LIST FORCED DOWN BY AMERICAN CAN

Many Recessions Come in N. Y. Stocks When Report Fails To Please.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 23.—Stock prices turned decidedly reactionary before noon. Professional traders, taking advantage of the higher renewal rate for call money, which opened at 3½ per cent and soon advanced to 4, and the speculative disappointment over the failure of the American Can directors to make a more generous distribution to stockholders, attacked the general list, forcing recessions of 1 to 5 points in many issues. General Electric, which had been up sharply in the last few days on rumors that the directors would authorize the splitting up of the stock at today's meeting, broke from 298½ to 292 on the announcement that only routine business was transacted.

West Penn Power dropped 5¾. Big Four and Crucible Steel 5 each, U. S. Cast Iron Pipe and American Can 3½ each, and National Lead, Baldwin, Reading, Lehigh Valley, Pan-American "B," Iron Products and Adams Express yielded 2 to 3 points. Local tractions showed independent strength and the commercial solvents issues, which were weak yesterday, ruled substantially higher.

DIVIDEND IS DECLARED BY RAILWAY COMPANY

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 23.—Directors of the New York, Ontario and Western Railway Company, which is controlled by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railway, today declared a dividend of 4 per cent on the common stock, payable Jan. 28 to stock of record Jan. 8. The last dividend payment was 2 per cent, on Oct. 15, 1921.

The New York, Ontario and Western has outstanding only $4,000 in preferred stock and $58,113,983 in common, of which the New Haven owns $29,160,000 common and $2,200 preferred. Wall street heard rumors a few months ago that the New York Central Railroad was seeking acquisition of the road in connection with a plan submitted to the interstate commerce commission for the formation of four principal eastern trunk lines, but directors of the Ontario and Western denied knowledge of any trade between the New Haven and the New York Central.

Exchange

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Prices were firm on the bourse today.

Three per cent rentes, 50 francs.

Exchange on London, 87 francs 45 centimes.

Five per cent loan, 62 francs 5 centimes.

The United States dollar was quoted at 18 francs 57 centimes.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 32 3-16d per ounce.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 23.—Sterling exchange steady.

Demand rates (in cents)—Great Britain, 470¾; France, 5.38; Italy, 4.27½; Germany, 23.81.

Canadian dollars, ¼ of one per cent discount.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 67¼c per ounce.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—Closing prices today were:

British 5 per cent loan	101⅛
do, 4½ per cent	97⅛
Consols, for money	57¼
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	117⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	79⅞
Canadian Pacific Railway	151
Chesapeake & Ohio	93½
Chicago Great Western	8⅞
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	36½
De Beers Mines	12⅛
Erie Railway	21½
do, 1st pfd	44⅝
Illinois Central Railway	114¾
Louisville & Nashville	106½
New York Central	118½
New York Central	121
Ontario & Western	23⅞
Pennsylvania Railway	48½
Rand Mines	3⅞
Reading Railway	74⅝
Southern Railway	78½
Southern Pacific	102½
Union Pacific	149⅝
United States Steel	118½

METALS

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 22.—Copper firm. Electrolytic—Spot and nearby, 14⅝c; futures, 14⅝c.

Tin—Firm; spot and nearby, $57.12; futures, $57.25.

Iron—Firm; No. 1 northern, $24.50 to $25; No. 2 northern, $23 to $23.50; No. 2 southern, $20 to $20.50.

Lead—Firm; spot, $9.35 to $10.25.

Zinc—Firm; East St. Louis, spot, $7.57½; futures, $7.60.

Antimony—Spot, $14.37.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 22.—Copper, spot, £66 12s 6d; futures, £67 12s 6d.

Electrolytic—Spot, £70 10s; futures, £71 5s.

Tin—Spot, £265 12s 6d; futures, £268 12s 6d.

Lead—Spot, £42 12s 6d; futures, £40 2s 6d.

Zinc—Spot, £37 7s 6; futures, £37 7s 6d.

TEXAS STRAWBERRIES GOOD.

Special to The Advertiser.

Houston, Dec. 22.—Outlook is fine for a prosperous strawberry season, if the recent cold snap has not damaged plants. First shipments of the season sold at $13.50 a crate.

