

COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.
Chicago Market Report and New York
Cotton Market.
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St. John, N. B. April 3.
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Amalg. Copper	59	59	59 1/2
Anaconda, ex div. 80c.			
per share	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Am. Sugar Refs.	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
Am. Smelt. and Ref.	68	67 1/2	68 1/2
Am. Car Foundry	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Atchafalpa	74	74	74 1/2
Am. Locomotive	44 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Brook. Rpd. Trst.	45 1/2	45	45 1/2
Bell. and Ohio	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Ches. and Ohio	113 1/2	113 1/2	113 1/2
Canadian Pacific	151 1/2	151	151 1/2
Ches. F. and Iron	24	23 1/2	23 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	123 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
Erie	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Erie, First pfd.	30 1/2	31	30 1/2
Erie, Second pfd.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Kansas and Texas	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Missouri Pacific	42	42 1/2	42 1/2
Nor. and Western	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
N. Y. Central	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Pacific Mail	42	42 1/2	42 1/2
Reading	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Republic Steel	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Steele	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Pennsylvania	116 1/2	116 1/2	116 1/2
Rock Island	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
St. Paul	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
Soo.	110 1/2	111	110 1/2
Southern Pacific	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2
Northern Pacific	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
National Lead	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Union Pacific	124 1/2	125	125 1/2
T. & N. Rubber	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
U. S. Steel	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
U. S. Steel, pfd.	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2
Total sales in New York yesterday.	461,172	shares.	

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.
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May corn	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2
wheat	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
oats	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
pork	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
July corn	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
wheat	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
oats	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
pork	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.
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Dom. Can.	41	40 1/2	40 1/2
Dom. I. and Steel	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
Dom. I. and S. pfd.	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
C. P. R.	153	153 1/2	153 1/2
Twin City	84	84	84
Montreal Power	84	84	84
Rich. and Ont.	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.
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May	9.58	9.60	9.60
July	9.58	9.58	9.58
October	9.58	9.58	9.58
December	9.58	9.57	9.57

NEW YORK, April 3.—Cotton market shows very steady undertone especially for the new crop. There is an absence of aggressive selling and there has been some fairly good buying by professional traders as well as for southern and foreign account.

NEW YORK, April 3.—Since the adjournment of the meeting of the Erie directors yesterday afternoon, conferences have taken place between officials of the road and bankers interested in the property. One of these commenced at about 4 p. m. yesterday and extended well into the evening. The conferences are extremely confidential as to what took place at the meetings.

MONTREAL, SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 3RD.

Pennan Mfg Co.—253484.
Iron Comp.—50000.
Iron pfd.—50000.
N. S. Steel—15353.
Textile pfd.—27683.
Winthrop Elec.—14444.
Soo Ry.—100112; 100112; 100112; 100112.
Bell Tel.—100112.
N. Y. C. Ry.—40148.
Wood Com.—50000.
Illinois Trac pfd.—10000.
NEW YORK, April 3.—(Morning letter)—The further postponement of the Erie meeting to take action regarding the company's maturing notes was the cause of the bear attack yesterday afternoon and as the professional element had taken practically to itself it succeeded in doing whatever it liked with prices. Much uncertainty still exists as to what action will be taken by the Erie directors especially as it is the sentiment in certain conservative quarters who, however, are not directly interested in the property that the road should be reorganized once and for all upon a sound basis. It is conjectured that the present plans of the management are to offer new notes bearing an attractive interest rate in exchange for the ones maturing April 8th with the hope that a great majority of holders will accept the proposition, thus making only a small outlay of cash necessary for the issue. Owing, however, to the fact that the holdings are widely scattered it is said to be impossible for the directors to form an approximate estimate as to what proportion of holders will consent to renew. Further unfavorable influences in the shape of the German loan and the cold wave which spread over the winter wheat. Reports from the steel and copper industries were also negatively unfavorable in that the further improvement hopes for a fortnight ago had failed to materialize. The current market reflects the marginal changes of professional sentiment in response to the varying chronicles of general news. Meantime prices move within comparatively narrow range and the action of the market as a whole looks as if the large interests are quite content to let prices remain about their present level.

The future prices will be contingent upon the future developments in the world. Conditions are not quite so promising as they seemed two weeks ago, but the current range of prices discounts much if not all unfavorable news at the present level of prices.

LAIPLAW AND CO.

CHICAGO—S. B. Gross, a local real estate promoter, has filed voluntary bankruptcy petition with liabilities of \$250,000 and assets of \$101,252.

WILD WEST METHODS IN A GAME IN ALBERTA

Montana Bad Man Shot on the Dive—C. P. R. Will Cancel Contracts With Mechanics.

CLAREHOLM, Alta., April 3.—A general fight and shooting affray took place at Union, east of here, and as a result several men are under the doctor's care.

