WALL ST. DEALS IN SPECIALTIES

Standard Industrial and Railroad Stocks Show Little Change.

New York, Dec. 24—Wal Street, noon.—Buying and selling of specialties featured the morning session, standard industrial and railroad stocks showing little or no change on a small volume of trading. Oil, motor, merchandising, tobacco and food shares gave the best demonstrations of group strength, buying being based on favorable trade news, reports of high curren earnings, and speculative anticipation of special dividend distribution. Corn Products, Computing, Tabulating and Recording, and Cluett-Peabody each extended their early gains to 2½ points, Marland Oil increasing its strength to 2¼. Special weakness cropped out in Omaha, Chicago and Northwestern common and preferred and American Sugar Refining preferred, all selling at their lowest prices for the year. Call money opened at 4¾ per cent.

Financial Briefs

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum.

Ex-dividend today: Canadian Cottons, 2 per cent, preferred 1½ per cent; Dominion Power and Transmission preferred, 1¾; Harvester common 1¼ per cent.

Dividends declared: Shredded Wheat, 2 per cent, payable Jan. 2 stock of record Dec. 21, and 1 per cent extra; Quebec Power preferred, 1¾, Jan. 14, Dec. 28.

Motor Products declared an initial dividend on preferred stock.

Strikers at Colliers of Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company return after ten days when company recinds eight-hour day.

Marshall Field & Co. purchase Rothchilds & Co. of Chicago, for $9,000,000 cash, no public financing.

Stock markets generally presented a holiday appearance. All exchanges will be closed Christmas day and reopen Wednesday.

Babson in a circular takes a more favorable view of conditions. In the outlook for 1924, he says: "Most of the time since 1914 business has been either in the upper zone of over-expansion or in the lower zone of depression. European investors who previously were hoarding capital in London now regard America as the safest place for their money and as a result have been buying our high-grade securities. This will have the effect first to strengthen the market and, secondly, to keep up the flow of gold imports.

The principal activity in the stock market this morning was in Consolidated Gas. There has been an active demand for the stock and its rights. Looks as though the crowd has been short. Commission houses had some selling orders in rails. Looks like a sort of wind-up of establishing losses.

Very successful traders were buyers and predicting higher prices for Standard Oils.

Pan-American Petroleum has sold its entire holdings of British-American Petroleum for between two and three million dollars. Withdrawal of Pan-American from this enterprise follows the loss by Pan-American of Bunker Oil contract for Cunard Line at British ports to Shell Company.

Exchange

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 24.—Bar silver, 33 9-16d per ounce.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 24.—Bar silver, 64⅝c per ounce.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.
Reported for The Advertiser by Johnston & Ward.

Sterling—433⅞.
Frances—5.06.
Brazil—9.45.
Lires—4.32½.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 24.—Sterling exchange firm. Demand rates: Great Britain, $4.34⅞; France, 5.08c; Italy, 4.32½c; Germany, .000000000025c.
Canadian dollars, 2 9-16 per cent discount.

NEW YORK CURB

Reported for The Advertiser by A. E. Moysey & Co., Toronto.
Toronto, Dec. 24—Noon.

Industrials:	High	Low	Noon
Acme Coal	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛
Durant of Delaware	30½	30⅛	30½
Reo Motors	17¼	17¼	17¼
Radio, com.	4⅛	4	4⅛
do, pfd., 3 15-16			
Tobacco Products	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞
U. P. Sharing	7½	7½	7½
U. R. Candy	5⅛	5⅛	5⅛
Mining:			
Boston & Montana	14	14	14
Divide Extension	5	5	5
Eureka Croesus	14	14	14
Fortuna	8	8	8
Florence	46	46	46
Conopah Divide	37	37	37
United Eastern	93	92	93
West End	59	56	56
Oils:			
Anglo-American	15½	15½	15½
Cities Service	142	142	142
Carib Syndicate	5¾	5¾	5⅞
Engineers	6	6	6
Federal	61	61	61
Glenrock	34	34	34
Inter. Petroleum	19	18¾	18⅞
Imperial	113½	112½	113½
Mutual	11⅝	11½	11½
Pennock	13⅛	13⅛	13⅛
Standard of New York	45⅛	44⅝	45⅛
do, Indiana	64½	63⅞	64⅜
do, Kentucky	108½	108⅜	108⅜

DETROIT DISCOUNT RATE

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Dec. 23.—Detroit clearing-house banks' uniform rate of exchange on Canadian currency for Monday will be at a discount of $2.44 per $100.

