

LATEST FINANCIAL AND SHIPPING NEWS AND NOTES

MONTREAL
TRANSACTIONS

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)

Monday, Dec. 17th—
 Canada Com.—25 @ 75, 25 @ 75.
 Oats Com.—25 @ 75, 25 @ 75.
 Steamships Pfd.—50 @ 71.
 Carriage—25 @ 50, 5 @ 50, 75 @ 50.
 50% 25 @ 51, 25 @ 51, 25 @ 51, 10 @ 53, 30 @ 53, 115 @ 53, 15 @ 53, 50 @ 51, 50 @ 50, 25 @ 51.
 Cement Com.—75 @ 25, 20 @ 25, 40 @ 25.
 Dom. Iron Com.—150 @ 45, 15 @ 45.
 Shawinigan—50 @ 135, 5 @ 135.
 Canada Car Com.—5 @ 14.
 Canada Car Pfd.—10 @ 106, 10 @ 106.
 Ogilvie Com.—10 @ 137.
 N. S. Steel Pfd.—10 @ 123, 5 @ 123.
 N. S. Steel—10 @ 99, 10 @ 99, 25 @ 99, 140 @ 100, 50 @ 101, 25 @ 100, 25 @ 100.
 Quebec Ry.—125 @ 154.
 Quebec Bonds—4,000 @ 50.
 Spanish River—5 @ 4.
 Hollinger—15 @ 29.
 Dom. Bridge—125 @ 229, 25 @ 229, 25 @ 229, 115 @ 231, 10 @ 230, 100 @ 230, 5 @ 230, 25 @ 230.
 Ames Pfd.—2 @ 72.
 Ames Com.—5 @ 19, 50 @ 18.
 Steamships Pfd.—25 @ 70.
 Carriage Com.—55 @ 51, 245 @ 51, 50 @ 53, 125 @ 51, 100 @ 50.
 Cement Com.—50 @ 39.
 Steel of Canada—50 @ 39, 15 @ 39.
 Dom. Iron Com.—25 @ 46, 25 @ 46.
 Shawinigan—325 @ 138.
 Montreal Power—1 @ 235.
 Bell Telephone—1 @ 145.
 Canada Car Com.—50 @ 92, 140 @ 92, 175 @ 92, 25 @ 92.
 Canada Car Pfd.—25 @ 106.
 Ogilvie Com.—10 @ 137.
 Laur. Pulp—75 @ 152.
 Crown Reserve—700 @ 61.
 N. S. Steel Com.—175 @ 101, 25 @ 100, 45 @ 100.
 Quebec Ry.—20 @ 15.
 Dom. Bridge—110 @ 220, 15 @ 220, 50 @ 220.
 Ames Pfd.—5 @ 72.
 Ames Holden Com.—100 @ 18.
 Ames Holden Pfd.—5 @ 72.

CHICAGO GRAIN
AND PRODUCE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Wheat—No. 2 red 1.20 to 1.22; No. 3 red, 1.16 to 1.19; No. 2 hard, 1.17 to 1.19; No. 3 hard, 1.11 to 1.13.
 Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow, 68 to 69; No. 4 white, 67 to 68.
 Oats—No. 2 white, 49 to 50; standard, 43 to 44.
 Rye—No. 2, nominal.
 Barley—No. 2, 7.00 to 7.15.
 Clover—10.00 to 10.00.
 Pork—14.75.
 Lard—9.40.
 Hops—7.75 to 10.25.

Wheat. High. Low. Close.
 May 119 117 117
 July 112 110 110
 Dec. 118 116 116

Corn. High. Low. Close.
 May 72 72 72
 Dec. 71 70 70

Oats. High. Low. Close.
 May 45 45 45
 Dec. 45 42 42

PRODUCE PRICES ON
MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 17.—CORN—American No. 2 yellow, 78 to 79.
 FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents, 6.50; second, 6.00; strong bakers, 5.80; winter patents, choice, 6.30; straight rollers, 5.50 to 6.00; straight rollers, bags, 2.60 to 2.70.
 MILLFEED—Bran, 2.25; shorts, 2.20; middlings, 2.25 to 2.30; moultie, 2.30 to 2.32.
 HAY—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$19 to \$19.50.
 POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, \$1.30 to \$1.35.