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How the Stocks Closed At Noon

New York

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.
New York, Dec. 23.

Stocks:	Open	High	Low	1-45
Ajax Rubber	12⅝	12⅝	12½	12½
Allied Chemical	84⅝	84½	83⅝	83⅞
Allis-Chalmers	72¼	72¼	71¼	72
Am. Ag. Chemical	14	14	13⅝	13⅝
Am. Beet Sugar	42½	42½	42½	42½
American Can	156⅝	156½	153⅛	154⅛
American Car	189½	189¾	189	189
Am. Linseed	27¼	27	27⅛	27⅛
American Ice	87½	87½	87	87
Am. Int. Corp.	32½	32½	32½	32½
Am. Locomotive	99	100¼	98	100¼
Am. Smelting	90¼	90¾	90	90
American Steel	44¾	44⅞	44⅝	44⅝
American Sugar	52½	53	51¾	52
Am. Tel. & Tel.	130⅝	130⅝	129½	129¾
Am. Tobacco, B	87¾	87⅞	86½	87⅛
American Wool	65	65	63½	65
Anaconda Copper	42⅝	44⅜	42¼	44¼
A. T. & S. F.	118¼	118⅜	116¾	117⅞
Atlantic Gulf	20	20	20	20
Baldwin Loco	132	132	129½	131½
Baltimore & Ohio	79½	80	78½	79
Brooklyn Transit	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞	37⅞
Bethlehem Steel	49¼	49⅜	48⅝	49
Butte-Superior	21½	21½	21	21⅜
Cal. Petroleum	22½	22¾	22½	22½
C. P. R.	151¼	151¼	151¼	151¼
Central Leather	19¼	19⅜	18⅞	18⅞
Cerro de Pasco	50⅞	51½	50⅛	51½
Chandler Motor	36	36	35⅝	35⅝
Ches. & Ohio	93	93⅝	92⅞	92⅞
C. R. I. & P.	45½	45½	44½	44¾
Chicago & Alton	9½	9½	9½	9½
C. & G. W. pfd.	27	27⅝	26⅞	26⅞
Chile Copper	34½	34¾	34⅛	34⅝
Coca-Cola	79¼	79½	79¼	79½
Col. Fuel & Iron	42	42	41¼	41⅝
Continental Can	67½	67½	66½	66½
Consolidated Gas	76½	76¾	76	76
Con. Textile	4⅛	4⅛	4	4
Corn Products	40¾	41⅜	40⅝	40¾
Cosden & Co.	25¾	25¾	24¾	25½
Crucible Steel	73	73½	72¼	72½
Cuba Cane Sugar	12⅝	12¾	12⅝	12⅝
do, pfd.	56⅞	57⅛	56⅞	57¼
Cuban-A. Sugar	29⅝	29¾	29¼	29¼
Davison Chemical	45⅞	45⅞	44⅛	44⅝
Dupont Powder	136	137½	136	137⅝
Del. & Hudson	137	137	135½	136
Eastman Kodak	111⅝	111⅝	107⅞	110⅞
Erie Railway	21⅝	21¾	20⅝	20⅝
1st pfd	45	45¼	44½	45
Eaton Axle	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛
Fleischmann Co	82	82	82	82
Famous Players	92½	92½	91¾	91¾
Fisk Rubber	12⅝	12⅝	11½	12⅝
General Petro	42¼	42¼	41⅝	41⅝
General Asphalt	56¾	56⅞	56¼	56½
General Electric	296	298⅝	292	293⅛
General Motors	60⅝	61¼	60⅞	61¼
G Northern Ore	33¾	34	33¾	34
do, pfd	73	73	72	72¾
Gulf States Steel	83½	84½	83⅝	84½
Houston Oil	76⅛	76⅝	75½	75½
Hudson Motors	34¾	34¾	33⅝	34¼
Hupp Motors	16½	16¾	16½	16½
Inspir Copper	30⅜	30⅜	30	30⅜
Inter Transit	31¼	32½	31¼	32
Inter Harvester	108	108	106½	106½
Inter M M, pfd	43¾	43¾	43¾	43¾
Inter Nickel	23½	24½	23½	23¾
Inter Paper	53	53	53	53
Invincible Oil	14¾	14¾	14½	14¾
