, while the Lake Manitoba and the Heperian, which have for a week been trying to get up from Quebec, are still somewhere in the river. The Lake Manitoba has been out for eighteen days out from Liverpool, which in itself is a record.

### Village Burned

UTICA, N. Y., Sept. 27.—Forest fires in the Adirondacks are now reported growing in force and have been fighting them. Long Lake West, a village of about 100 inhabitants, is reported burned and inhabitants cut off.

### LOSSES AGGREGATE MILLIONS.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 27.—With losses aggregating several million dollars from forest fires, the damage to crops and live stock; the reported loss of a number of lives, due to fighting timber conflagrations; the enforced idleness of thousands of workmen, owing to the suspension of manufacturing establishments because of lack of water; the health authorities anticipating a serious epidemic of contagious disease and many small threatened epidemics. Aside from the property loss, probably the most serious phase of the situation is the threatened disease epidemic. A majority of the population of the afflicted districts are now suffering from three affections caused by the great accumulation of dust and the heavy clouds of smoke. It is feared that when rain does come it will wash great amounts of filth into the already stagnant streams, with the result that disease, especially typhoid fever, will become epidemic.

### THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE A. O. H.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H. will meet this evening in their rooms in Sutherland's building, Union street, at 8 o'clock.

### ANOTHER SEASON OF GRAND OPERA

Manager Starling of Boston  
Opera Company Will  
Try Once Again

St. John will have one more opportunity of hearing grand opera, and if the season comes sufficient support is given to encourage further engagements there will be a brief season of high class music each year. Manager Starling of the Boston Opera Singers, speaking to The Sun after the performance on Saturday night recalled the fact that he had come to the Maritime Provinces some fourteen years ago bringing "The Crust of Society" company. He obtained the impression then that this field would patronize a high-class organization, but never until this year has he been in a position to carry out his intention of making his second visit. In arranging the engagement last season he was disappointed that a large proportion of the theatre-goers are still in the town, but he could not conveniently fix other dates. He has, even considering this condition, been disappointed with the business done. The company has lost a lot of money and certainly there has been little encouragement in the business done. Yet he feels that St. John is not unappreciative and is bound to give this route a fair trial. He will return here for a week during the earlier part of November, repeating some of the compositions already heard and substituting others for those which were apparently less popular. If in the November engagement he continues to lose money he will be reluctantly compelled to desert the province, but if there is a disposition to patronize grand opera, he may be expected to return to St. John each year. The company will play three nights each in Moncton and Truro, a week in Halifax, and will then go to Sydney.

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### U. N. B. RE-OPENED WITH VERY BIG CLASS

FREDERICTON, N. B., Sept. 28.—The University of New Brunswick re-opened this morning with a freshman class of forty-five and five more will be added in a few days, making the largest class ever in the college. Six of the new men will take the forestry course. All the classes in the university this year will aggregate 120, a record breaker. Twenty-six years ago there were only forty-seven students attending the university. The entire faculty including the new professors, Stone, Keirstead and Miller, were in their places at the opening. The winners of county scholarships will be announced in a few days.

### EVENING CLASSES.

Evening Classes for six months, winter term, will begin Wednesday, Sept. 30th. Hours 7:30 to 9:30.

### THE LADIES' AUXILIARY OF THE A. O. H.

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### A Temperance Meeting

A temperance meeting was held in the Fairville Baptist church yesterday afternoon at the close of the Sunday school session. Addresses were given by Geo. A. Blewett and C. Black, and an interesting musical programme was carried out.

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AGAINST CORRUPTION

St. John, Sept. 27th, 1903.  
The Editor of the Star:  
Sir,—I have expected that a Purty League would have been formed, but I suppose we shall have one ere long. Poor deluded beings, they might just as well do nothing, as have hints at bribery and will go on as usual in their old sweet way of committing wholesale bribery. The late provincial election was a case in point. Both parties entered into the agreement, but ask the ordinary working man the result.

It is amusing, very amusing, and yet the remedy is so simple. In England corruption is practically unknown and paying for votes is absolutely so. How did this desirable state of affairs come about?

It was done simply by three acts of the House of Commons and by a stroke of the pen as it were, political corruption ceased.

These acts were: "The Secret Ballot" (1872), "The Corrupt Practices Act" (1883) and "The Civil Service Reform" of 1870. To deal with these in their given order: I. You have this in the law—a corrupt practice in behalf of a candidate will prevent him from ever holding a seat in the House of Commons. If a political agent commits a corrupt act, a candidate for whom he is working cannot take his seat. This is the vital fact in the law—a corrupt practice in behalf of a candidate even though unknown to him, defeats him.

party, therefore, watches the others with the utmost keenness to discover any violation of the law since that is the surest way of defeating the opposition.

The forfeiture of elections and disqualification for office have worked a revolution for purity in English politics.

"The Civil Service Reform has been several times mentioned of late in Canadian politics. Briefly put all portions in the English Civil Service are governed by competitive examination, and once in the Civil Service a man of good repute stays there for ever.

This law is all for the good of the country as a far better class of men is got into the civil service, and the corruption which prevails here.

Thus by three measures England got pure government.

Historians tell us that a hundred years ago the English elections were the most corrupt the world has ever seen, now they are the purest.

Talk of Purty Leagues, Rubbish! Let all candidates be asked throughout Dominion whether they will vote for a Corrupt Practices Act and Civil Reform after the English model. If mother with 1,000 marks, and offered to him, if the candidate will not promise he is not returned. After the election continues to press the government (wherever side it is) and make them see clearly that their chance of re-election depends on passing such a bill. Once such a bill is passed it will work a revolution in the politics of the Dominion. Slander will cease to be heard. Instead men will talk and think of better laws to be enacted, and this dominion will hold her place as one of the fairest regions on the face of the earth. I sincerely trust some able and more influential mind than mine will take up this matter.

Yours truly  
VOTER.

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### MUSICAL PRODIGES CHARM THE KAISER

Agod Four, Five and Nine They are Really Juvenile Wonders.

BERLIN, Sept. 26.—There is no doubt that three children of German birth, who are now in America, are musical prodigies. The general interest of the royal theatres having heard of them, induced the Kaiser to send for them. Baby Clarence, a born Democrat, gracefully saluted the emperor with a "Good day, dear brother," to which the emperor replied with a hearty laugh.

He was so impressed with their remarkable performance on piano, violin and cello, that he commanded them to appear before him for a second recital, and afterwards presented them with 1,000 marks, and offered to her, free of cost, the Royal Opera House for their first public concert, which is to take place next season. In addition to this, he gave them admission to the Royal High School of Music, where they will receive further musical instruction.

The Berlin live in humble circumstances. The mother is of German birth, but she married in America, and lived in New York until her husband's death. Now she is back in Berlin for the sake of her children's musical education. She was formerly an operatic singer, but ill-health has compelled her to remain at home. She herself is a brilliant performer, and taught her children all they know. In a humble room the three little fellows gave a reporter a recital for half an hour. The eldest lad, David, is only five years old, but he plays most brilliantly some of the most difficult works of Chopin and Beethoven. The baby plays the piano and violin in an astonishing manner.

### ASSASSIN'S PLEA TO EMPEROR.

Asks Pardon of the Man Whose Wife He Brutally Killed.

GENEVA, Sept. 28.—Lucheni, who is undergoing life imprisonment here for the murder of the Empress Elizabeth of Austria, has, according to the Geneva Journal La