MONTREAL MARKET

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)

Ames Holden Com. 18 19
 Ames Holden Pfd. 72 73
 Canadian L. H. and P. 54
 Canada Car 92 93
 Canada Cement 39 40
 Canada Cement Pfd. 90 91
 Can. Cotton 37 38
 Crown Reserve 61 62
 Detroit United 71 72
 Dom. Iron Pfd. 93 95
 Dom. Iron Com. 46 47
 Dom. Tex. Com. 75 76
 Laurentide Paper Co. 188 189
 Lake of Woods 136 137
 Macdonald Com. 104 105
 Minn. and St. Paul 123 124
 N. Scotia Steel and C. 100 101
 Ottawa L. and C. 120 121
 Ogilvie 137 138
 Penman's Lumber 60 61
 Quebec Railway 15 16
 Shaw W. and P. Co. 135 136
 Sher. Williams Co. 65 66
 Spanish River Com. 34 35
 Spanish River Pfd. 35 36
 Steel Co. Can. Com. 29 30
 Steel Co. Can. Pfd. 90 91
 Toronto Halls 111 112
 Tuckett Tobacco 180 181
 Winnipeg Elec. 180 181

LATE RECORD BROKEN.
 Steamer Reliance, Capt. McLean, Bathurst for Chatham, N. B., and Monro, Captain Curwin, Halifax via Chatham, broke all records for late sailing from the port of Bathurst.

MARKET HALTS PENDING CLEARING
UP OF INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

Prices drift aimlessly—Bears abandon aggressive attitude—Exchange on Germany again at low mark—New high quotation for Guilders.

New York, Dec. 17.—The market was again under the spell of depression for the greater part of today's session, largely, if not wholly, in consequence of the international situation. There was no concerted selling, such as characterized yesterday's late operations, but prices drifted aimlessly from sheer inertia.

Aggressive tactics were temporarily abandoned by the bears and such constructive forces as may have existed were held in restraint, pending a more definite knowledge or outcome of relations between Washington and Vienna. Foreign selling continued as an aftermath of the plan of the British government to mobilize American securities, but offerings from such sources were not in sufficient volume to materially affect quoted values.

Exchange on leading European currencies was more than ordinarily conflicting. Remittances to Germany receded to within a fraction of the recent low rate, while sterling and francs edged slightly. A new high quotation for Guilders or Dutch exchange was ascribed to the belief that Holland is now acting as the clearing house for Germany and the northern European countries, as a whole.

Regular price changes were registered in the first hour, war issues and oils recovering 1 to 2 points over yesterday's final figures, while rails moved almost without definite trend. Later the latter group became moderately heavy, Canadian Pacific, Erie and Chesapeake & Ohio being most conspicuous.

In the final hour the list hardened in almost all quarters, with particular strength in American Smelting, Texas Company and Consolidated Gas. These changes were due, in a great measure, to short covering, accompanied by rumors of a more encouraging character regarding the Ascona incident. Total sales amounted to 510,000 shares.

The government crop report showed some slight deterioration of winter wheat and other cereals, compared with the preceding statement, together with a decrease of acreage. No response to this showing was made by the granger group of rails, the entire division being unusually quiescent.

Anglo-French 5's were more active, ranging between 94 5/8 and 95. Bonds in general were lower and inactive. Total sales, par value, \$4,140,000.

NEW YORK COTTON
MARKET SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)

High. Low. Close.
 Jan. 11.91 11.70 11.71
 Mar. 12.18 11.98 12.00
 May 12.48 12.21 12.23
 July 12.53 12.23 12.25
 Oct. 12.74 12.04 12.05

SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December Phases of the Moon.
 New Moon, 6th 2h, 4m, a. m.
 First Quarter, 13th 7h, 38m, p. m.
 Full Moon, 21st 8h, 52m, p. m.
 Last Quarter, 29th 8h, 59m, p. m.

Days of the Week.
 Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat. Sun.
 18 St. 8:05 4:38 9:23 21:57 3:30 10:58
 19 St. 8:06 4:38 10:08 22:41 4:18 11:42

DOMESTIC PORTS.
 Bathurst, Dec. 16.—Cld stmr Reliance, McLean, Chatham, N. B.; Minor Curwin, Halifax via Chatham.
 Halifax, Dec. 16.—Arrd stmr Storomount (Montreal Transportation Co.), Blackie, Quebec, for New York, put in leaving.
 Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Arrd stmr Sarnam, Boston; 13th, stmr New York, New York; Durango, Halifax, N. S.; Cape Town, Dec. 10.—Sld stmr Berwick Law, Henderson, (from Esat real), Australia.
 Barbados, Dec. 2.—Sld bark Ethel Clarke, Mobile.
 Arrd Dec. 16, schr Frances V. Sawyer, Duffy, Grenada (has sails up) and compass damaged.
 Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Arrd stmr Sarnam, Boston, via St. Nazaire.

