

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

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Saturday, Dec. 23.

Stock	Price	Change
Am Zinc	88	37 1/2
Am Car & Fwy	85 1/2	68
Am Locomotive	75 1/2	76
Am Beet Sugar	90	91
Am Can	47 1/2	47 1/2
Am Sugar	108 1/2	108 1/2
Am Steel Pkies	62	62
Am Smelters	106	105 1/2
Am Tel & Tel	120 1/2	120 1/2
Am Woolens	48 1/2	48 1/2
Anacosta Mining	83 1/2	83 1/2
At. T. & S. Fe.	103 1/2	104 1/2
Brooklyn Rap. Tr.	82	82 1/2
Balt. & Ohio	84	84
Baldwin Loco	61 1/2	60 1/2
Butte & Superior	48	49 1/2
Chino Copper	54 1/2	55
Ches. & Ohio	64 1/2	65 1/2
Col. Fuel Iron	42	45
Crucible Steel	86	87 1/2
Erie	34 1/2	34 1/2
Erie 1st Pfd.	107 1/2	108
Gen. Electric	117 1/2	117 1/2
Gen. Northern Pfd.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Inspiration	57	57 1/2
Int. Mar. Com.	26 1/2	26 1/2
Int. Mar. Pfd. Cts.	92 1/2	92 1/2
Industrial Alcohol	111 1/2	109 1/2
Kennecott Copper	45 1/2	44 1/2
Lehigh Valley	79	79
Maxwell Motors	32	33
Mex. Petroleum	96 1/2	96 1/2
Miami	87 1/2	87 1/2
Northern Pacific	110 1/2	110 1/2
Nor. & West.	187 1/2	187 1/2
Nevada	23 1/2	23 1/2
N. Y. Air Brakes	146 1/2	146
N. Y. Central	104	104 1/2
New Haven	39 1/2	39 1/2
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	56 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	75	75
Reading	104 1/2	104 1/2

Republic I & S	76 1/2	77 1/2
Rock Island Old	34 1/2	35
St. Paul	91	91
Sloss Sheffield	57	57
Southern Railway	33	33 1/2
South Pacific	97 1/2	97 1/2
Shattuck Arizona	26 1/2	26 1/2
Studebaker	111 1/2	112
Union Pacific	147 1/2	147 1/2
U. S. Steel	107 1/2	107 1/2
United Fruit	150 1/2	150
U. S. Rubber	61 1/2	61 1/2
Utah Copper	101 1/2	100 1/2
Vir. Car Chem.	41 1/2	42
West Union	97 1/2	97 1/2
Westing Electric	53	53 1/2
Wire trouble.		

RECENT DEATHS

London, Dec. 22.—James J. O'Kelly, Nationalist M. P., died in London this morning. He was born in Roscommon, seventy-one years ago.

Geo. McCrae, C.G.R., locomotive engineer, who died in the Moncton City Hospital this week, was the son of Robert McCrae, of Harcourt, and was unmarried. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers, Thomas J., and Irving McCrae, of Providence, R. I.; Ernest, C.G.R. brakeman, Moncton, and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas Irving, Beersville, and Miss Marion at home.

At the Barony on Wednesday, Miss Fannie Pickard died. She was a daughter of the late Robert Pickard, and is survived by her mother and one brother, Charles Pickard, of Millville.

Salathier Carr, of Geary, Sunbury county, died on Wednesday in his sixty-sixth year. He is survived by his wife and family of nine sons and daughters. They are—William S., Mrs. Fanny McQuestion, Mrs. David Till of Niagara Falls, Mrs. Winifred Oliver, Mrs. Marion Carr, Mrs. Flinder Phillips, and Alexander, Austin and Robert Carr, of Geary.

William Haines, of Burnside, died this week at the age of 86 years.