HAY AND STRAW

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Hay, extra No. 2 timothy, per ton, $15, track Toronto; No. 2, $14.50; No. 3, $12.50; medium, $11 to $12.
Straw—Per ton, $9.

BLYTH

Special to The Advertiser.
Blyth, Dec. 23.—Trinity Church social evening and Christmas tree was held in the Orange Hall on Dec. 20. John Tierney, teller in the Bank of Hamilton, acted as Santa Claus.

Boxboard Products, Limited.

NOTICE OF PREFERRED STOCK, DIVIDEND NO. 1.

The first half-yearly dividend of 3½ per cent at the rate of 7 per cent per annum, of the Boxboard Products, Ltd., has been declared, payable Jan. 1, 1924, to shareholders of record Dec. 15, 1923.

The transfer books of the company will be closed between Dec. 20 and 27, 1923. By order of the board of directors.

WALTER ROY NICKLE,
President.

London, Ont., Dec. 17, 1923. 35n

How the Stocks Closed At Noon

(See Sporting Green for Quotations at the Three o'Clock Close.)

New York

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum.
New ork Dec. 24.—2 p.m.

Stocks—	Open	High	Low	Noon
Allied Chem	68⅝	69⅞	68⅝	69⅞
Am Ag Chem	12¼	12⅞	12¼	12⅞
Am Bosch Mag	35¾	35¾	35¾	35¾
Am Can Co	103	124¼	103	103¾
Am Hide, pfd	46¼	46¼	46¼	46¼
Am Int Corp	22¾	22¾	22	22
Am Locomotive	72⅞	73¼	72⅞	73
Am Ship and Con	10¾	10¾	10¾	10¾
Am Smelting	57½	17¾	57⅜	57¾
Am Steel Fdries	37⅛	37¼	37⅛	37⅛
Am Woolen	72¾	73¾	72¾	72¾
Anaconda Copper	36⅛	36¾	36	36⅝
A T and S F	96	96⅜	96	96⅜
Baldwin Loco	124	124⅞	124	124¾
Balti and Ohio	58¼	58¼	58	58⅛
Beechnut Pack	53⅜	54⅛	53⅜	54
Bethlehem Steel	51¾	51¾	51⅝	51¾
Cal. Packing	80	80	80	80
Cen. Leather	13	13⅜	13	13⅜
Cal. Petroleum	24⅞	25⅞	24¾	25¾
Cérro de Pasco	33⅞	33⅞	33¾	33⅞
Chandler Motor	64½	66⅛	64½	66
C., M. and St. P.	12	12⅜	12	12¼
C., R. and P.	21⅞	22	21⅞	22
Chi. and Alton	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜	3⅜
Chi. and G. W. p.	10	10	10	10
Chile Copper	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛	27⅛
Chino Copper	17¾	17⅞	17¼	17¾
Coca Cola	73¾	73⅞	73⅝	73⅞
Computing	91⅝	92⅝	91⅝	92⅝
Consol. Gas	60⅜	60⅝	60⅛	60¼
Con. Textile	6⅛	6⅛	6	6
Corn Products	153⅝	157	153⅝	156½
Cosden & Co.	34¾	35½	34½	35½
Crucible Steel	63¾	64¼	63¾	64
Cuba C. Sugar	16⅛	16⅝	16	16⅝
do, pfd.	63⅞	65	63½	64⅞
Cuban Am. Sgr.	33⅞	33⅞	33¾	33⅞
Erie Railway	21⅜	21½	21⅜	21½
do, 1st pfd.	29⅜	29⅜	29⅜	29⅜
Famous Players	69	70⅝	68⅝	70⅛
Fisk Rubber	7⅜	7⅜	7¼	7¼