Kelly-Springfield	17½	17½	17¼	17¼
Kelsey Wheel	92	92	92	92
Kennecott Copper	53⅝	54¼	53⅝	54
Lehigh Valley	77⅞	78⅛	75⅞	78⅛
Lima Loco	63¾	63¾	63¼	63
Marland Oil	37¼	37¼	36¾	36¾
Mathison Co	33⅝	33⅝	31¾	32¼
May Stores	106⅝	106⅝	106⅝	106⅝
Mack Truck	117⅛	117⅛	115⅛	116
Mont. Ward	45¾	46	45⅜	45⅝
Max Motors A	80	83⅝	77½	82¼
do, B	35½	36½	34⅝	35½
Miami Copper	22⅛	22⅛	21⅞	22
Middle States Oil	1¼	1⅜	1¼	1¼
Mex Seaboard	21	21	20¼	20¼
M. K and T	28½	28½	28¼	28¼
Missouri Pacific	32½	32½	31½	31½
do, pfd	73	73¾	71⅞	72½
Mother Lode	8½	8½	8⅝	8⅝
National Lead	160½	160½	158¼	158¼
N Y Central	118¾	118⅞	118⅛	118½
N Y-N Haven	30⅜	31½	30⅝	30⅞
Norfolk & West	131	131	129⅛	129½
North American	42⅛	42⅛	41⅝	41¾
Northern Pacific	70⅝	70⅝	70	70¼
Owens Bottle	43¾	44¼	43¾	44¼
Phillip Petroleum	36¼	36¼	35¾	35⅞
Pan-American	63⅛	63¼	61¾	62¾
do, B	62⅞	62⅞	61¾	62¼
Pennsylvania	48⅝	48⅝	48½	48½
Penn S Steel	1¾	1⅞	1⅝	1¾
People's Gas	115	115	115	115
Pere Marquette	65	65¼	65	65¼
Pacific Oil	51¾	51¾	51¼	51½
Pittsburg Coal	50¼	50⅜	47⅝	49
Pressed Steel Car	58	58½	58	58½
Prod & Refiners	27½	27½	27½	27½
Punta Sugar	37⅝	39½	37⅝	39½
Pure Oil	29	29	28½	28½
Railway Spring	133	133	133	133
Ray C Copper	15¾	16⅛	15⅝	16⅛
Reading Co	74⅝	74⅝	72½	73⅝
Replogle Steel	21	21¼	20⅝	21
Republic Iron	56½	56½	56	56
Radio	45½	45⅞	45⅝	45⅝
Reynolds Spring	15¾	15⅞	15¾	15⅝
Royal Dutch	49⅛	49⅜	49	49¼
Seaboard A. L.	22	22	22	22
Shell Union	21⅝	21⅝	21	21⅛
Sears-Roebuck	145½	145½	144¾	145½
St. L. and S.W.	51	51	49⅝	50
Sinclair Oil	16¾	16⅞	16½	16⅝
Southern Pac.	102¼	103	101¾	102⅝
Southern Ry.	78⅝	78⅝	77¾	78
do, pfd.	82¾	82¾	82⅛	82½
St. Paul	16⅛	16¼	16	16¼
do, pfd.	28½	28½	27¾	28
Stan. Oil, Cal.	61⅞	61⅞	60⅞	61
do, N. Jersey	39	39	38½	38¾
Stewart-Warner	68⅞	68½	66⅝	67⅞
Studebaker	45⅝	45⅝	44⅝	45
St. L. and S. F.	61⅝	61⅝	60¾	61½
Tenn. C. and C.	88⅝	88⅝	88⅝	88⅝
Texas Co.	43	43	42⅝	42⅝
Tex.-Gulf Sul.	101½	103⅝	101¼	102
Tex. and Pac.	46	46¼	45	45
Timken Roller	38¾	38¾	38¾	38¾
Tob. Products	71⅝	71½	70¾	71
Transcon. Oil	4	4	4	4
Union Pacific	149⅛	149⅛	147⅞	148⅞
United Drug	116	116	116	116
U. S. C. I. Pipe	158	159⅞	154½	159
U.S. Ind Alcohol	84¼	84⅛	83½	84
U.S. Rubber	39½	39½	39½	39½
U.S. Steel	117⅞	118⅛	117½	117⅞
Utah Copper	83¼	83⅝	83¼	83⅝
Van. Corp.	30½	30½	30	30
Wabash A	57¼	57¼	56⅝	56⅝
do, B	21½	21¼	21¼	21¼
Westinghouse	68⅞	68⅞	68⅜	68⅞
White Motor	69¾	69¾	69¾	69¾
Wilson Co.	6¾	6¾	6¾	6¾
Willys-Overland	10¼	10¼	10⅛	10⅛
do, pfd.	73¼	74	73¼	73¾
Woolworth	124¼	124¼	124	124
Worthington	70½	71⅞	69½	70¾

