

# Corporation Securities Market

**Trading Heavy on Canadian Exchanges Notwithstanding Tight Money—Papers Were Buoyant But Reaction Set In at the Close—Allan Theatres Offering New Shares—Another Pulp and Paper Issue—Wabasso Common Stock to be Readjusted**

CONSTRUCTIVE, rather than adverse, was the effect of the explosion on the New York market. Attacks by bears were not carried out, traders feeling that such an action would be contributing to whatever unsettlement might result. For the greater part of the week stocks moved upward, but at the close reaction set in, chiefly in industrials. The passing of the Central leather dividend, reduction in Ford car prices and reports of cancellations of steel orders by automobile manufacturers, were the principal factors in this reaction. "All these combine to emphasize the readjustment through which business is passing," state A. A. Housman and Co. in their market letter.

After a week of activity and buoyancy, Canadian stocks tended to become weaker, and at the close on September 22, all but a few issues sought lower levels. Interest was chiefly centred on papers, but was not entirely confined to that section. The most interesting situation in the market was the heavy trading in face of tight money. It is quite certain that banks are not yet ready to assist the market to any appreciable extent, but there is no doubt that there were plenty of funds to finance operations. Several theories as to this source of supply were advanced, but a satisfactory solution to the problem was not found.

A decline in the price of Dominion Steel here caused considerable comment, and especially in view of the fact that British Empire Steel was lower in New York. A director of Dominion Steel, however, stated that there was no special significance attached to this movement, and that the depression was really a matter of neglect, as there was no reason for the change.

## Allen Theatres, Ltd.

Housser, Wood and Co., Toronto, and Edward Brown and Co., Winnipeg, are offering \$2,500,000 8 per cent. preferred cumulative shares of Allen Theatres, Ltd., at par (\$100), with a bonus of half share of no par value common stock. Common stock bonus will be adjusted to even amount by purchase or sale of fractional share at the rate of \$40 per share. Application for this new stock may also be made at any branch of the Merchants Bank or the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Preferred shares are preferred both as to assets and dividends and are redeemable on three months' notice at \$110 and accrued dividend at the option of the company.

Allen Theatres, Ltd., has been formed to acquire the entire assets of Jule and J. J. Allen, controlling one of the largest chains of motion picture theatres in the world, operated for the most part in Canada, with extensions in the United States and England. In return for their total properties and goodwill in the business, the Allens have accepted stock in the new company, and will continue in the management and control. The policy of building new theatres by local financing, whereby the majority of shares in local com-

panies are retained by the Allens, will be continued, thereby continually adding to the equities owned by the holding company without impairment of capital.

Assets acquired by Allen Theatres, Ltd., consist of ownership or control and goodwill of all the theatres and film exchanges which, after giving effect to the present financing, amount to over \$7,500,000, or over three times the amount of the preferred stock to be issued or outstanding.

## Lake St. John Paper Stock

Offering is being made of \$1,000,000 8 per cent. cumulative non-participating preferred stock of the Lake St. John Pulp and Paper, Ltd., at par, with a bonus of two shares of common stock for every three preferred shares purchased. The Lake St. John Co. was recently incorporated with a capital of \$4,000,000, of which one-half is preferred and the other common, and all shares are of a par value of \$100. The balance of the stock will be issued on the basis of one common share with every three preferred. After dividends have been paid for two years on the preferred, those shares will automatically become common stock, so as to participate in the increased dividends which will be paid on the common.

Particulars of the company's operations, etc., are given elsewhere in this issue.

## Capital Increases and Readjustments

The Purity Flour Mills, Ltd., incorporated under the laws of Canada, has been authorized to increase its capital stock from the sum of \$100,000 to \$500,000 by the issue of 4,000 new shares of \$100 each.

Authorization has been given to the Boston Cattle Co., Ltd., which is registered under a Dominion charter, to increase its capitalization from 10,000 common shares of no par value to 13,000 shares of no par value, and from 3,600 cumulative preference shares of the par value of \$100 each to 5,100 cumulative preference shares of the par value of \$100 each, provided, however, that the company shall carry on its business with a capital of \$575,000.

In accordance with the Companies Act of Saskatchewan, the Quaker Oats Co. has been authorized to increase its capital of \$30,000,000, divided into 300,000 shares of \$100 each, to \$50,000,000, divided into 500,000 shares of \$100.

The Wabasso Cotton Co., Ltd., has been authorized under supplementary letters patent issued at Ottawa, to convert the 7,500 common shares of its authorized capital stock into 15,000 shares of no nominal or par value, and also amending the supplementary letters patent issued to the company on June 12, 1912, by converting the 10,000 common shares of the par value of \$100 each thereby created into 20,000 shares of no nominal or par value, provided that the amount of capital with which the company will carry on business shall be \$1,750,000.

## UNLISTED SECURITIES

Quotations furnished to The Monetary Times by A. J. Pattison, Jr., & Co., Toronto  
(Week ended Sept. 21st, 1920.)

	Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask
Ata. Pac. Grain...com.	160	...	Cuban Can. Sugar...pref.	67	72.50	Manufacturers Life....	175	206	Sterling Coal.....com.	18	...
Ames Holden Felt...7's	80	86	Davies, William.....6's	97.50	101	Marconi Wireless of Can.	2.00	2.80	Toronto Paper.....6's	85	90
Ames Holden Tire...com.	90	90	Dom. Foun. & St...com.	63	65	Massey-Harris.....	96	102	Toronto Power.5's (1924)	84	87.50
Belding Paul.....pref.	78	82.50	Dom. Iron & Steel 5's 1939	68	72.50	Mattagami P. & P...com.	63	66	Trust & Guar.....	68	72
Black Lake.....com.	13.75	15.25	Dom. Power.....com.	45	50	Mexican Nor. Power..5's	9.00	12	United Cigar Stores com.	...	.50
British Amer. Assurance	10	12.75	Dryden Pulp.....com.	38	39.50	Murr-K.....7% pref.	60	70	Western Assurance.....	1.70	2.00
Can. Machinery.....com.	52	59	Dunlop Tire.....7% pref.	89	94	National Life.....	160	...	Whalen Pulp.....com.	10	12
Can. Oil.....com.	100	105	Famous Players.8% pfd.	89	92	North-Amer. Pulp.....	4.95	5.25	.....pref.	...	70
Can. Westinghouse.....pref.	84	86	Goodyear Tire.....pref.xd.	90	95	North Star Oil.....com.	3.50	3.80			
Can. Woollens.....com.	53	56	Harris Abattoir.....6's	90	95	Nova Scotia Steel 6% deb	78	84			
Cockshutt Plow 7% pref.	62	68	Home Bank.....	98	102	Ont. Pulp.....6's	95	98.50			
Coll ngoodShip'dg...6's	91	105	Imperial Oil.....	108	112.50	Page Hersey.....pref.	87	...			
Crown Life Assurance...	70	...	King Edward Hotel.com.	58	63.50	Riordon...com.(newstk.)	50	53			
Cuban Can. Sugar.com.	40	...		74	79	Robert Simpson.6% pref.	75	78.50			
						Steel & Radiation.....6's	...	70			
						Sterling Bank.....	108	115			