Gen. Asphalt	41¼	42⅜	41¼	42⅜
Gen. Motors	14⅝	14⅝	14⅜	14½
Gt. North. pfd.	55⅝	55⅞	55½	55¾
Gulf States Steel	79¾	80½	79¾	80½
Hudson Motors	27⅜	27½	27⅛	27½
Hupp Motors	15⅜	16	15½	16
Insp. Copper	24¼	24¾	24¼	24⅝
Inter. Harvester	76	76¾	76	76¾
In. M. Marine	6⅛	6⅛	6	6
do, pfd.	28¾	28¾	28½	28⅝
Inter. Nickel	13⅞	14⅛	13¾	14
Invincible Oil	15	15⅝	15	15⅝
Kelly-Spring	32	32	32	32
Kelsey Wheel	99	99⅛	99	99⅛
Keystone Tire	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞	2⅞
Lima Loco.	65⅝	66⅛	65⅝	66⅛
Mack Truck	87¾	89¼	87¾	89
Maxwell A	47½	48	47½	48
do, B	13¼	13½	13¼	13½
Middle States Oil	6½	6⅝	6½	6⅝
M K and T	11	11	11	11
Missouri Pacific	9⅝	9⅝	9½	9½
Mother Lode	8	8	8	8
National Biscuit	50¾	51¾	50¾	51¾
National Lead	138¾	143½	138¾	143
N Y Central	104	104	103¾	104
N Y-N Haven	13	13¼	13	13¼
Norfolk and W.	102¾	102¾	102¾	102¾
North American	22¼	22¼	22¼	22¼
Northern Pacific	52¼	52¼	51⅝	51⅝
Pan-American B.	60	61	60	60¾
Pennsylvania	41⅝	41⅝	41⅜	41⅜
Penn S Steel	2⅞	3	2⅞	3
Pere Marquette	40¾	40¾	40⅝	40⅝
Wabash A	34	34	34	34
Pressed Steel Car	52¾	52¾	52¾	52¾
Prod and Refiners	31	32⅞	31	32⅞
Punta Sugar	58¼	58¼	58¼	58¼
Pure Oil	21	21⅝	21	
Ray C Copper	11¼	11¼	11⅛	11⅛
Overland, pfd	81½	81⅞	81	81
Mex Seaboard	15	15¼	15	15¼
Sears-Roebuck	86⅞	86⅞	86⅞	86⅞
May Stores	91⅞	93	91⅝	93
Con Can	54⅞	56¼	54⅞	56¼
Sinclair Oil	25⅝	26⅛	25⅝	26⅛
Central Leather p	38½	38½	38	38
Southern Ry	36⅝	36⅝	36⅜	36⅜
Schulte Stores	110¼	112	110¼	112
Stan Oil Cal	62⅝	63	62½	63
do, N J	37	37¼	36⅞	37⅛
Stewart-Warner	7	7	7	7
Stromberg	78	78	78	78
Studebaker	105⅜	105⅞	105¼	105¾
St L and S F	18¾	18¾	18¼	18¼
Davison Chem	70¼	72¾	70⅝	72¾
Tenn Copper	9	9	9	9
Texas Co	42⅜	42⅞	42⅜	42¾
Tex-Gulf Sulphur	60¼	60¾	60¼	60¾
Tex-Pacific Oil	11¼	11¼	11¼	11¼
Houston Oil	72	70½	70	70½
Timken Roller	38¼	38¼	38¼	38¼
Tobacco Products	90½	91	90½	91
Transcon. Oil	3¾	3⅞	3¾	3¾
G. Northern Ore	28	28	28	28
Union Pacific	126¾	127⅜	126¾	127
Willson & Co.	24¼	25¾	24¼	25½
U. S. C. I. Pipe	66	68¼	65⅞	68⅛
U. S. In. Alcohol	65	65½	65	65½
U. S. Rubber	37	37½	36¾	37½
U. S. Steel	95	95⅛	94⅞	95
Vanadium Corp	29⅞	29⅞	29⅝	29⅝
Vivandau, Inc.	13¾	13¾	13¾	13¾
Virginia Chemical	8¾	9	8½	9
Westinghouse	60½	60½	60¼	60¼
White Motor	55½	55½	45½	55½
Willys-Overland	10½	10¾	10½	10½
Fleischmann	44⅜	44⅜	44⅜	44⅜
Phillips Petroleum	32⅝	33⅛	32⅝	33⅛
Miss. Pacific. pfd.	28⅞	29	28¼	28¼
Lehigh Valley	60⅛	60⅛	60⅛	60⅛

