

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET
Quotations furnished by private wire to
J. M. Robinson & Sons, St. John, N.B.
Thursday, Dec. 16.

	Previous Closing	Opening	High	Low
N. Y. Air Brakes	136	138	140	
Am. Car & Ferry	80 1/2	80 1/2	81	
Am. Locomotive	80 1/2	80 1/2	81	
Am. Beet Sugar	70 1/2	70 1/2	71	
Studebaker	173 1/2	171 1/2	172 1/2	
Am. Sugar	116 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2	
Am. Steel Poles	61 1/2	61	61	
Am. Smelters	99	98 1/2	98 1/2	
Anacostia Mining	86	85 1/2	85 1/2	
Atch. To & S. Fe.	106 1/2	106	106	
B. R. Transit	88 1/2	88 1/2	89	
Balt. & Ohio	92 1/2	92 1/2	93	
C. P. R.	181	180	180 1/2	
Central Leather	73	74	74 1/2	
Crucible Steel	78	78 1/2	78 1/2	
Chino Copper & I.	33 1/2	33 1/2	34	
Chest. & Ohio	62 1/2	62 1/2	63	
Colo. Fuel Iron	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	
Consolidated Gas	148	148 1/2	148 1/2	
Distillers Securities	46	46 1/2	46 1/2	
Erie	42 1/2	42 1/2	43	
General Electric	173 1/2	173 1/2	174	
Gt. North pld.	128 1/2	128 1/2	129	
Hide & Leather pld.	52	52	52 1/2	
Inspiration	44 1/2	44 1/2	45	
Louis & Nash	128 1/2	128 1/2	129	
Lehigh Valley	82	82	82 1/2	
Missouri Pacific	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	
National Lead	64	64	64 1/2	
Nevada & I. 3 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	
N. Y. Central	105 1/2	105 1/2	106	
North Pacific	116	115 1/2	115 1/2	
Norfolk & West	121 1/2	121 1/2	122	
Pacific Mail	19	19	19 1/2	
Pennsylvania	38 1/2	38 1/2	39	
Pressed Steel Car	68 1/2	68 1/2	69	
Reading	82	81 1/2	81 1/2	
Republic	128 1/2	128 1/2	129	
Rock Island	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	
California Petroleum	82	80 1/2	80 1/2	
Soo Railway	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	
South Pacific	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	
St. Paul	88 1/2	88 1/2	89	
Sloss Sheffield	62 1/2	62 1/2	63	
Southern Ry.	22 1/2	22 1/2	23	
Union Pacific	137 1/2	137 1/2	138	
U. S. Rubber	54 1/2	54 1/2	55	
U. S. Steel	86 1/2	86 1/2	87	
U. S. Steel pld.	116 1/2	116 1/2	117	
Utah Cop. & I.	79 1/2	79 1/2	80	
Vir. Car Chem.	47	47 1/2	47 1/2	
West Electric	68 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	
Mex. Petroleum	100	99	99 1/2	
United Fruit	148 1/2	148 1/2	149	
Baldwin Loco	117	116 1/2	116 1/2	

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,
Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.
FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON,
(Seal) Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.
F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by all druggists, etc.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

A Dilemma
Wife—Henry, you really must have the landlady come and see for herself the damage the rain did to our ceiling.
Hub—I can't without letting him see the damage the children have done to the rest of the house.

INTERESTING EXPERIENCES
OF CAPT. HERBERT J. SMITH

Letter From Belgium Where Men and Women Work at Crops With Shells Flying Around

Captain Herbert J. Smith of this city, who left with a reinforcement company from the 55th Battalion, is now in Belgium, attached to the second battalion, a unit which has left in the ranks scarcely a man who went over with it.

In a recent letter Captain Smith wrote interestingly of his experiences, as follows:

"I have had a varied experience since coming out here for, besides the trench work with my battalion, I have been detailed a member of a field general court martial. We sat for three days two weeks ago and adjourned to resume day after tomorrow. Then last week I was taken from my battalion for a while and perhaps for good, to take the post of brigade mining officer, which post I am working in at the present time.

"There has been considerable artillery activity lately, a steady din of guns of various calibres with the whine of the enemy's replying shells coming over and then the burst. Some are worth seeing. In soft ground they throw up a column high in the air. On a hard road their lateral effect is wonderful and it is quite a sight seeing solid brick walls collapse under the concussion. I saw one building struck right close to my quarters. The two sides went down but the end wall had a chimney which gave it a brace and it was interesting watching that chimney and wall trying to right themselves (which they managed to do), in the meantime swaying to and fro like a drunken man trying to stand up straight.

