C.P.R. the Leader in Further Decline in New York Market

STEEL OUTLOOK

Statement of Corporation Should Show Small Increase.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The unfilled orders statement of the United States Steel Corporation as of July 31, will be made public at noon Thursday. A small increase over June is expected in steel circles. It is believed that the new business during July was taken at about the same rate as in June, but that shipments during July were considerably increased, altho not quite up to the rate of new business. The fact that the Corporation is now operating at 77 per cent. of its ingot capacity indicates even larger shipments during August. If this rate of operation is maintained, it is likely that the third quarter's earnings will show an increase of at least $3,000,000 over the second quarter.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

MONTREAL, Aug. 8.—Price movements on the Montreal stock market to-day were generally downwards, and the tone of the market was unsettled, with the close irregular. The selling pressure, however, was not excessive. Canadian Pacific had a sharp decline, selling off from 242 1-2 in the early trading to 240 1-8, with 240 bid at the close. Soo was also weaker, declining to 136 1- with the closing bid 135. Steel Corporation, which was the most active issue in the trading, with transactions of 1035 shares, after selling fractionally higher at 52 1-4, sold off to 51 3-4, recovering to 52. Montreal Street was weak at 223. Montreal Power after selling at 163 1-2, weakened to 163. Richelieu weakened to 121. Rio after selling fractionally higher at 113 and 113 1-4, sold off to 112 3-4.

REFUSED FURTHER INCREASES.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—It is reported on good authority that an agreement has been reached between important financial interests to absolutely refuse any further demands for higher wages received from railroad employes, regardless of whether a strike results or not. Some Wall-street interests seem to think serious railroad troubles may occur.

BRITISH EXPORTS FALL OFF.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The July statement of the board of trade shows an increase of $8,450,000 in imports and a decrease of $18,902,000 in exports.

The imports of foodstuffs increased $10,000,000, and manufactured goods $5,000,000, but raw material decreased $10,000,000. Thet principal decrease in the exports was in manufactured goods, mainly textiles.

LONDON MARKET DEPRESSED.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Money rates were easier to-day. Discount rates advanced owing to the uncertain outlook.

The Bank of England secured the bulk of the $3,000,000 South African gold available in the open market.

The stock market opened irregularly. Fears of the dock strike spreading weakened British securities, especially home rails. oFreign shares and Kaffirs ruled steady until Paris' selling caused a reaction and a heavy closing.

American securities opened steady and from 1-2 to 1 1-2 points above parity. Prices advanced for a time, but the market reacted under profit-taking before noon. Values continued to decline in the afternoon under the lead of Canadian Pacific, on New York and Continental offerings. The closing was dull and easy.

Tractions in London.

The southern traction issues were quoted as follows in the London market (Toronto equivalent):

	Aug. 5. Bid.	Aug. 5. Ask.	Aug. 8. Bid.	Aug. 8. Ask.
Sao Paulo	175⅝	177⅝	175⅝	177⅝
Rio de Janeiro	112⅞	113⅝	112¾	113¼
Mexican Tram.	118⅞	119⅞	117⅞	118⅞
Mexican Power	87⅞	89¼	87	87⅛

Liquidation Is Still in Effect And Prices Get Down Still Lower

Further Decline in New York Market, Led by Canadian Group—Prices Recover Toward the Close—Toronto Exchange Nervous.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Taking the course of to-day's stock market as a criterion, it is manifest that the liquidation which began in securities over a week ago, has yet to exhaust itself. The market opened most auspiciously, London, after its triple holiday, sending over a list of prices for our stocks that ranged from half a point to 1½ above parity. The improved tone was shortlived, however, selling of a number of the minor grade rails at marked declines precipitating further selling, which at first extended to the Canadian group, but finally overtook the entire list and recorded the lowest level attained in some months.

There were no known developments to account for the further liquidation, but the "street" has a well defined idea that some earnest "salvage" work has taken place recently; that relief has had to be given to a number of over-extended operators on the long side of the market. The theory finds credence in banking circles and already has had the effect of strengthening the techurcal situation, at the expense, of course, of a number of formidable bull accounts.

Financial Institutions.

While monetary conditions continue comparatively easy, financial institutions realize that the annual drain incidental to crop moving will soon set in from various interior points, and this contingency doubtless has been utilized by local institutions to contract credits. Calling of loans has by no means been confined to home banks, however, if reports are to be credited. Much of the bullish speculation of the six months was made possible by the use of foreign accommodation, and it is fair assumption that a large part of these credits is no longer available.

The selling became most urgent in the early afternoon, following another period of stagnation. On the decline prices fell so sharply as to indicate that many stocks were being offered at "the market," or for what they would bring. It is certain that many "stop" orders were uncovered, and all surface conditions implied that exhausted margins were among the collateral causes of the movement. In the last hour prices recovered from fractions to a point or more in Union Pacific, U.S. Steel, Reading, and some less active issues, while Canadian Pacific regained 2 points of its extreme decline. The tone of the market at the close was seavy and hesitating.

Copper Producers.