SCHOOL REPORTS

S. S. NO. 7, LOBO.

Senior IV.—Percy Campbell, Gladys Robson, Elliot Robson, Gordon Campbell, Gordon Walsh (absent).

Junior IV.—Mervyn Gilbert, Charlton Sinker, Florence Campbell.

Class III.—Rheta Gilbert, Margaret McEwen, Allan Ferguson, Ruth Robson and Walter Shanklin (equal), Violet Walsh, Bernice Noble, Jean Campbell, Earl Pincombe, Stewart Campbell (absent for some exams.).

Class II.—Leonard Noble, Hazel Nichol, Helen Randall, Clarence Gilbert.

Class I.—Edith Noble.

Primer A—Gladys Graham, Lonson Randall, Maxwell Simpon, Isabel Cornell.

Primer B—Jessie Campbell, Bessie Noble.

Teacher, M. C. McGugan.

S. S. NO. 5, BOSANQUET.

Senior Fourth—Edna Johns, Velda Smith, Gladys Hall, Donald McInnis, Everett Evans, Jean McBryan, Alex. Smith.

Senior Third—Annie Smith, Velna Catt.

Senior Second—Herman Jamieson, Floyd Jamieson.

Junior Second—Margaret Stevenson, Herrick Smith, and Keith Norwood, equal.

Senior First—Russell Perry, Willie Perry.

Primer (b)—Florence Stevenson, Hazel Hall.

Primer (a)—Edith Maidment, Willie McBryan.

H. Paisley, teacher.

L. O. L. OFFICERS INSTALLED BY PAST COUNTY MASTER

Special to The Advertiser.
Forest, Dec. 23.—Past County Master Robert Cope of Forest installed as officers of L. O. L., No. 516, Warwick: W. M., Robert Hawkins; D. M., Charles Stewart; chaplain, D. Falloon; financial secretary, Charles Barnes; secretary, John Maines; treasurer, G. H. Holbrook; marshal, Oscar Lester; lecturers, George Smith, John Learn; auditors, G. W. Lester, C. E. Lester; committee, Bros. Rundle, K. Cope, A. Brush, Robert Karr, Russell Smith; tyler, Thomas Waller; sentinel, Charles Smith.

Guitar a Feature.
At the Christmas concert, in S. S. No. 18, Plympton, Merton Todd featured the musical program with guitar selections. Santa Claus delighted the children by distributing candy to all.

Toronto

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 24.

Sales	Stocks.	Open	High	Low	Close
20	At. Sugar	18	18	18	18
30	BE Stl 1 p	14¾	14¾	14¾	14¾
70	Brazilian	40¼	40¼	40¼	40¼
49	Bell Tel.	126	126	125¾	126
25	Can. SS. p.	40	40	40	40
24	C. G. Elec.	115½	115½	115	115
10	Duluth Sup.	36½	36½	36½	36½
15	Goodyear p.	80	80	80	80
2	Winn. Ry.	26½	26½	26½	26½
2000	Crown Res.	70½	70½	70½	70½
100	Nipissing	660	660	660	660
1	Commerce	183½	183½	183½	183½
10	Molsons	155¾	155¾	155¾	155¾
100	Vic. L. 1933	10540	10540	10540	10540
1000	do, 1934	10235	10235	10235	10235
5000	Refund. 1943	9875	9875	9875	9875
	Unlisted:				
15	Hollinger	1150	1150	1150	1150
35000	Hattie	8¼	9	8¼	9
46	Imperial Oil	115	115	115	115
6000	Indian	68	68	61	62
35	Mutual Oil	11¾	11⅞	11¾	11⅞
100	New Gen. p.	53½	53½	53½	53½
1000	Vipond	92	92	92	92
10	Que. Power	68	68	68	68
1000	W. Dome	27½	27½	27½	27½
150	Int. Pet.	19	19⅛	19	19⅛
1800	T.-Oakes	68	69	68	69
500	Wabasso	79¼	79¼	79¼	79¼