"A few minutes walk from here is a village in ruins in the midst of which stands a church, a great pile from whence rise the remains of the tower as if it were an arm raised in appeal to Heaven. Of course the locality is deserted by civilians, but many are only a few miles back, and they come over to their farms to gather the crops and do their fall ploughing and, daily, we see men and women out in the field at work with shells passing both ways over and around them.

"This was a very prosperous place of Belgium. The soil is very fertile and the houses substantial and comfortable. Of course the country was being cultivated before Columbus discovered America. It has battlefields dated back to the eleventh century, if not earlier.

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT;
THIS ANIMAL WAS THE GOAT

London, Dec. 16.—A goat that was selected to test a new type of gas bomb at an experimental station back of the firing line in France, writes a correspondent, escaped the ordeal and has now been nursed back to health.

For want of other animals to experiment on, the goat was borrowed from a neighboring farm and let down into a trench. A bomb was exploded in the trench and a few minutes later the goat, weeping and apparently suffering great inward discomfort, was lifted out. The veterinary surgeon then prescribed an alkaline ball for the goat, which soon recovered sufficiently to be able to eat appetizing mashes with a spoon.

Men often volunteer for experiments into the line of the gas pits. They do not test the deadliness of the bomb, as did the goat, but try out the latest inventions in gas helmets.

MAGIC
BAKING
POWDER

Because the prisoners of the workhouse in laying new water mains through Fulton, W. Va., saved the city \$10,000, they were supplied an extra allowance of tobacco. As a reward they also will get reduction of sentences.

Why So Weary, Depressed?
Why Not Strong, Vigorous?

You're uneasy, restless, without appetite. Still worse you are thin and faded out. Work must be done, but where is the strength to come from?

Make your blood nutritious and you'll have lots of strength. Your only hope is Ferronine, an instant blood-maker, blood-purifier. It brings keen appetite, digests food and supplies nutrition for building up all the bodily tissues. Ferronine makes muscle and nerve-fibre, increases your weight, instills a reserve of energy into the body that defies weariness or exhaustion from any cause. To have vitality and healthy vigor use Ferronine which all dealers sell in 60c boxes.

Five Kansas women have formed a "Glad" club. Instead of holding meetings one of the members on one afternoon each week takes care of her own, and the others' children, so that the other four members can go shopping or have an afternoon off. This gives every member of the club one afternoon off every week for four weeks.

Appetite Keen and
Bowels Regular

You can relax your meals without fear of upsetting your liver or stomach if you will eat Carter's Little Liver Pills.

Food accumulations that poison the blood, produce indigestion, headache, dizziness and sallow skin go. Small Pill—Small Dose—Small Price. GENUINE must bear signature.

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STARVATION IMMINENT IN BELGIUM

Unless More Food, Particularly Wheat, Is Received From Canada

Brussels, Dec. 16.—The setting in of the more severe winter weather has been marked by a noticeable increase in numbers in the bread lines of the Belgian Relief Commission, and the quarters where the bread is dispensed are daily becoming the stage on which more and more pitiful scenes are enacted and the most lamentable part of it all is that, as the demands on the relief commission increase the supply decreases until starvation is imminent unless more food products, particularly wheat are received from the Canadian source which gave so generously earlier in the stages of the war.

Several months ago five ships from Montreal, Que., and Halifax, N. S. laden with clothing, wheat, flour and potatoes, were moored and unloaded in the ports of Holland and their cargoes quickly shipped to Brussels and other cities where needed. \$2,000,000 of goods were received through the offices of the Belgian Relief Fund of Montreal, and its branches all over the Dominion of Canada, but since that time these supplies have been exhausted and the committee here is seeking more to keep the population from starvation.

The old prison where the daily supply of bread and soup is distributed, in the midst of the poorer section of the city, forms a fitting background to the staging of a nation's destitution. Its gray and dingy walls rear themselves as a setting for the thinly clad, weeping mothers and the little children shrinking from the surroundings and the things they feel intuitively but cannot comprehend.

Scarcely a day goes by that the committee workers do not listen to the tale of the bereavement of some one of these "Spartan mothers." Grief everywhere and to it starvation is rapidly being added unless the British empire, whose battles the husbands and fathers and brothers of these same women fought in the early days of the war, comes more effectively to their aid.

Belgium is looking to Canada as the producing dominion of the empire for her wheat—wheat to grind into flour to make the bread that is fast becoming the only sustenance of millions of women and children in Belgium. Without the wheat they cannot live and they know that Canada will not let them die.

IN FORTY-TWO YEARS FOUND
FOUR CASES OF POVERTY
NOT DUE TO STRONG DRINK

Hamilton, Dec. 16.—At the quarterly meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Society held in St. Mary's Church, J. P. Foster, who for the last forty-two years has been president of St. Patrick's Conference, presided at the meeting. He was congratulated by the meeting on the excellent services he had rendered during his tenure of office.

