

# Stock Markets Dull--C. P. R. Down Again---Bank Clearings

## STOCKS SAGGED EARLY IN DAY

But Initial Decline in Wall St. Was Made Up Before Close—Speculation at Low Ebb.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—In a smaller way today's stock market was little more than a repetition of the days immediately preceding. Trading was again comparatively light, and the movement continued to converge around the industrial and specialties. Substantial gains were scored in the early dealings by such issues as the fertilizer, American Locomotive and Peoples Gas. At about the only speculative movement being broken by a moderate strength was Union Pacific, which recorded its best price of the week. Copper advanced in firm undertone, while U. S. Steel was moved to waver. Extreme dullness set in before the irregular close, the monotony of the movement being broken by a sharp advance in China Copper issues.

London's losing prices for our stocks disclosed more losses than gains, the difference in fact being more than double that number a year ago. The bank statement revealed an actual cash gain of practically \$1,000,000, which came close to general estimates, while loans increased \$1,485,000, and the reserve fell away \$1,156,000. The average statement was in all of essentials radically different from "actual" conditions, showing, not only a moderate decrease in loans, but a decrease in cash and a substantial increase of reserves.

## Railway Earnings Show Big Increase Over Last Year

Canadian Roads Have Gain of 11.8 This Month So Far—Record Across Line.

Gross earnings of Canadian railways for October to date to increase 11.8 per cent, as compared with the earnings of the same roads last year. The increase of 11.8 per cent, over the first week of October shows total gross earnings, according to the figures compiled by Dun's Review, of \$2,975,000, an increase of 3.0 per cent, over the corresponding period of last year. The increase is due to a number of factors, the most important of which are the increase in freight earnings, which in the first week of September and August, showing gains of 2.8 per cent in each case. There is a small loss reported by several roads. In the following table are given the gross earnings for the first week of October:

Oct. 1 week, \$2,975,000 Gain, +22.2% 3.0  
Sept. 1 week, \$2,402,000 Gain, +25.1% 3.8  
Aug. 1 week, \$2,225,000 Gain, +29.6% 3.5

## Prosperity is Indicated in the Bank Clearings

Canada's Record Last Week Showed a Gain of 23.6 Per Cent—Uncle Sam Didn't Do So Well.

Bank clearings in Canada last week totaled \$29,076,629, against \$23,543,432 last week, an increase of 23.6 per cent. The record of U.S. clearings for the week shows only small increases as compared with the same period of 1911 and 1912, but the exhibit is really highly satisfactory, since one less day was included in last week's returns at some points than in the two earlier years. Total clearings at all points, according to the figures compiled by Dun's Review, amounted to \$2,144,077,171, an increase of 1.2 per cent, over the corresponding week of last year, and of 0.1 per cent, as compared with 1910. The figures, as shown in the average daily transactions for October, are strong evidence of the revival in business activity. At New York there was a growth in exchanges last week of 5.7 per cent, over a year ago, but a slight loss of 10 per cent, as compared with 1911, which may be attributed in part to the enlarged stock market operations at that time. Average daily bank clearings for the year to date are compared below for three years:

	1910	1911	1912
October	\$29,076,629	\$23,543,432	\$29,076,629
September	\$28,723,000	\$23,000,000	\$28,723,000
August	\$28,000,000	\$22,500,000	\$28,000,000
July	\$27,500,000	\$22,000,000	\$27,500,000
June	\$27,000,000	\$21,500,000	\$27,000,000
May	\$26,500,000	\$21,000,000	\$26,500,000
April	\$26,000,000	\$20,500,000	\$26,000,000
March	\$25,500,000	\$20,000,000	\$25,500,000
February	\$25,000,000	\$19,500,000	\$25,000,000
January	\$24,500,000	\$19,000,000	\$24,500,000

## SOUTHERN ISSUES IN LONDON.

Messrs. Ballie, Wood & Co. report the following quotations by cable from London (Canadian equivalents):

	Oct. 19, 1912	Oct. 18, 1912	Oct. 17, 1912
Mexican Power	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Mexican Trams	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Mexican Bonds	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Mexican Bonds	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Mex. Elec. Bonds	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
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## ANOTHER COMBINE

MONTREAL, Oct. 19.—The Smart Baz Company of Montreal and Woods, Limited of Hull, Quebec, will shortly be amalgamated with a total capital of \$5,000,000, of which \$2,500,000 will be 7 per cent cumulative preferred and the same amount of common stock.

## LOMBARD ST. ON FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The London correspondent of The New York Evening Post cables the following summary of financial conditions:

The general recovery of our stock exchanges after the beginning of the week, was regarded as justified by the exceptional violence of last week's decline. At first, the basis of recovery was entirely sound, because genuine investors took a hand. But ragged and unstable buying followed, and now the disposition in the best financial quarters is to stand aside, awaiting developments.

At present, the outlook favors temporary inactivity on the stock exchanges, but with a sagging tendency to prices, pending a better technical outlook on the continent. It is fully recognized that the Franco-Italian peace has somewhat simplified European problems of the larger sort; but, nevertheless, very sound quarters of financial opinion are still apprehensive of a strain between Austria and Russia, and the stock markets will probably experience several bad quarter-hours in the not very distant future.

What is Wrong With Paris? Moreover, the French financial position is still unsatisfactory. In particular, it is noticeable that whereas the rise in our bank rate on Thursday was not followed by the open money market, the Paris private discount rate went promptly above the higher official minimum fixed by the Bank of France.

Furthermore, the French banks are apparently determined to push Russian industrialism from the bourse, and, although the rise, trouble has been invited by attempts to engineer corners in certain stocks. That is why the market is so chaotic and peculiarly sensitive to scares, as was notably shown last Saturday.

New York and Europe's Gold. Unless your bankers commence buying gold here, no acute stringency is expected. But there is also the feeling that the great activity of your trade may make a sharp rise in money on Wall Street inevitable, with resultant lower exchange rate for London. Our five per cent bank rate will gradually become effective as the outside bid held by the Bank of England matures.

The disposition here favors American securities is still favorable; but recent events in Europe have made the speculative investor timid. Your financial leaders will probably await a clearing of the atmosphere in Europe before initiating any strong rise in prices; recognizing that recent war scares might result in a premature speculative rise in American stocks.

In general, however, it is admitted that, despite the stock exchange disturbances, the world's general outlook keeps good. Iron and steel business is doing well, and the previous industrial records on your side of the Atlantic are likely to be broken. It is also considered, however, that the high prices must have some restraining influence on the stock exchange.

## Bank Clearings Show Good Gains Thruout Canada

But Decreases Were Reported in Some Centres—Largest Gain Shown by Moose Jaw.

Increases in bank clearings were very general during the past week in Canada. There are three decreases, however, in the last two cases delay in crop movement as compared with last year. Is the reason. Figures are as follows:

Hamilton	8,209,387	1,877,781
Halifax	8,885,421	1,696,141
St. John	9,882,151	2,732,817
Edmonton	1,710,947	1,448,246
London	2,832,524	1,670,911
Regina	585,450	598,781
Brandon	789,407	799,209
Lethbridge	2,447,843	1,622,863
Saskatoon	4,400,273	549,592
Brantford	1,690,283	924,784
Moose Jaw	464,154	648,285
Pt. William		