AGED MAN GIVEN A YEAR IN JAIL

Age Saves John Nelson From Lash—Russian Gets Similar Term.

JUSTICE IS TEMPERED

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Dec. 22.—"I think I have made due allowance for Christmas," said Judge Stanworth, after meting out justice, tempered with mercy, in the cases of two aged men and a young foreigner this morning. Each was sentenced to spend one year in the Ontario Reformatory.

John Nelson, aged 73, Wallaceburg bank messenger, was found guilty of a revolting crime against a 13-year-old girl.

Judge Stanworth said that if Nelson had not been an old man he would have received lashes, but he was taking into consideration the prisoner's advanced age and his physical condition.

Steve Velgan, aged 27, Russian, escaped lashes for an indecent assault against a 14-year-old Russian girl. The judge took into consideration the fact that Russian morals may differ from those of Canadian.

He said that no doubt the crime was inspired by the fact that the prisoner had slept in the same bedroom with a Russian couple and their five children, one of whom was the victim of the assault.

Sam Apple, aged 65, was convicted on a charge of setting fire to his house on Witherspoon street of this city.

An Old Charge.
Samson Dodge, Indian, was convicted Saturday on a drunk charge, which had been standing against him since October, 1922. In view of the fact that he had materially assisted the authorities in a liquor investigation during the week a fine of $10 and costs was imposed by Magistrate Arnold.

Sentence Suspended.
Laverne Jefferson, colored, was released on suspended sentence by Magistrate Arnold on a charge of stealing $21 from Frank Carvel, on conditions that he make restitution at the rate of $3 a week.

Aid the Needy.
Officers of the Good Fellows' Club declare that cash donations and gifts of fruit, vegetables and groceries have been readily given by Chatham citizens. A huge tripod on the market square Saturday was used to collect coins.

Treats Prisoners.
Fifteen inmates of Kent County jail were guests of Governor Milton Shaw at a sumptuous banquet, which included all the season's good things.

TARA

Tara, Dec. 23.—The election of officers of the Coronation Loyal True Blue Lodge, Arkwright, took place on Tuesday evening, Mr. Haskin of Owen Sound conducting the installation. Mrs. William J. Underwood, W.M.; Mrs. I. L. Simpson, D.M.; Mrs. Alexander Vance, recording secretary; Mrs. Francis King, financial secretary; Miss Hazel Thompson, chaplain; Mrs. Roy Holmes, D. of C.; Mrs. William Vance, conductor; Miss Reita Morrow, Miss Hettie Smart, Miss Hazel Corbett, Miss Hazel Thompson, Mrs. M. Crawford, Mrs. George Morrow, Mrs. William Crawford, Mrs. J. Lowes and Mrs. B. Byers comprise the committee. Lunch was served.

Montreal

Reported for The Advertiser by McDougall and Cowans.
Montreal, Dec. 24.