News of the day included the monthly statement of the copper producers for July, which was favorable in the sense that the production was much under that of the previous month, even tho the demand was smaller. Declaration of the usual semi-annual dividend of Chicago and Alton prior lien stock after some delay was another incident and conjecture was rife with regard to the showing which the U.S. Steel figures of "unfilled tonnage" to be issued on Thursday, will make. A small increase over June's statement of 3,861,000 tons is expected. That the weakness of the hard coal shares is not due to business conditions may be gathered from the fact that shipments for July were 600,000 tons over the same month last year, while for the fiscal year they exceed 1909-10 by over 2,000,000 tons.

Merchandise exports from this port for the current week fell over $4,400,000 compared with the same time last year, but the movement for the calendar year is almost $70,000,000 over 1910. Apropos of these figures, the British trade report for July shows increases both in exports and imports over last year, with an increase of exports for the year to date of about $75,000,000. Other news from London includes the increasing seriousness of the labor situation, and the taking over by the Bank of England of practically all the $3,000,000 South African gold received there to-day. News from other European sources was rather featureless, there being no movements of consequence in the Paris and Berlin exchanges.

The bond market was naturally susceptible to conditions in the stock market and prices were generally easy. Total sales par value were $2,066,000.

U. S. government bonds were unchanged on call.

World Office,
Tuesday Evening, Aug. 8.

The Toronto stock market, for its size, was exceedingly nervous to-day. The break on Wall-street last week and the decline of five points in Canada's premier security, Canadian Pacific Railway to-day left no room for reasoning out values among traders and many hastened to sell shares, while there was a decent market available.

At the close of the day's business some surprise was felt at the nominal changes in the quotations of the active issues. Those who held shares on margin were glad they had released themselves of responsibility, and those who sold to buy back with a profit congratulated themselves that they were on the right side of the trend of prices.

Rio, Sao Paulo, Mackay and Twin City had to stand the brunt of to-day's selling and with the exception of Twin City, which sold at 106 1-2, the offerings made no impression on the quotations which ruled before the three days' holiday.

As for a long time, dealings in C. P. R. were restricted to the New York Exchange. Several local offices reported that they were sellers for Toronto holders to-day and it was noteworthy that after breaking to 238 1-4, the prise rallied with ease to 241. Reliable authorities deny crop damage stories of the Canadian west and admit only that part of the crop is later in development than some other years.

Public enquiry for securities on the Toronto Exchange is decidedly limited and current buyers are only those who regard dividends as more highly essential than temporary market flurries.

WALL STREET POINTERS.

Government crop report out to-morrow.

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American stocks in London firm, up 7-8.

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Big railroad strike in England threatened.

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Heavy rains in Iowa beneficial to corn crop.

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Three thousand men on Northwestern Railway out.

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St. Paul for 12 months shows decrease in net of $2,279,000.

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Senate finance committee to begin hearings on cotton bill.

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George W. Perkins to testify before Stanley Steel committee in Washington.

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Steel plants operating at greatest capacity since Jan. 1.

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Congress not likely to adjourn until latter part of August.

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In speech before Michigan College of Mines, George W. Perkins says that recent legislation is opposed to best interests of the many; asks congress to enact constructive laws.

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Copper stocks decrease 19,695,306 pounds in July. Production was 112,167,934 in July, against 124,554,312 in June.

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Plan for dissolution of the Powder Trust considered by Attorney-General Wickersham and President Dupont.

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John W. Gates has had another bad turn.

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Joseph says: Morgan's home-coming next week will be confidence restoring and stimulating. Further consistent rallies may be looked for under the lead of the Pacifics. Buy the Tractions and New York Central, at least for moderate turns.

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Irregular rallying seems to be foreshadowed in the stock market. We would for the present maintain the trading position, if a daily operator. Those who have capital and patience will miss great opportunities if they do not buy now and average in case of further declines. Revised supporting levels are: Steel around 74, Union Pacific 181, Southern Pacific 116, Reading 151, Northern Pacific 123, Lehigh 170, Great Northern, preferred, 125, Atchison 107.—Financial Bulletin.

ON WALL STREET.

Erickson Perkins & Co. had the following: After a first collapse we often get a moderate rally, then another sharp break. The secondary decline came this afternoon being led by the Canadian group. It appears that some support was offered by banking interests around two o'clock and there was a rally of a point in some of the leading issues in the last hour. It is not necessary to ascribe any new reason for to-day's break. The market was fundamentally weak and existing disturbing elements furnished sufficient cause. Possibility of taking of the steel schedule of the tariff for revision, talk of labor troubles and other matters induced selling. An excellent government weekly weather bulletin was ignored. This told of substantial benefit to nearly all crops by good rains during the week. The fact that congress is all at sea on the tariff changes may foreshadow an early adjournment.

