

NEW YORK STOCKS WERE NEGLECTED

Politics, Crop News and Labor Troubles Topics of Discussion.

NO DEFINITE TREND

Traders Unable to Gauge Course of Market at Present.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Negative conditions prevailed in the stock market today, with dealings as light as the day of actual stagnation. Total transactions aggregated scarcely 250,000 shares, of which the first hour furnished about 40 per cent. Traders had the session entirely to themselves and the course of prices suggested further uncertainty and speculative sentiment.

There were few surface indications of investment enquiry, although August interest and dividend disbursements of fully \$10,000,000 will represent the largest sum ever disbursed for that month. Bankers and dealers in bonds reported a fair "over counter" demand for short term notes and international issues were more steady, with a marked abatement of recent heavy offerings.

Politics, crop news and labor troubles formed the basis of languid discussion. Advice from the west and northwest told of further deterioration of wheat and corn, damage to the latter being estimated at 10 to 20 per cent. The local strikes attention of the transaction.

C.P.R. was lower.

Rails were again a negligible factor, aside from a sagging tendency in Canadian Pacific and its affiliated lines, which was partly reflected in the governing movement of the hour. Leading western roads showed increases averaging almost 1 per cent.

Shipping stocks were consistently strong, as were motor and accessories, with the notable exception of Willys-Overland. Munitions and related equipments, together with U. S. Industrial Alcohol, ranged 1 to 3 points higher, but the gain of 17 points in American Brakehoe preferred was without definite connection with the general movement.

There was little of interest in the Cobalt section. Timiskaming fluctuated between 55 and 56, Trethewey was flat fractionally on the close at 21.

Lorrain advanced to 26, Beaver went up a point to 48, Crown Reserve changed hands at 48, and Kerr Lake at \$4.50. Among the smaller issues Ophir sold at 7 1/2, Gifford at 5, and Bailey at 7 1/2.

Mining Notes**METALS IN DEMAND.**

R. E. Kemmerer, in his weekly market letter, says:

Never in the history of finance have the precious metals been in such demand as at this time, and that this pressure of demand is reflected in the price of the shares of the precious metal producing companies is inconceivable. The world at large and the belligerent nations in particular must have the precious metals, and must, therefore, look to North America for a very large proportion of their needs, for the United States and Canada mining stocks will retain a premier position in the mining markets of the world for a long time to come. The intense demand for the demand for the good Porcupine and Cobalt issues has widened, during the past few months, to a most marked degree, and this growth of interest is still operating to the benefit of the market and the still further improvement of the technical position. A careful consideration of all the circumstances and factors governing this market leads inevitably to the conclusion, viz., that there will soon be a movement towards higher prices which will far exceed any similar movement of recent years. And this existing period of quietude and low prices is most emphatically the time to secure stocks in preparation for and in anticipation of the great advances which are to be recorded. Profits of exceptionally high percentages are to be secured in this market—and now is the time to purchase these shares.

MONTREAL DULL.

MONTREAL, July 31.—There was practically nothing doing here today, although the strength of the New York market notwithstanding there will doubtless be some response here, as there seems to be little stock for sale and prices could be advanced very easily. The northern Ontario fire caused some uneasiness, but no definite information could be obtained as to damage done. The strike of the H. J. & H. company in the district, in which there is any local interest.

GOLD CAMP ESCAPED.

Great difficulty was experienced by brokerage firms with wires from the north country in getting news down. It appears, however, from what little has come thru that the forest fire did little or no damage to the Porcupine gold camp. Full reports have not as yet been received, but the consensus of opinion is that the camp escaped the flames.

BANK CLEARINGS.

The clearings of Toronto banks for the month of July totalled \$205,759,891, an increase of \$17,000,735 over the corresponding month last year.

For the year 1916 to date clearings total \$1,415,454,545, a new high record for any month, and an increase of \$32,465,515 over last year, or a gain of 2 1/2 per cent. Comparisons:

Month	1916	1915
July	\$205,759,891	\$181,404,156
June	\$201,215,527	\$181,404,156
May	\$230,467,743	\$190,325,850
April	\$244,773,741	\$190,325,850
March	\$251,877,541	\$187,769,620
February	\$176,866,501	\$126,630,912
January	\$194,354,394	\$148,700,771

Total \$1,415,454,545 \$1,084,261,028

WINNIPEG RAILWAY SHOWS INCREASED EARNINGS.

Winnipeg Railway reports for May net earnings of \$103,277, an increase of \$16,527, or 12 per cent. over last year, against a gain of 26.5 per cent. in April. 54 per cent. in March, and losses of 9.5 per cent. and 20.5 per cent. respectively in February and January. May net is the smallest of the year to date. For the first five months of 1916 net works out at \$542,987, an increase over last year of \$59,999, or slightly over 1 per cent.

Winnipeg stock has been very quiet here, and is still offering at 98 1/2, the point, the range for the month having been 98 to 99 1/2.

MINES HELD FIRM SOME GAINS MADE

Newray Was Active and Higher—Dome Lake and P. Crown Rallied.

Record of Yesterday's Markets

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Despite disturbing reports from the fire-stricken north country, stocks at the Standard Stock Exchange yesterday, held, comparatively firm, and liquidation of any consequence was conspicuous by its absence.

The market was unquestionably dull, but this is not unexpected at this time of the year, and the fact that declines have not been more apparent in view of this condition of the market, speaks the confidence which the general traders have as regards the Canadian mine stocks.

The market yesterday was uneventful, with trading small in volume, but two or three issues evidenced a stronger tendency, notably Dome Lake, which advanced to 88, and Newray, which touched a new high record at 45.

Dome Lake opened at 86 1/2, and on comparatively heavy buying sold up 1 1/2 points, and closed a little lower again at 87. There was no particular news either from the property or otherwise to account for the strength of the stock.

Dome Extension was lightly traded in at 35 1/2 to 35 3/4.

Newray again came into the limelight with an advance to 48, closing at 47 1/2. There was no particular news either from the property or otherwise to account for the strength of the stock.

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COOLER WEATHER WILL AID CROPS

Fears of Increased Damage Are Relieved—Prices Somewhat Easier.

DAMAGE IN CANADA?

Reports of Spread of Black Rust Give Stimulus at Close.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Cooler weather, which tended to dispel fears of increased damage to the spring crop, made the wheat market today somewhat easier during most of the session. The close was unsettled, September \$1.21 to \$1.21 1/2 and December \$1.24, with the market as a whole 1/2 cent to 3/4 cent, as compared with Saturday's finish. In corn the outside market was unchanged to 1 cent, outside low 1/2 cent to 1 cent and provisions showed a setback of 1/4 to 7/8.

At first the rush to sell on account of the break in the hot wave led to a material drop in the price of wheat. Soon, however, a rally took place owing to a spread of black rust and of scanty sowing. Subsequently the market again weakened in view of large receipts in the southwest, but then secured a decided upturn as a result of word of extraordinary smallness of sowing receipts in South Dakota. The advance, which was not well maintained, the selling side in the late dealings being favored by announcement of a substantial enlargement of the domestic wheat supply.

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