Stocks—	High	Low	Noon
Atlantic Sugar	19	18	19
Bell Telephone	126⅛	126	126
Brazilian Traction	40¼	40¼	40¼
Breweries	53¼	53	53
Can. Cement	86½	86½	86½
Canada Car	35	34¾	35
Converters	82	81¾	82
Can. Cotton	110	110	110
Can. Steamships	11	11	11
Detroit	67	67	67
Dominion Glass	100½	100½	100½
Laurentide	88⅞	88½	88⅞
Montreal Power	143	142⅛	142½
Quebec Power	69	66	69
St. Maurice Power	105	104	104⅞
Smelters	29	29	29
Spanish River	99½	99	99½
Steel of Canada	74½	74½	74
Textile	63	63	63
Preferred—			
Can. Car and oundry	85	85	85
Can. Steamships	40	40	40
B. E. Steel, 2nd	14½	14¼	14¼
do, 1st	57	57	57
Can. Cottons	90	90	90
Textile	108	108	108
Atlantic Sugar	38¾	38½	38¾
Banks—			
Montreal	239½	238½	239½
Molsons	155½	155	155
Bonds—			
War Loan, 1925	10035	10020	10035
Victory Loan, 1923	9880	9880	9880
do, 1924	10225	10225	10225
do, 1937	10775	10775	10775

FALL FROM ROOF CAUSE OF DEATH

Workman Sustained Fractured Skull—Stepped Into Skylight.

COAL PRICES DROP

Associated Press Despatch.
Galt, Dec. 22.—Mike Balkowicz, 32, a Pole, living at Eagle street, Preston, died in the local hospital shortly before noon today from injuries received in a fall of 28 feet from the roof of the Car and Coach Works, Preston. Balkowicz was working on the roof of the factory and in crossing it to speak to his foreman stepped into a skylight. His skull was fractured and an arm broken. He is survived by his wife and family.

Coal Prices Drop.
The recent mild spell resulted in the coal dealers dropping the price on the anthractice brand to $17.

Alderman J. E. Gardiner and S. J. McLane are elected by acclamation for ward 3, making four aldermen in without contests, while all seats on the public school board have been filled by acclamation.

While there will only be elections for mayor, aldermen in three wards and utilities commissioners, a hot contest is expected. Mayor J. A. McIrvine and Ald. A. E. Willard will contest the mayoralty.

Candidates are:

Mayor—J. A. McIrvine, A. E. Willard.

Aldermen—Ward 1—Dr. W. S. McKay, J. S. Webster, J. A. Purdy. Ward 2—Dr. W. Burnett, G. Burgess, R. F. MacDonald. Ward 3—J. E. Gardiner and S. J. McLane (accl.). Ward 4—A. W. Hilborn and Leon Shupe (accl.). Ward 5—J. A. Head, A. Goudy, G. Hutchison, E. W. Griffiths, R. K. Serviss and C. Westervelt.

School trustees—Ward 1—F. Delsfield (accl.). Ward 2—A. B. Dykeman for one year (accl.), J. Evans for two years (accl.). Ward 3—J. Struthers (accl.). Ward 4—E. B. Ewings (accl.). Ward 5—J. C. Pratt (accl.).

Utility commissioners (two to be elected)—A. E. Buchanan, G. Hancock and H. G. Hannam.

Christmas Market.
Not in many years has Galt had as much fowl on the Christmas market as there was Saturday. Turkeys sold from 30c to 35c a pound; geese, 25c to 28c; ducks and chickens, 25c.

Two Are Hurt.
Margaret Smoke, 10, and Frank Bernhardt, 8, in crossing the street at Preston were struck by the car of E. C. Wood, Kitchener, and were badly cut and bruised about the head and shoulders. The children ran out from behind a wagon into the path of the car. Both are recovering.

ALVINSTON

Alvinston, Dec. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordier have left to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughters at Inwood and Detroit.

John Wilton Chambers of San Judo, Alberta, eldest son of John and Mrs. Chambers, arrived home to spend the winter months with his parents.

Mrs. Harry Gilroy visited in Petrolia Wednesday.

Dr. C. C. Axford, M.D., was in Toronto Wednesday.

NEW NORTHERN OFFICIALS.
The Hon. Manning Doherty, on the left, is the new president of the Northern Life Assurance Company. The former minister of agriculture is also vice-president of the Reinsurance Company of Canada and a director of the Ontario Equltable Life Company. On the right is S. C. Tweed, new managing director of the company. Mr. Tweed is president and managing director of the Ontario Equitable Life and president of the Reinsurance Company.

