

THE STANDARD'S FINANCIAL SECTION

FLOUR, OATS AND
FEED SHOW SOME
DECLINES LOCALLY

Sugar Unchanged Yet, But Likely to Drop at an Early Date.

Flour, oats and feed played the leading roles in the market this week and headed in the right direction as far as the consumer is concerned, that being the collar.

Manitoba flour at \$14.75 a barrel was quoted at a dollar less than last week, and Ontario flour at \$13.20 was a dollar and fifty cents less than last week.

Prices in the city market were much the same as last week, with some adjustments in green groceries. Canadian grapes have replaced plums in the fruit market and sell for sixty-five cents a bushel. Nova Scotia apples are quoted at from \$4 to \$7.50 per barrel. Green slides dropped a cent a pound and now bring nine cents.

There was no change in the price of fish or oils.

Wholesale Groceries

Sugar—Yellow 18.50 18.50
Standard 19.50 19.70
Rice, Siam 12.00 13.00
Tapioca 0.15 0.17

Beans—White 8.25 8.50
Yellow-eyed 14.00 14.50
Cream of tartar 0.62 0.65
Molasses 0.09 0.10
Peas, split, bags 2.50 2.75
Barley, pot. bags 6.40 6.50
Cornmeal, per bag 0.25 0.26
Cornmeal, gran 0.00 0.01