NEW YORK CURB

Reported for The Advertiser by Arthur E. Moysey & Co., Toronto.
New York, Dec. 22.

Industrials:	High	Low	Noon
Acme Coal	1	1	1
Durant of Delaware	17½	17½	17½
Goodyear Rubber	24⅞	24¾	24¾
Reo Motors	17⅞	17⅞	17⅞
Radio, com.	9¼	9¼	9¼
Termodyne	17½	17	17¼
Tobacco Products	3	3	3
U. P. Sharing	6	6	6
Happiness Corporation	7¼	7⅛	7¼
Mining:			
Divide Extension	3	3	3
Eureka Croesus	9	9	9
Parmac	50	50	50
Premier	2½	2½	2½
Tonopah Divide	20	20	20
United Eastern	38	38	38
West End	48	48	48
Oils:			
Anglo-American	18	17⅞	17⅞
Cities Service	174½	173½	174
Carib Syndicate	3⅝	3¾	3¾
Engineers	4	4	4
Federal	18	18	18
Glenrock	16	16	16
Inter. Petroleum	22⅛	22	22⅛
Imperial	113½	113½	113½
Mutual	12	11¾	11⅞
Prairie Oil	208	207½	207½
Vacuum Gas	79⅞	79⅞	79⅞
Pennock	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝
Standard of New York	42⅝	42⅝	43
do, Indiana	61⅛	60⅝	60⅞
do, Kentucky	119½	119½	119½

COFFEE

New York, Dec. 22.—The coffee market closed firm, 10 to 65 points net higher. Sales were estimated at about 52,000 bags. Closing quotations: Dec., $21.95; Jan., $21.50; March, $19.97; May, $19.15; July, $18.58; Sept., $17.95.

Spot coffee firm.

Toronto

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 22.

Sales	Stocks:	High	Low	Noon
100	Barcelona	20⅞	20¾	20¾
50	Brazilian	54¾	54¾	54¾
50	Brompton	31⅞	31⅞	31⅞
23	Bell Telephone	136¼	136	136
10	Can. Cement, pfd.	107⅛	107⅛	107⅛
50	Can. Locomotive	65	63	65
36	C. P. R.	152	151	151
135	City Dairy	61½	60½	61
50	Crow's Nest	45½	45½	45½
585	Dom. Canners	51	49¾	49¾
25	Duluth-Superior	29⅛	28½	29⅛
25	Industrial Alcohol	19½	19½	19½
50	Penmans	100½	100½	100½
30	Russell Motor	25	25	25
	Mines:			
3000	Crown Reserve	50	49	50
15	Hollinger	14.99	14.99	14.99
	Banks:			
20	Commerce	189½	189	189
10	Imperial	192¾	192¾	192¾
3	Royal	227	227	227
44	Standard	171	171	171
	Bonds:			
1000	Canada Bread	102½	102½	102½

STANDARD EXCHANGE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec 23.—Little of interest occurred today on the Standard mining exchange, half of the volume of trade being again concentrated on Hattie issues, the common advancing ⅛ at 178. Outside of Hattie no particular stock was in demand, but Teck-Hughes and Crown Reserve each gained a point at 115 and 49, and Lakeside was up ¾ at 9¾, while Kirkland Lake gained 1½ at 29.

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.
Toronto, Dec. 22—Noon.