The fight took place during the progress of a game of cards, and though at first it was confined to the Isaacson brothers, soon became general. One man was precipitated through the window of the building. A man named Stevenson, formerly of Montana, then undertook to show the people the Montana methods, and after borrowing a policeman's revolver, began to shoot out the lights. These he demolished, and waiting a better target, finally lodged a bullet in Otto Taylor's leg. Taylor is now under the doctor's supervision and Stevenson is out on bail.

VANCOUVER, April 3.—Notice has been given by the C. P. R. that in 20 days it will terminate all existing agreements with the men of the mechanical departments between Port William and Vancouver.

STUCK IN A PORTHOLE

NEW YORK, April 2.—Gulespe Capello, a young stowaway, got stuck fast in a porthole today, while trying to escape from the Italian steamer Bresca, which just arrived here, and it required the combined efforts of the police, the ship's officers and a crew of men worked him this way and that out his clothing, bruised his skin but still could not budge his body an inch. It was not until a portion of the porthole had been cut away that the lad was liberated. Then he was freed, only to be taken to the hospital, where he will probably be operated on.

DIDN'T ASK ENOUGH.

The Lawyer Should Have Probed His Witness a Little Deeper.

A small but distinguished company of English lawyers sat talking over old times. Among them was Mr. S., who told the following story:

"I was retained," he said, "by an ex-soldier to sue for the recovery of £25 which he had lent to a friend. The latter was the counsel for the defendant. J. cross examined the plaintiff in his usual forcible way.

"To him did you get that money?" "I did, sir."

"It was your own money?" "It was, sir."

"When did you lend him the money?" "In July."

"Where did you get that money, sir?" "I earned it, sir."

"You earned it, eh. When did you earn it?"

"During the Boer war, sir," he said in a very humble tone.

"You were in it during the Boer war?" "Pray what was your occupation during the war?" Mr. J. inquired.

"Fighting, sir," the man replied modestly.

"Oh, fighting?" Mr. J. said, somewhat taken down.

"I smiled triumphantly. Mr. J. was very angry. Well we went to the jury, and I, of course, had the last say. I said away to glory. I spoke of the war, of the lives which it cost us, of the awful battle which helped to build up the glory of our nation, of the self denial and bravery of our men, who left house and wife and everything that was dear to them and went forth to the fight. I worked up a fury and got a verdict for the full amount. As we were quitting the courtroom Mr. J. said:

"S. your war speech gained you the verdict. If you hadn't discovered through my cross examination that the man had fought in the Boer war, you would have been beaten."

"My friend," I replied, "if you had only asked the man which side he fought on you might be going home with a verdict. My client served under the Boer flag."

STRICTLY BUSINESS.

"Did you call on her father this morning?" asked the friend.

"No, I did, and my head is whirling yet."

"Didn't you violence, did he?" "Violence? Oh, no. I got to his office all right. I had written asking for an appointment, and he at once pulled out his watch and said:

"I can give you just seven minutes. Talk fast."

"Well, that upset me so that I could only stammer."

"You want to marry my daughter, don't you?" he abruptly asked.

"I said 'I did'."

"That's all," I hastily said. He made a hurried memorandum. "Where do you want to put your request into writing?"

"I told him I hadn't done so."

"How irregular," he snarled, and made another memorandum. "When?" he yelled.

"When Miss May is ready," I replied. "She says June," he snorted, and made another memorandum. "Where do you want to go on your wedding tour?" he cried.

"Wherever Miss May wants to go," I murmured.

"She's going to Switzerland," he said, and worked away at another memorandum. "Two first class returns to Lucerne, June 25. I'll order them today. Anything else?" he growled.

"No, thank you, I said. "Then he put out a clumsy hand. "Glad to know you," he said. "Come in again some time when I'm not so busy. That's all. See you in June, I hope. Good day."

"And I found myself gasping outside the door."

SETTLEMENT LIKELY IN H. J. ANDERSON'S CASE

The Hearing Adjourned While Counsel Negotiated—Judgment by Judge Forbes.

The case of Anderson v. Isaacs et al. was continued in the equity division today and it is understood that a settlement has been about arrived at on the basis that the plaintiff will not sue. In his bill the plaintiff claims that the business was organized among H. J. Anderson, Richard D. Isaacs and W. Anderson in June, 1896. They did business until October, 1896, and although they had no capital to start on they made \$10,000 in three months. They made it as a result of selling lands in the Northwest. The plaintiff retired on September 1, 1896, and now claimed one-third of the profits. In February, 1897, the company was incorporated with a capital of \$45,000. The members were Richard D. Isaacs, Mrs. Laura M. Isaacs, William Menzies, John Hannan and Wm. Brooks. The defendants deny the plaintiff's bill and property. The question in point of law was whether or not the plaintiff was a partner in the business. The case was argued by Mr. J. C. Forbes for the plaintiff and Mr. P. D. Tilley for the defendants.

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