Choice seeded 0.29 0.30
Seedless, 16 oz 0.30 0.31

Salt, Liverpool, per sack ex warehouse 2.10 2.15

Soda, bicarb. 0.50 0.51

Pepper 0.37 0.40

Curranis 0.00 0.02

Prunes 0.11 0.12

Washing soda 0.08 0.09

Cocoa 0.51 0.50

Chocolate 0.35 0.46

Java coffee 0.45 0.52

Coffee, special blend 0.47 0.56

Evaporated peaches 0.27 0.30

Canned corn 1.95 2.00

Canned tomatoes 2.20 2.25

Canned peaches, 2 1/2 2.75 2.80

Canned peaches, 1 1/2 2.10 2.15

Peanut butter 0.37 0.34

Figs 0.00 0.00

Tea, Oolong 0.55 0.71

Nutmegs 0.40 0.48

Cassia 0.30 0.36

Cloves, ground 0.32 0.36

Ginger, ground 0.24 0.33

Shelled Walnuts 0.55 0.60

Shelled almonds 0.55 0.60

Walnuts, lb. 0.00 0.24

Pilberts 0.80 0.20

Almonds 0.00 0.26

Flour, Man. bbls. 0.00 14.75

Flour, Ont. bbls. 0.00 13.20

Rolls, 100 lb. 0.00 11.75

Cheese, per lb. 0.30 0.31

Meats, Etc., Wholesale

Beef—Western 0.20 0.21

Country 0.08 0.12

Butchers' 0.15 0.13

Veal 0.18 0.20

Mutton 0.00 0.14

Pork 0.22 0.25

Spring lamb 0.18 0.20

Country Produce Retail

Butter—Roll 0.65 0.70

Tab 0.65 0.70

Turkey 0.55 0.60

Chicken 0.45 0.50

Fowl 0.00 0.05

Eggs, case 0.00 0.05

Eggs, fresh 0.00 0.15

Potatoes per bbl. 0.00 3.50

Green Goods, Retail

Tomatoes, per lb. 0.05 0.20

Apples, per peck 0.40 0.60

Cabbage, native, ea. 0.10 0.15

Mushrooms (lb.) 0.00 1.00

Mint and parsley 0.00 0.00

Onions, 5 lbs for 0.00 0.25

Onions, bunch 0.00 0.10

Potatoes 0.40 0.50

Maple sugar, per lb. 0.45 0.50

Radishes, per bunch 0.00 0.05

Lettuces, per head 0.00 0.05

Carrots 0.00 0.05

Beets 0.00 0.05

Cucumbers 0.00 0.05

Celery, per bunch 0.10 0.00

Turnips 0.00 0.00

Rhubarb, per lb. 0.04 0.05

Blackberries 0.20 0.22

Green beans, pk. 0.00 0.00

Squash, lb. 0.00 0.04

Cauliflower 0.20 0.50

Golden corn, doz 0.00 0.30

New parsnips, per bunch 0.00 0.10

Pumpkins, per lb. 0.00 0.03

Sweet potatoes, per 3 lbs. 0.00 0.25

Cranberries, high bush, per peck 0.00 0.65

Cranberries, rock, per quart 0.17 0.20

Crab apples, per pk. 0.48 0.50

Pickling cucumbers, per 100 0.00 1.50

Pickling onions, per lb. 0.00 0.30

Green tomatoes, per peck 0.00 0.50

Green and red peppers, per peck 0.40 0.50

Garlic, per lb. 0.00 0.80

Fruits, Etc., Wholesale

Jamaica grapefruit 8.00 8.50

PAPERS MAKING
GAINS IN TRADE
IN MONTREAL LIST

Montreal Power Sells up 4 1/2 Points and Closes at 3-Point Gain.

Montreal, Oct. 7.—Today's market in listed securities on the local stock exchange was featured by a re-awakening of the utility stocks after an extended period of stagnancy. Detroit Railway, Montreal Power and Shawinigan were both active and strong.

Power sold up 4 1/2 points to 85 1/2 and retained 3 1/4 points at the close, and Shawinigan was up 3 1/4 points to 111 1/2 and retained 3 1/4 at the close of 110 1/2.

The strength of these issues was the probable result of the greatly improved outlook of this class of stock on the New York. In many cases they were a material factor behind the much better tone of the local trading.

Brompton, the day's leader, recovered the 2 1/2 points lost lately by advancing to 80 and closing at the best. Spanish River was not so active, but both issues showed strength, the common advancing to 114 1/2, up 1 1/2 points, and the preferred advancing a point to 118.

The other papers had a reactionary tendency. Laurentide held unchanged. Waynamack lost a point at 139; Brompton lost a point at 210, and final bid 205. Provincial Paper inactive lately, sold down five points to 111.

Stronger stocks were Ames preferred up 3 at 57; Canberris up 5 at 50; Dominion Textile up 1 1/4 at 129 1/4. Weaker issues were Lake of the Woods down 10 points at 146; Car preferred down 1 1/2 to 90; Ontario Steel, which lost 2 points at 66; Merchants Bank down a couple of points at 168.

Total sales, listed, 10,282; bonds, \$18,000; vouchers, 40.

PLANNING TO ASCEND
WORLD'S HIGHEST PEAK

London, Oct. 7.—A plan to climb the highest mountain peak in the world, Mount Everest, is under consideration by a committee of the Royal Geographical Society and the Alpine Club. The mountain's height is 29,002 feet. To ascend Mount Everest it is probably will be necessary for the party to approach the mountain by way of Tibet and thus reach a side of the peak that can be ascended from at least. Exploration by white men is not permitted in Nepal, which surrounds part of the base of the mountain.

CITY OF SAINT JOHN

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of H. K. Wardrop, Common Clerk, City Hall, on forms furnished by the City, enclosed "Tender for painting Fire Station No. 7, West St. John," until THURSDAY THE 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER, INST. at 11 of the clock a. m.

for painting the exterior of Fire Station No. 7 West St. John, according to the specifications to be seen in the office of the Commissioner of Public Safety.

The City does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. No offer will be considered unless on the form supplied by the City and to be had in the office of the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Cash or a certified check for five per centum of the amount of the tender must accompany each bid, this will be returned to all rejected bidders but the City will hold the deposit accompanying the successful bid until the satisfactory completion of the work.

Dated at St. John, N. B., October 6th, 1920.