UNLISTED STOCKS TAKE A SLUMP

Indian Mine Prices Fall From 68 to 62 on Toronto Exchange.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 24.—Trading was practically at a standstill on the local Stock Exchange this morning, and there will be no afternoon session today, the members holding their Christmas celebrations on the floor of the exchange. The only feature of the morning was the weakness which developed in Indian Mine, an unlisted stock, in which prices fell from 68 at the opening to 62 at the close.

MONTREAL POWER LEADS THE LIST

Few Fractional Variations Mark Morning Session on the Stock Exchange.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 24.—There was little activity on the local stock exchange this morning, and prices were unchanged, with the exception of a few fractional variations. The tone was steady. Montreal Power, which closed unchanged at 142½, was one of the most active issues.

CONDITIONS IN WEST MAKE FARMING HARD

Saskatchewan Grain Association Declares Continuance of Agriculture Impossible.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Sask., Dec. 22.—"Farming in Western Canada cannot continue under existing conditions," was the unanimous opinion of the executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Association at a meeting held here yesterday as a preliminary to the annual convention which will be held in Moose Jaw next month. In the discussion the opinion was expressed that the disparity between the price the farmer receives for his produce and the price he has to pay for the necessities of production and of life made the continuance of agriculture impossible.

The removal of the duty on dairy cows entering Canada from the United States and the appointment of a representative farmer on the Canadian National Railway board were among the requests formulated by the executive.

KEEP WITHIN LIMITS OF APPROPRIATIONS

City Council Committees Make Reports On Work of the Year.

Special to The Advertiser.
Woodstock, Dec. 23.—That the 1923 city council has been economical is proven by the reports of four of the five spending committees, presented at the Friday night's session of the finance committee. The reports were as follows: Fire and light committee appropriations $21,000, spent $19,753.47; board of works' appropriation $17,000, expended $16,955.33; charity committee appropriation $1,500 plus $353.40 from Light bequest, expenditures $1,655.95; playgrounds committee appropriation $300, spent $258.17. The market and buildings committee, the only one to have a deficit, had $2,300 to expend, and spent $2,302.83.

Not a Candidate.
Mayor Murray has made a public announcement of his retirement from the mayoralty, but intimated that he would be a candidate for the water and light commission if there should be a vacancy. Ald. E. A. Rea is expected to be a mayoralty candidate.

Plan Short Course.
The eleventh annual short course in agriculture will be held at Otterville January 7 to February 1 in the South Norwich community hall under the management of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. Instructive lectures will be given by Dr. Ross, Toronto; J. E. Bergey, B.S.A., Beamsville,; F. W. Presant, O. A. C., Guelph; T. W. Shield, B.S.A., Peterboro; John Guardhouse, Weston.

Church Changes.
The parish of Eastwood, Innerkip and Oxford Center, has been divided for economy and efficiency. Oxford Center-English Church is joined to Norwich, forming one parish. Eastwood is joined to Old St. Paul's, Woodstock, and Rev. John Moriss of the latter place will take charge of both churches. Innerkip and Huntingford are combined.

Mr. Ralph C. Buckley of Hartford, Connecticut, was married on the 18th to Miss Marie G. Ludington of Harper's Hospital, Detroit, and daughter of Mrs. E. Ludington, 73 Teeple street, Woodstock.

Medals Presented.
The commencement exercises of St. Mary's Separate School were held on Friday evening. The most attractive item on the program was a play, "Echoes of Bethlehem—A Christian Miracle," by the graduates of 1923.

After M. J. Brophy delivered the valedictory address, the distribution of prizes took place, the most important being delivered to former pupils of St. Mary's Church, who are graduates of Woodstock Collegiate Institute:

Gold medal—For scholarship, presented by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Aylward, D.P., to Leo Flynn.

Gold Medal—For honor matriculation, presented by Sir Philip Pocock, merited by Miss Mamie Case.