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Apex	2⅝	3	T Oakes	35½	36
Atlas	4¼	4½	Teck-H	114	115
Argon	27	27½	Vipond	133	134
Baldwin	1¾	1¾	Vickers	9	10
Beatty	1½	1¾	Tree	3¼	3½
Bucking	4¼	4½	Wasapika	1⅝	2
Bidgood	5¾	6	W-Har	390	395
W D L	15¼	15⅝	Beaver	24	24½
Clifton	15½	15¾	Capitol	32	32½
Dome	1551	1370	Coniag	206	
Goldale	16	17	Cr Res	48½	49
Gold Reef	1¼	1½	C-Treth	70½	71
Hunton	5¼	6	Everett	4¾	5
Hollin	1490	1495	Keeley	208	210
Indian	5¼	5½	L Lor	9	9¾
Keora	7½	8	La Rose	7	7½
Kirkland	29	29½	Lorrain	17	17½
L Shore	441	446	McKin	15	15¼
Moneta	15	16½	Min C.	262	265
McInt	1535	1540	Ophir	2	3
N Ray	23	23½	Nipiss	635	645
P Crown	4		Peter L.	8	8½
Preston	9	9½	Temisk.	19¼	

WARMER WEATHER REPORTED IN WEST

Rapid Rise in Temperature Experienced Throughout Western Provinces.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—A rapid rise in the temperature was generally experienced throughout the west during the past twelve hours. The variation in temperature at many points was as much as 30 degrees, and at Edmonton, Alberta, the mercury registered the low mark of 30 above zero. A similar favorable change was reported from other parts of the province, while an upward change in the temperature also prevailed throughout Saskatchewan. In Manitoba the cold wave continued unabated during the week-end, but this morning a pronounced relief was ushered in by a south wind.

The higher temperature, however, will only be of a temporary duration, according to the dominion meteorological department, which has issued warning of a recurring cold wave with strong winds and possibly snow.

MANITOBA MEASURE UPHELD BY COUNCIL

Judgment of Highest Court Settles Question of Vital Importance.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—With reference to the dismissal by the judicial committee of the privy council yesterday of the appeal of the Lord Day's Alliance of Canada in the case relating to the running of Sunday excursion trains in Manitoba and the statement of Rev. Dr. W. H. Rochester, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, that the judicial committee's judgment as reported did not deal with the Manitoba court of appeal's interpretation of the word "law" in section 8 of the Lord's Day act, the judicial committee's judgment holds that section 1 of the Manitoba act of 1923 is "an act or law hereafter in force" within the meaning of section 8 of the Dominion act.

The judgment holds that if the field for certain legislation in the province is unoccupied, the province can validly pass permissive legislation and the Dominion has expressly foreborne to occupy the field in such case.

ANTI-UNIONISTS WIN IN ASSINABOIA VOTE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 23.—The first vote on the church union question in Southern Saskatchewan, taken at Assinaboia Presbyterian church last night, resulted in 68 members of the congregation voting against the church netering union and one voting for uion, accordig to a telephone message received by the Regina branch of the Presbyterian church association. Rev. J. R. R. Graham, pastor of the Assinaboia church, is als provincial moderator of the Saskatchewan Presbyterjan synod.

PASSENGERS TRANSFERRED.

Associated Press Despatch.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Fifty passengers aboard the steamer, Ferdinand, which grounded on a sandbar in the outer harbor here last night were transferred to the ferry, Miss Vandebég, before dawn this morning and were taken safely ashore. None suffered ill effects.

COMMISSION MEETS.

The London suburban area commission is meeting this afternoon in the office of County Engineer Charles Talbot at the county buildings. The commission will close the work for the year at this meeting, and will discuss plans for 1923, Mr. Talbot states.

Montreal

Reported for The Advertiser by McDougall & Cowans, Toronto.
Montreal, Dec. 23—Noon.