JOHN THORNTON, Commissioner of Public Safety.
ADAM P. MACINTYRE, Comptroller

Messina lemons 6.00 6.50

Cal. Grapes 7.00 7.50

Bananas, per lb. 0.00 0.13

Peanuts, roasted 0.18 0.25

Canadian onions, per cwt. 2.50 2.75

Cal. pears 7.00 7.50

Cal. Grapes 6.00 6.50

Cn. peaches, bask. 0.00 1.50

Cocconuts per pack 0.00 9.50

Cn. grapes 0.00 0.65

N. S. apples bbl. 4.00 7.50

Fish, Retail

Sword fish 0.00 0.35

Cod, medium 0.00 0.15

Pinnad haddies 0.00 0.18

Haddock 0.00 0.15

Salmon, fresh 0.40 0.60

Mackerel 0.00 0.22

Rippers 0.00 0.07

Smelts 0.00 0.30

Oysters, per qt. 0.00 1.00

Clams, per qt. 0.00 0.40

Hay and Feeds

Hay per ton 35.00 40.00

Straw per ton 20.00 25.00

Bren. per ton 0.00 55.00

Shorts, per ton 60.00 70.00

Oats, per bush 1.05 1.10

Oils, Wholesale

Palatine 0.00 0.34

Royalite 0.00 0.31

Premier, motor gas 0.43 1/2

Hides, Wholesale

Green Hides 0.00 0.09

Salt hides 0.00 0.10

Califskins, per lb. 0.00 0.15

Wool washed 0.00 0.30

Wool, unwashed 0.00 0.30

Sheep skins clips and lambs 0.50 0.65

Rough tallow 0.03 0.65

Rendered tallow 0.07 0.68

Moose hides 0.00 0.04

Deer skins 0.00 0.08

NEW YORK PRICES
STILL UNCERTAIN
AND CHANGEABLE

Reading Makes a Further Advance But Closes Slightly Lower Again.

New York, Oct. 7.—Business on the stock exchange today denoted an increasing division of sentiment in speculative circles. Prices were subjected to a succession of confusing advances and declines, many mixed changes resulting at the irregular close.

In a measure rails maintained their recent leadership, a number of high and low priced shares displaying unusual activity, largely on the resumption of bullish operations by pools and other professional interests.

Reading, which featured the long account in yesterday's market, made a new high record for several years at 101 1/4, but ended at a net loss of 1 1/2 points, while Texas and Pacific recovered only the smallest fraction of yesterday's severe loss.

Much of Reading's early strength proceeded from the belief that the directors are considering plans for the early separation of the company's coal properties, with resultant beneficial interest to the stockholders.

Still Very Wavering

Steels and equipments were again influenced in their erratic course by backward trade conditions, which also affected such stocks as General Electric, Westinghouse and Harvester, wherein recessions ran from 2 to 5 points, while Sears Roebuck suffered a further loss of three points.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Cotton High Low Close

January 22.27 21.32 21.33

March 21.85 21.93 21.10

May 21.45 20.70 20.70

July 20.10 20.10 20.15

October 24.35 23.50 23.99

WATCH INDUSTRY DEMORALIZED.

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Geneva, Oct. 7.—Owing to accumulation of stock and steadily decreasing sales, the Swiss watch industry is in a very precarious position. Manufacturers have decided to close their works on Saturdays and Mondays, and are contemplating a third weekly holiday if the situation does not improve.

Wheat DOWNWARD ON VIEW WINNIPEG CORNERS THE TRADE

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CHICAGO GRAIN

March 2.00 1.94 1.96

December 2.04 1.97 1.99

Corn

December 88 85 1/2 87

May 91 1/2 89 1/4 90 3/4

Oats

December 56 1/2 54 1/2 55 1/2

May 60 1/2 58 1/2 60 1/2

Pork

November 21.80 21.50 21.80

December 21.90 21.57 21.90

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MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 19th November, 1920, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, 36 double and 12 single trips per week on the route Norton Railway Station and Transfer of Mails from the 1st April 1921 next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Offices of Norton and at the office of the Post Office Inspector, St. John.

Post Office Inspector's Office, St. John, Oct. 6, 1920.

H. W. WOODS, Post Office Inspector.

LONG TERM TRUSTEE INVESTMENTS

Town of CHATHAM, N.B.

6% Bonds due July 1945.

Price 94 1/2 and interest.

Yielding 6.45%.

Town of NEWCASTLE, N.B.

6% Bonds due July 1950.

Price 94 1/2 and interest.

Yielding 6.45%.

The above are exempt from taxation lev