Gold medal—For honor matriculation, presented by Lady Pocock, merited by Leo Flynn.

Gold medal—For junior matriculation, presented by Rt. Rev. Monsignor McKeone, D. P., merited by Zeno O'Neill.

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Everything the Farmer Trades In

Local Market

As in former years the market on the day before Christmas is unusually dull. This morning only a small quantity of vegetables and a few Christmas trees were offered for sale.

The altogether unexpected coming of his majesty King Snow has played havoc with the turkey market, and today Christmas birds are scarcer than they have been in some years. With the mild weather of Saturday afternoon and evening, wholesalers, grocers and other merchants sold their supplies at reduced prices rather than keep them over the week-end.

The odd turkey that could be bought today sold from 35c to 40c per lb, only a few large birds and some western fowl being obtainable.

Neither geese nor ducks seem very plentiful today. The price is steady at 22c per lb.

Grain, Per Bushel.			
Barley, per bu.	$ 77	to	$ 77
Oats, new per bu.	48	to	50
Wheat, per bu.	1 03	to	1 05
Grain, Per Cwt.			
Barley, per cwt.	1 54	to	1 54
Buckwheat, per cwt.	1 60	to	1 60
Oats, new, per cwt.	1 40	to	1 40
Wheat, per cwt.	1 72	to	1 75
Hay and Straw.			
Hay, new, per ton	11 00	to	13 00
Straw, per ton	9 00	to	9 00
Fruit and Vegetables.			
Apples, bu.	75	to	2 50
Beets, pk.	60	to	75
Brus. sprouts, qt.	10	to	10
Cabbage, head	10	to	20
Cauliflower, head	15	to	40
Carrots, bu.	60	to	75
Celery, head	10	to	20
Citrons, each	10	to	15
Potatoes, per bag	1 00	to	1 10
Parsnips, bus.	1 00	to	1 25
Pumpkins, each	10	to	25
Onions, qus.	2 00	to	2 50
Sage, bunch	5	to	5
Savory, bunch	10	to	10
Squash, each	15	to	25
Turnips, bus.	50	to	60
Honey, Wholesale.			
Honey, 5-lb. pails	60	to	65
do, comb, sections	30	to	30
Honey, Retail.			
Honey, 5 lb. pails	75	to	75
do, comb, sections	35	to	35
Dairy Products, Retail.			
Butter, dairy, lb.	42	to	45
Eggs, new-laid, doz.	65	to	70
Wholesale to Retail Trade.			
Butter, cream, No. 1	42	to	45
do, No. 2	40	to	40
Eggs, fresh, extras	60	to	70
do, firsts	46	to	48
do, seconds	38	to	35
Churning Cream, Wholesale.			
Churning cream, f.o.b. shipping points, per lb., fat	39	to	39
Poultry, Dressed, Retail.			
Chickens, old, lb.	23	to	25
do, spring, old	24	to	32
Turkeys, per lb.	35	to	40
Ducks, per lb.	22	to	25
Geese, per lb.	22	to	25
Poultry, Alive, Wholesale.			
Spring chickens, over 5 lbs.	18	to	18
Spring chickens, 4 to 5 lbs.	15	to	15
Spring chickens, under 4 lbs.	10	to	12
Hens, over 5 lbs.	15	to	15
do, under 4 lbs.	7	to	8
Roosters, old, over 4 lbs.	8	to	8
Ducks, spring, colored, over 4½ lbs.	13	to	14
do, white, over 4½ lbs.	14	to	14
Geese, over 10 lbs.	10	to	12
Turkeys, old gobblers, over 15 lbs.	20	to	20
Live Stock.			
Hogs, selects, cwt.	7 50	to	7 75
Pigs, small pair	7 50	to	8 00
Sows, fat, cwt.	4 00	to	4 50
Dressed Meats, Wholesale.			
Heifers and steers, 500 to 600 lbs., cwt.	10 00	to	12 00
Cows, beef, 400 to 500 lbs., cwt.	6 00	to	8 00
Hogs, dressed, cwt.	11 00	to	11 00