On Saturday evening, Mary, wife of Elijah F. Shaw, J. P. of Bath, died of paralysis. Mrs. Shaw was a daughter of the late Cornelius and Frances Phillips and was born at Somerville, sixty-nine years ago. She is survived by one brother, Elisha S. Phillips of St. Thomas, Ont. The late Rev. C. H. Phillips, D. D., was a brother, and H. M. Stevens of Hartland is an uncle. She had no children of her own, but the late Mrs. J. B. H. Simms was an adopted daughter.

THE PRICE OF MILK
Bathurst Light.—The question of raising the price of milk was considered by the Bathurst milkmen a short time ago, and after going into the matter thoroughly, they decided that an advance at the present time was hardly justified.

As a consequence of the enormous slaughter for years back, and the decrease in cattle, the European governments, as well as the governments of Canada and the United States, may deem it advisable to prohibit the slaughter of female cattle up to three years of age, thereby creating a further scarcity of calves, heifers and light heifers. This experiment has already been tried in Argentina, with very good results. It may also be well to remember that the Europeans are beginning to wear the European styles of footwear, and that only a matter of a few years when the hundreds of millions of people in the Far East will be active competitors for all kinds of hides to supply their own domestic requirements.

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FIND FEW HIDES TO TURN INTO LEATHER

Tanners Resolve to Assist on Government Contracts

Meeting New Conditions—Charles Robben in Annual Address Deals With Situation Created by Wartime—Demand for Boots is Brisk

In his annual address before the Tanners' Section of the Toronto Board of Trade the other day Charles Robben, the chairman, strongly advised the members that on the threshold of the new year it would be well to pause, analyze the conditions which have brought about the existing prosperity, take stock of what has been done, and carefully consider what the future has in store for the tanning industry of Toronto.

High Prices for Hides.

Referring to the rapid increase in prices of hides and skins since the outbreak of the war, Mr. Robben said: "In spite of the tremendous slaughter of cattle in Canada and the United States there remains today hardly any stocks unsold in any of the great hide centers. There has never been a time when hides had fewer hides to sell than at the present. They are the masters of the situation, and they know how to handle the situation to their own best advantage. We also know that Great Britain, to safeguard her interests has prohibited to a more or less degree the importation of hides and leather into the neutral countries of Europe, thereby creating in those countries an unprecedented demand for both hides and leather, a demand which will certainly not be satisfied during the continuance of the war, and probably not for a long time after."

France a Large Importer.

France, the great cattle producing country, which has not prohibited the exportation of hides, is now obliged to import about 50,000 hides monthly to fill her tanneries, and is also obliged to continue the importation of leather, because the French tanners cannot produce sufficient to supply the demand for leather.

"Throughout Canada and the United States, where labor is so well employed and prosperity appears to rule, the demand for good shoes at long as leather continues to be in such a situation as long as the abnormal and extraordinary conditions continue."

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To give our employees a well earned rest after the holiday rush we have decided to close our store from Saturday night, Christmas Eve, until Wednesday morning, December 27.

We make this public announcement so that our customers may not be inconvenienced by coming to the store before Wednesday and finding it closed.

At the same time we take this opportunity of thanking the many of our fellow townpeople for the splendid Christmas trade extended to us this season.

With our best Christmas wishes to all, we are, yours truly, F. W. Daniel & Co., Ltd.

VANGUILLER HOUSES.

Another beautiful Vanguiller dwelling has been recently completed and is attracting a great deal of attention. It is situated on Wright street, at the head of Stanley street, where it can be seen to great advantage and makes a decided improvement in the appearance of that locality.

The fact is known that these dwellings, so attractive in appearance, and having such numerous advantages over wooden frame constructions can be built for a small advance over the cost of wooden houses, there is no doubt that we shall see more of these cozy, fire proof homes building.