Sales	Stocks.	Open	High	Low	Close
50	Asbestos	35	35	35	35
100	BE Steel	2	2	2	2
35	B.C. Fish	20	20	20	20
158	Brazilian	54½	54½	54	54
145	Breweries	61	61¼	61	61
25	Brompton	31½	31½	31½	31½
113	Cement	89	90	89	90
565	Can. Car	52	52½	52	52
225	Canners	49½	50	49½	50
10	D. Bridge	80	80	80	80
50	Laurentide	81	81	81	81
5	Mackay	115½	115½	115½	115½
52	Mon. Pow.	151½	151⅝	151⅝	151⅝
20	Ogilvie Fl.	370	370	370	370
25	Penmans	151	151	151	151
10	Prov. Paper	95	95	95	95
25	St. L. Fl.	65	65	65	65
25	Sul. of Can.	83¼	83¼	83¼	83¼
115	Twin City	58	58½	58	58½
100	Wayag.	36	36	36	36
5	Winnipeg	37¼	37¼	37	37¼
330	Alcohol	19½	19½	19¼	19¼
100	Hollinger	14.90	14.90	14.90	14.90
	Preferred:				
100	Can. Car	93	93	92½	92¾
100	H. Smith	75	75½	75	75½
40	Winnipeg	86¼	86¼	86¼	86¼
2	Stl of Can.	108	108	108	108
95	Cement	107½	107½	107½	107½
20	Glass	109½	109½	109½	109½
70	Paint	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾
3	Asbestos	74	74	74	74
	Banks:				
8	Montreal	173	173	173	173
5	Molsons	248	248	248	248
	Bonds:				
1600	W. L., 1925	10095	10095	10095	10095
1000	do, 1937	10405	10405	10405	10405
3000	V. L., 1933	10605	10605	10605	10605
1000	do, 1934	10420	10420	10420	10420

KING AND MEIGHEN SPREAD OPTIMISM

Premier and Opposition Leader Speak at Annual Dinner of Travellers.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Government and opposition leaders joined together at the annual dinner to the Dominion Commercial Travellers Association here last night in urging the men who go from city to city and town to town to be inspired with the gospel of optimism.

Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King took comfort in the story told by the statistics from 1921 to 1923. If in Canada so much progress had been made in the last fifty years, as compared with the long period from 1734 to 1871, there was reason to believe that the future held much that was worth while.

"We are now coming to think of Canada," he said, "not as a loosely-knit series of provinces, but as a united, strong country within the British Empire."

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen spoke of the motives inspiring the members of the Canadian parliaments, and compared them with the same lofty motives actuating commercial men. Those who looked askance at the public man, and did so in a superficial manner, he said, were in his experience animated in their business dealings by the same feelings they attributed to the politician. Mr. Meighen also was optimistic with regard to the future of the country.

SOUTH AFRICAN TIES BETTERED BY VISIT

Sir George and Lady Foster Return From 30,000-Mile Trip.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Back from their trip to South Africa, Sir George and Lady Foster last night expressed themselves as delighted with their many and varied experiences. They have covered over 30,000 miles within the last five months, including 8,500 miles by train in South Africa and 3,000 by automobile.

"On the whole the visit has undoubtedly had a very excellent effect in stimulating a feeling of kinship and common interest between South Africa and the other parts of the overseas dominions and the empire, giving to both the visitors and the South Africans themselves a better understanding of the problems of the empire as a whole," declared Sir George.

"It gave a stronger feeling of union and solidarity as parts of the empire," said Sir George, adding that these visits are now settled as a mode of personal intercommunication, and will be carried out in all the dominions and in Great Britain, probably every two years.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT YIELD.

Associated Press Despatch.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 23.—The official figures of the Australian wheat yield this year, including the wheat yield in Tasmania, show that the aggregate is 7,500,000 bushels. Following is the yield by states: New South Wales, 46,400,000 bushels; Victoria, 43,00,000; South Australia, 32,900,000; Western Australia, 21,600,000; Queensland, 2,700,000; Tasmanie, 300,000.

MOLSONS BANK DEAL IS AWAITING RATIFICATION

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Bank of Montreal shareholders will, in the near future, hold a special meeting to indorse the acquisition of the Molsons Bank, following which an order-in-council will be placed completing the deal.

The terms of the sale, made public at the time of the announcement, were unanimously accepted at this morning's meeting.

UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Samuel Harris, manager of the Tip Top Tailors, underwent a serious operation at St. Joseph's hospital this morning. His condition was reported at noon today to be satisfactory.

THIRTY GIVEN WORK.

Thirty men who have been applying for work at the employment bureau for some weeks were given jobs at the postoffice yesterday, and will help the postmen deliver their holiday bundles for the balance of the week.