In reply he said that in all his experience he had found only four cases requiring charitable aid that were not attributable to the use of strong drink and he therefore made an urgent appeal to boys and young men not to touch alcoholic beverages.

IS NOT EVADING.
Private George R. Manning, of Summer street, West St. John, called at the Times office yesterday to say that he is still trying to evade going to the front. The facts are that Private Manning went with the 55th to Valcartier last summer, but having contracted a very serious cold that settled on his lungs was sent home in September, and after being confined to bed for seven weeks was given six months' sick leave. His health is still far from being

BIRKS' GIFT SUGGESTIONS

OUR experience both as manufacturers and retailers is that the gift seeker when in doubt as to the "best thing to get" usually gives Pearls.

Invariably it will be a

PEARL NECKLACE

There is one page of our New Catalogue devoted entirely to these.

They are all fine Oriental quality pearls in 14 Kt. gold settings and are fitted with spring ring safety catches.

We recommend one design in particular..... \$15.00

Write for our New Catalogue—we will mail it by return.

HENRY BIRKS AND SONS, LIMITED,
MONTREAL.

A Box Of
Dairy Good Things
For \$1.00

It isn't worth while to bother about the finishing touches for luncheon or dinner, these busy Christmas shopping days; one of our DOLLAR DAIRY BOXES will best solve that problem. Here's what they contain:

1 Quart Brick of Country Club Ice Cream in four leading flavors..... \$0.50
1 Lb. Primecrest Special Butter..... 40
1/2 Pint Heavy Whipping Cream..... 15
Proper Icing..... 00

COMPLETE FOR \$1.00.
ASK OUR DELIVERY MEN OR PHONE US

Primecrest Farms - South Bay
St. John
Phones West 373—West 374

fully restored, as it quite apparent to all who meet him, but he is now gaining rapidly and hopes soon to be able to go to the front.

Is Your Blood Thin?
Dr. Jackson's Roman Meal should be eaten freely by those who suffer from neurasthenia, anemia, indigestion, and all undetected conditions. It is a wonderful health food. It enriches the blood, builds tissue, hardens bones and teeth. Ask your doctor about it.

Relieves constipation or your money back.

When making porridge, carefully follow directions on package, and do not stir while cooking, or you spoil it completely. A surprise as well as a delight awaits you when you cook it properly. Try the new Roman Meal Nuggets. They're ready to eat. Serve with hot milk or soften with boiling water, drain and add milk and sugar.

10c, and 25c at grocers.
Made by Roman Meal Co., Toronto.

"Business is pretty slow this year, isn't it?"
"Oh I don't mind. I get so much more time for golf."

ALL DE SWELLS BUY THEIR CLOTHES AT DE JAME SHOP! HERE'S DE JAME NAME ON ALL DE FINE COATS. AN SURE DA BE SOME CLASSY SET. IT SURE MUST BE DE FINEST STORE IN TOWN.



Yes—the coat came from Gilmour's.

Overcoat headquarters for St. John.

As well as headquarters for Christmas presents for men and boys at right prices; Neck wear, Shirts, Mufflers, Sweater-coats, etc.

Headquarters for the Soldier.

A GOOD PLACE TO BUY GOOD CLOTHES

Gilmour's
68 King Street

"Remember Those Who
Have Remembered You"

Father's and Mother's old eyes have grown dim looking for ways and means to improve your conditions and make you happy.

A pair of our Byeglasses, especially ground to suit their eyes, will enable the "Old Folks" to read and sew with all the ease and comfort of their younger days.

You can make them happy with our spectacles at a very small cost.

K. W. EPSTEIN & CO.
Optician and Optician
Open Evenings
193 Union St.

GOOD-WILL SALE SUGGESTIONS

Money is not very plentiful these days but it is well to keep in mind that it is unnecessary to spend large amounts when purchasing beautiful gifts from our well assorted stock of Jewelry and Xmas Novelties.

THESE LISTS MERELY INDICATE A FEW LINES!
Note The Variety And Low Prices!