FOREIGN PORTS.
 Mobile, Ala., Dec. 14.—Arrd schr Zeta, Galtport, for Cristobal; 15th, schr Evadne, Nipe Bay.
 Key West, Fla., Dec. 15.—Arrd schr Delafare Breakwater, Dec. 15.—Sld schr Harold B. Consens (from Philadelphia), St. John, N. B.
 Perth Amboy, N. J., Dec. 15.—Arrd schrs John G. Walter, New York; James William, do; Lucille, do.
 New York, Dec. 15.—Cld schrs W. B. & W. L. Tuck, Haley, St. John, N. B.; Marion & Silver, Wentzell, Newark; tug Triton, Moulton, Spencer's Island, N. S.
 Rockland, Dec. 15.—Arrd schrs John Bracewell, Calais for New York; Nel He Ecton, do for Boston; Odell, do for do; Rebecca G. Whelan, do for do; Mattie J. Allen, St. George, N. B., for Norwalk; Collin C. Baker, do for do.
 Port Natal, Dec. 14.—Arrd stmr Pontiac, Calcutta.
 Salsburg, Dec. 13.—Sld stmr St. Bede, Boston.
 Arrd Dec. 13, stmr Sommerstad, Pictou, N. S.; Norfolk, Vladivostok.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.
 Portland, Dec. 15, 1915.
 Kennebec River, Me.
 Abagadasset Point Range Lights extinguished for winter December 12, will be relighted on the reopening of navigation in the spring.
 Seacoast of Maine.
 Halfway Rock Whistling Buoy, 20HR, reported adrift December 15, will be replaced as soon as practicable.
 Portland Approach, Me.
 Corwin Rock Bell Buoy, 3, reported adrift December 15, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

STOCK QUOTATIONS
ON N.Y. EXCHANGE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)

Open High Low Close
 Am Beet Sug. 69 69 68 68
 Am Wool 46
 Am Car Py. 79 79 78 78
 Am Loco 69 69 68 68
 Am Smelt 97 97 96 96
 Anaconda 85 85 84 84
 Am Tele 128 128 127 127
 Aschbach 105 105 104 104
 Am Can 59 59 58 58
 Bald Loco 117 117 116 116
 Balt and O Co 92 92 91 91
 Beth Steel 470 470 469 469
 C F I 52 52 51 51
 Ches and Ohio 61 61 60 60
 Chino 51 51 50 50
 Cent Leath 59 59 58 58
 Can Pac 179 179 178 178
 Crude Steel 73 73 72 72
 Erie Com 41 41 40 40
 Gr Nor Pfd 124 124
 Lehigh Val 81
 Louis and N 127
 Miss Pac 35
 NY NH and H 74 74 73 73
 N Y Cent 104 104 103 103
 Nor Pac 115 115 114 114
 Penn 58 58 57 57
 Press Stl Car 64
 Reading Com 80 80 79 79
 Rep Steel 53 53 52 52
 St Paul 92 92 91 91
 Sou Pac 100 100 99 99
 Studebaker 170 170 169 169
 Un Pac Com 136 136 135 135
 U S Steel Com 85 85 84 84
 Westing Elec 68 68 67 67

Winnipeg Wheat Close
 Dec.—109 1/2
 May—112 1/2

CLOSING LETTER OF
N. Y. MARKET BY
E. & C. RANDOLPH

New York, Dec. 17.—As there was no definite announcement after the cabinet meeting in regard to the nature of the reply to be sent to the American communication, and the traders assumed that the controversy would be long drawn out, an effort was made to attract buying by bidding up prices of a few of the industrial stocks. The scheme was not successful. Buying was not attracted and on the contrary stock were supplied on the rally and the general list was irregular and somewhat reactionary at the close. The day's news was not important. Nothing of interest is reported in the steel trade and the week has nearly ended without realization of the predictions of price advances in several important lines of the industry. The copper metal market in London was strong but conditions here were unchanged, producers nominally quoting metal at a little under 20c, while making few if any sales. The Anglo-French bonds were active and generally a little lower in price than at last night's close, although they did not drop back to yesterday's lowest. The sharp advance in Am. Smelting caused a revival of rumors of an increase in dividend at the next meeting, and on a rise in Alaska Gold, there was evidence of heavy covering of shorts. Regular dividend Distillers Pfd. Sales \$19,238. Bonds \$3,846,000.

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CHANGE OF TIME.
 Fall and Winter Time Table of the
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 Dec. 25 Manchester Corporation Jan. 15
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