SPECIAL DINNER.

The soldiers of the Royal Canadian regiment at Wolseley barracks are having a special Christmas dinner and entertainment in the men's mess room Christmas Day. It will be followed by a smoker and sing song.

DAIRY ADVANCES ON ACTIVE MARKET

Dominion Canners Reaches New High at 51 and Then Recedes.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Dominion Canners and City Dairy were the leading issues on the Toronto stock exchange this morning, and the more active trading took in a slightly wider list. The market continued steady. Dominion Canners, after reaching a new high of 51, receded to 49¾, a net loss of ¼, but City Dairy advanced about 3 points at 61. Duluth-Superior was up a full point at 29⅛. Twin City was active and a ½ higher at 58, but C. P. R. lost a point at 151.

MONTREAL STOCKS MOVE QUIETLY

Industrial Alcohol Most Active Issue on the Market Today.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Trading was quiet on the local stock market this morning and price changes were mostly of a fractional nature. The most active issue was Industrial Alcohol, which eased a ¼ to 19¼.

Canada Car came next in activity with a half point decline to 52. Other changes were Brazilian, off ¼ to 54¼; Brompton up ½ to 31½; Dominion Canners up ½ to 50; Howard Smith preferred up ½ to 75½; National Breweries off ¼ at 61; Penmans, up ½ to 151; Steel of Canada up ¼ to 83¼, and Twin City up ½ to 58½. None of the leaders was in much demand and the balance of the list received practically no attention.

PROVISIONS

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Dec. 22. — Provisions: Cash prices:

Lard—$16.55.
Ribs—$15.
Bellies—$15.87.

Future quotations:

Lard—Jan., $16.60; May, $17.
Ribs—Jan., $15.10; May, $15.65.
Bellies—Jan., $15.70; May, $16.27.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Provisions were heavy in the absence of any aggressive buying.

Associated Press Despatch.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Hams—Long cut, 12 to 16 lbs, 109s; American cut, 12 to 16 lbs, 111s.

Bacon—Cumberland cut, 22 to 36 lbs, 88s 6d; Canadian Wiltshires, 50 to 75 lbs, 102s; clear bellies, 14 to 20 lbs, 98s 6d; soulders, square, 12 to 16 lbs, 83s 6d.

Lard—American refined, in boxes, cwt, 87s 9d; prime western, in tierces, cwt, 87s.

BUTTER AND EGGS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The trade in butter was inactive, although prices were unchanged.

Butter—No. 1 pasteurized, 35½c to 36c; No. 1 creamery, 34½c to 35c; seconds, 33½c to 33¾c.

Eggs—Storage extras, 48c; storage firsts, 43c; storage seconds, 40c; fresh extras, 70c; fresh firsts, 55c.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 22.—Butter steady, receipts 6,308 tubs. Creamery, higher than extras, 44½c to 45c; extras 44c; firsts, 38c to 43c; packing stock, current make, No. 2, 26½c.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Butter unchanged. Creamery, extras, 40½c; standards, 39c; extra firsts, 39c to 40c; firsts, 35½c to 37½c; seconds, 32c to 34c.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Dec. 23. — Butter higher; creamery extras, 41c; standards, 39½c; extra firsts, 39c to 40c; firsts, 35½c to 37½c; seconds, 32c to 34c.

Eggs unchanged; receipts, 3,494 cases.

POTATOES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Potatoes, per bag, carlots, 60c to 65c.

OIL

Associated Press Despatch.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Kerosene—No. 1, 1s 2d; No. 2, 1s 3d.

Rosin—Common, 16s 9d.

Turpentine Spirits—61s 6d.

CHEESE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The demand from English importers for cheese continues good, and the volume of business was large. Finest westerns, 19¾c.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Cheese firm; receipts, 68,077 pounds. State whole milk flats, fresh, fancy to fancy specials, 23½c to 23c; do., average run, 22c; state whole milk flats, held fancy to fancy specials, 23½c to 24½c; do., average run, 22c to 23c.

Associated Press Despatch.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Cheese—Canadian finest white, cwt, 99s 6d; do, colored, cwt, 98s 6d.

ROOMS OPEN.

The game rooms of the Y. M. C. A. will be open tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the benefit of the members of