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For Father, Husband, Brother or "HIM"

WATCHES—In Gold-filled, Silver and Nickel Cases, Waltham, Regina and Hamilton Movements. Sale Prices, \$5.00 to \$35.00

WATCH FOBBS; ALSO CHAINS—In Albert, Dickens and Waldemar. Sale Prices, \$1.50 to \$8.00

LOCKETS AND CHAINS—In Plain or with Different Emblems, in Solid and Filled. Sale Prices, 50c. to \$8.00

RINGS—Signet and Settings, in Solid Gold. Sale Prices, \$5.00 to \$9.00

TIE PINS—In Gold-filled and Solid Silver, and with different settings. Sale Prices, 50c. to \$24.00

CUFF LINKS—In Gold-filled, Solid Gold or Silver. Sale Prices, 35c. to \$6.00

TIE CLIPS—In Gold-filled and Solid. Sale Prices, 50c. to \$4.00

SHAVING SETS—In Solid. Sale Prices, \$3.00 to \$8.00

SMOKING SETS—In Brass. Sale Prices, \$2.00 to \$5.50

CIGARETTE CASES—In Silver. Sale Prices, \$2.00 to \$5.00

WRIST WATCHES—In Silver, Gold-filled and Nickel. Sale Prices, \$3.00 to \$18.00

For Mother, Wife, Sister or "HER"

WATCHES—In Gold-filled, Solid Gold and Silver, Waltham, Regina and Lavantone Movements. Sale Prices, \$4.00 to \$26.00

WRIST WATCHES—In Solid Gold, Gold-filled, Silver and Gun Metal. Sale Prices, \$4.00 to \$41.00

BRACELETS—In Silver, Gold-filled and Solid Gold. Sale Prices, \$1.50 to \$18.00

NECKLETS AND PENDANTS—In Silver, Gold-filled and Solid Gold. Sale Prices, \$1.50 to \$38.00

RINGS—Solitaire Diamonds; also Diamond Combinations with Sapphire, Pearl, Amethysts, etc. Sale Prices, \$7.00 to \$75.00

A Large Variety of Signet Rings. Sale Prices, \$1.50 to \$5.00

LOCKETS—In Gold-filled and Solid Silver. Sale Prices, \$1.50 to \$12.00

A Large Variety of NECK CHAINS in Solid and Gold-filled. Sale Prices, 75c. to \$7.00

FOBS—In Gold-filled and Silver. Sale Prices, \$1.50 to \$6.00

EAR-RINGS—In Solid Gold, Gold-filled and Platinum and Jet. Sale Prices, 50c. to \$5.00

USEFUL AND DAINTY
Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Jewel Cases, Coin Purses, Vanity Cases, Mesh Bags, Thimbles, Rosaries, Pearl Neck Beads.

BROOCHES—In Silver, Gold-filled and Solid Gold. Sale Prices, 30c. to \$27.00

BAR PINS AND BEAUTY PINS—A large assortment to choose from. Sale Prices, 30c. to \$5.00

A Large Stock of SILVER TABLEWARE—HAND-PAINTED CHINA, SILVER DEPOSIT CHINA AND GLASS WARE!

APPROPRIATE AND INEXPENSIVE FOR CHILDREN

BRACELETS—A great variety. Sale Price, \$7.00 up

LOCKETS—In Silver, Gold-filled. Sale Prices, 75c. to \$2.00

Soldier's Pri e Contest Increases in Interest : : HAVE YOU VOTED YET?

16 Mill Street **A. POYAS** 16 Mill Street

Buy Your Footwear

at Money-Saving Prices at
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We have some dandy lines suitable for Christmas presents in

Fancy Slippers, Boots and Shoes

Come here first, and be sure of satisfaction at the lowest prices obtainable anywhere. Crowds came last Saturday to our Rubber Sale, and will come again. You come also!

A Few of Our Many Bargains:

Rubbers and Overhoes
Men's Rubber—(Merchants') Worth \$1. Christmas price, 76c.
Men's One-Buckle, Two-Strap Overhoes; also Three-Buckle. Worth \$2.75. Christmas price, \$1.75
Men's Hip Rubber Boots—(Storm King). Worth \$5.50. Christmas price, \$3.75
Men's Rubbers—(Merchants') Worth 60c. Christmas price, 48c.
Ladies' Storm Rubbers—Worth 85c. Christmas price, 55c.
Ladies' Overhoes—Worth \$2.00. Christmas price, \$1.35
Misses' Overhoes—Two-Buckle. Worth \$1.75. Christmas price, \$1.18

Good Boots For Less Money
Men's \$3.50 and \$4.00 Calf Boots, at..... Christmas price, \$1.98
Men's Velour Calf Blucher Boots—Leather lined with water-proof soles. Worth \$5.50. Christmas price, \$3.98
Ladies' Dress Boots—Either button or lace. Worth \$3.00. Christmas price, \$1.98
Boys' Serviceable School Boots—Worth \$2.60. Christmas price, \$1.48
Boys' Hockey Boots—Worth \$2.35. Christmas price, \$1.25
Our entire stock of Boots and Shoes have been specially marked for the Christmas Sale.
We Take Trouble to Save You Trouble.

Come and Look Our Stock Over. We Can Fit Your Feet

The True Fit Shoe Store
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Opposite Corner of Douglas Avenue

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