Chas. Head & Co. had the following: There was a little appearance of strength given to the market this morning when London quotations, which were uniformly higher (Union Pacific being 1 1-8 higher) caused the opening prices to show gains of small fractions, but the improvement was short lived and under professional selling prices broke from 1 to 3 points and in many instances reached or exceeded the low record of last Friday. The decline naturally brought about some public liquidation and there was no evidence of banking support. The bears were encouraged by the lack of resistance and had matters largely their own way. They attacked the Canadian stocks, driving C.P.R. down five points. Closing prices were generally strong on the rally, but commission house buying was extremely limited and as on previous days, the shorts were accountable for the upswing. We should not be surprised to see a further rally in the morning, but the market is too professional to forecast and we should take advantage of all good rallies to realize profits, buying only on the breaks for the time being.

WEAK SPECULATIVE ACCOUNTS FORCED.

World Office,
Tuesday Evening, Aug. 8th.

Western crop reports overshadowed operations in Canadian securities to-day. Damage by rust was taken as partly confirmed by a break in C. P. R. in New York. Liquidation is being forced by short selling from professionals, but supporting bids were not impaired to-day and the foundation of the market should be strengthened by the present class of dealings. As a whole the market is somewhat reactionary and further weak speculative long accounts may be forced out.

MUNICIPAL DEBENTURES.

The Ontario Securities Company, Limited, have just been awarded $28,500 debentures of the Town of Goderich, Ontario, bearing 5 per cent. interest, and repayable in 30 equal annual instalments, the issue being for sewers and drainage.

The same company have also been awarded $8600 bonds of Town of Claresholm, Alta., bearing 5 per cent. interest, and repayable in 20 instalments, the issue being for waterworks extension.

The Stock Markets

TORONTO STOCK MARKET

*Preferred. zBonds.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Erickson Perkins & Co., 14 West King-street, report the following fluctuations on the New York Stock Exchange:

do. 1st pf....	112	112⅝	112	112	300
do. 2nd pf....	74	...	...	...	......
U. S. Steel....	75⅝	75⅝	73½	74⅞	......
do. pref.	117⅛	117⅛	116¼	116⅞	......
Utah Cop......	46¼	46¼	45½	46	4,100
Virg. Car. Chem.	56½	56½	55⅝	55½	800
West. Union Tel.	76½	76½	75¼	76½	......
Westinghouse..	66⅞	66⅞	65¼	66	1,100

Sales to noon, 214,100; total sales, 709,----.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Cotton Markets

Erickson Perkins & Co. (J. G. Beaty), 14 West King-street, report the following prices on the New York cotton market:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Aug.			11.04	11.05
Oct.			12.00	12.05
Dec.			11.07	11.09
Jan.			11.09	11.11

Cotton Gossip.

Erickson Perkins & Co. had the following:

Manipulation for the advance was checked by lower cables this morning and the market turned heavy, breaking sharply under general selling and a renewal of bearish pressure from the professionals who had previously covered in the expectation of a higher level for sales. Numerous unfavorable crop reports were in circulation, but receive little attention. The weekly report read favorably and sentiment was disinclined to notice bullish factors. We do not look for any serious decline below 11c, with the strong bull party now in the market, but it is probable that their efforts will result in little more than temporary bulges until crop reports show a reversal.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Glazebrook & Cronyn, Janes Building (Tel. Main 7517), to-day report exchange rates as follows:

—Between Banks.—

	Buyers.	Sellers.	Counter.
N. Y. funds....			⅛ to ¼
Montreal fds..			⅛ to ¼
Ster., 60 days..			9 3-16
Ster., demand..			9 11-16
Cable trans...			9 13-16

—Rates in New York.—

	Actual.	Posted.
Sterling, 60 days' sight....	483.75	485
Sterling, demand....	486.05	487

MONEY MARKETS.

Bank of England discount rate, 3 per cent. Open market discount rate in London for short bills, 3⅛ per cent. New York call money, highest 2½ per cent., lowest 2¼ per cent., ruling rate 2⅜ per cent. Call money, at Toronto, 5½ to 6 per cent.

DIVIDEND NOTICES

Sterling Bank of Canada

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of one and one-quarter per cent. (1 1-4 per cent.) for the quarter ending 31st July instant, being at the rate of five per cent. (5 per cent.) per annum, on the Paid-up Capital Stock of this Bank, has been declared and that the same will be payable at the Head Office and the Branches of the Bank on and after the 15th day of August next.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 17th July to the 31st July, both days inclusive.

F. W. BROUGHALL, General Manager.

Toronto, July 11th, 1911. ed

BANK OF MONTREAL

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two-and-One-Half per cent. upon the paid up capital stock of this institution has been declared for the current quarter, and that the same will be payable at its banking house in this city, and at its branches, on and after Friday, the 1st day of September next, to shareholders of record of 16th Aug.

By order of the Board,

E. S. CLOUSTON, General Manager.

Montreal, 28th July, 1911. 13

BRITISH CONSOLS.

	Aug. 5.	Aug. 8.
Consols, for money.....	78 1-16	78 1-16
Consols, for account....	78⅛	78⅛

Sneak Thief Sentenced.

James Smith, sneak thief, was sent to the penitentiary for three years from police court yesterday morning for two thefts. He had a record.