At McAdam, N. B., the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. have erected extensive shops and railway buildings during the past few months. Their contractor, Mr. H. Post, of Woodstock, states that the Vanguiller system is something he has been looking for for years, and the C. P. R. engineers express themselves as greatly pleased with the construction. We learn from good authority that there is a strong probability that the Vanguiller system will be adopted by them for further railway buildings in the future. The fact that a big corporation like the C. P. R. are constructing on this system proves conclusively the merits of the style of construction, their shops requiring great strength of side walls which they found this method gave them.

St. John has too many wooden houses and the fire menace is constant, and instant, it will therefore be a great relief to those who have the care of protecting us from conflagrations, such as Summerside is now suffering with, to see the introduction of Concrete buildings into this city and suburbs.

The introduction of this system of building into the Maritime Provinces, Messrs. Gandy & Allison tell us that beside the Wright street house, they have built a third dwelling at Lancaster avenue, which will be finished and occupied by the first of May next, also United Baptist Church, and at West St. John, and that they have an extensive programme of building operations for the new year.

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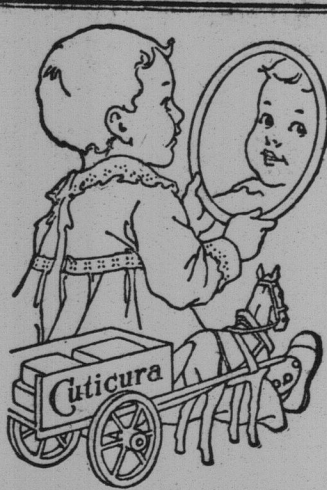
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THE PUBLIC IS STUNG

THE HIGHWAYMAN

AND THE SPECULATOR

The Grain Growers' Guide has a most illuminating article on the aftermath of the boom in western town lots, based on the fact that the official gazette of the Province of Saskatchewan contained recently 208 pages devoted, for the most part, to advertising the sale of lots for taxes. Moose Jaw alone supplied fifty-three pages of such notices. The Grain Growers' Guide, commenting on the present situation, says:

"All these beautiful royal residential sites are being sold under the hammer because the fellows who purchased them either cannot pay the taxes or have found they were stung and have decided not to throw good money after bad. The waste of time and labor and money, in the real estate boom was a crime against humanity. In some of the western towns and cities that we could name, practically every member of the council was a real estate man, and each had the town or city limits extended almost to the limit of the prairie."

Sabbath day's journey out on the prairie to include his pet subdivision. Local improvements were extended into districts where nobody lived and where nobody will live for a long time to come. Outside the city of Winnipeg a large tract of the bald prairie is divided up in twenty-five foot lots, with trees along the boulevards. This land will probably be of no other use than for agricultural purposes for twenty-five years to come, and now it is being used by no person. Scattered all through the cities of the west are immense quantities of vacant land which the owners do not want to use, and will not permit anybody else to use without paying more than it is worth. If our taxation system possessed any of the elements of sanity, this situation would not continue. One hundred years from now people will wonder at our foolishness."

In the face of these facts there are still people—believing themselves to be progressive—who oppose the taxation of land values and the elimination by that means of the speculative possibilities without which real estate booms could not be launched. The shifting of municipal taxation in large measure from means to the occupation of land values would be a boon to the community very difficult and hazardous. The people of the west are beginning to see this and to apply the remedy.—The Globe, Toronto.

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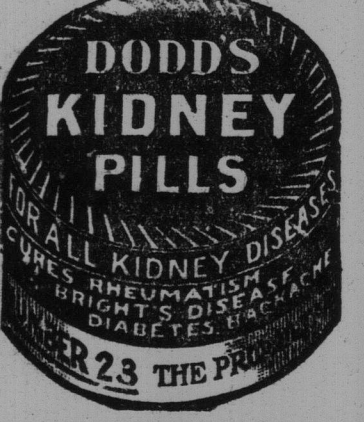
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to our friends and customers. As we look back to the days when this business was much smaller, we recall the faces of many people who, with an ever increasing host of others, have helped to make the Christmas season a most happy one for us. We wish all a Merry Christmas.

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