

NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

MONTREAL TELEGRAPH DROPS 20

Canadian Securities Market As a Whole Was Practically Unchanged Yesterday from Last Week.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 10.—A fairly large number of issues contributed to business on the Montreal stock exchange today, but the aggregate was small, with price fluctuations narrow and unimportant. The usual leaders, when they varied at all from the closing level of last week, moved within limits of 1/4 to 1/2 point and as changes were partly losses and partly gains, the market as a whole finished virtually on a parity with the final prices of last week.

New York was again watched closely for indications of some definite change in the character of that market, but early strength gave way to irregularity, and on the whole there was lacking any incentive to operations on the constructive side of stocks here.

Domestic iron continued the most active stock on the local list, but dealings were on a small scale, less than 400 shares, with price variation only of 1/4 point, 62 1/2 to 63, with close 62 1/2, or unchanged. Steel of Canada in the one board lot that changed hands was marked 1/2 higher at 56 1/2, while Canadian Pacific was 1/2 higher at 64 1/2, and Steel of Canada was 1/2 higher at 94 1/2.

Only four stocks in addition to iron gave totals in excess of three figures. Of these, Canadian Pacific was 1/2 higher at 64 1/2, Canadian National was 1/2 higher at 64 1/2, while Canadian Pacific was 1/2 higher at 64 1/2, and Steel of Canada was 1/2 higher at 94 1/2.

One exception to the narrowness of the movement was furnished by Montreal Telegraph, which, in the first board lot transaction of the year, sold at 115, a drop of twenty points. Small lots have been selling at 135 to 138.

The war loans continue to attract substantial investment and the third issue was fairly active, with prices firm at 95 1/2. The first at 97 1/2 and the third at 96 were shaded by small fractions. Canadian National was 1/2 higher at 64 1/2, and Steel of Canada was 1/2 higher at 94 1/2.

Total business for day: Shares, 1,522; bonds, \$102,600; unlisted shares, 122.

MEXICAN PETROLEUM IS STRONG SECURITY

Companies Not in Need of Cash Favored by Investment Sources of Great Responsibility.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Sept. 10.—Investment sources of great responsibility are much more favorably inclined to issues representing companies not in need of cash.

Mexican Petroleum does not need any cash according to well informed quarters. No financing is considered according to insiders. This stock represents a company which will not be subject to Washington price fixing or taxation. Well informed buying has been noted for several days every time Mexican Petroleum has been weak.

We consider it an excellent opportunity to get an attractive speculative line.

MONTREAL SALES

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Montreal, Monday, Sept. 10th. Train Debentures—700 @ 74. Steamships Pfd—5 @ 75. Brazilian—50 @ 39 1/2. Steel Canada—25 @ 56 1/2. Steel Canada—25 @ 56 1/2. Steel Canada—25 @ 56 1/2.

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LYALL CO. DECLARES AN 8 PER CENT. DIVIDEND

Means Distribution of \$140,000 Per Annum on Outstanding Common Capitalization of \$1,750,000.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 10.—Directors of the P. Lyall Construction Co. Ltd. at their meeting this afternoon placed the common stock on an eight per cent. dividend basis. This will mean a distribution of \$140,000 per annum on outstanding common capitalization of \$1,750,000.

The initial quarterly installment of two per cent. is for the quarter ended September 30 and is payable October 15 to stockholders of record on October 5. The transfer books will close October 6 to October 15, inclusive.

Lyall broke to 53 at the weakest stage of last week's market, but promptly rallied to 70 and has since sold at 67. The eight per cent. dividend has been talked of in the street for a month or more.

UNCERTAINTY KEEPS WALL STREET IN FOG

New York, Sept. 10.—Uncertainty is a poor foundation for enterprise. Fog set progress temporarily. Lights are burning somewhere, but they are invisible. There are so many uncertainties clouding decision that trading in the market is left to floor operators and professionals.

Two things usually hold prices up: outside buying and inside support. Of the former there has been little for some time and for the last two weeks the latter has been practically absent. Prices would seem to have discounted all possible or remote happenings— even peace. Dulness usually follows after considerable declines, such as have taken place, and speculators look for irregular market in which purchases on the recession and sales on bulges will be favored.

There has been some investment buying of importance at the low levels. A number of good stocks are selling at pre-war prices and, as in the case of some of the standard railroads, below such prices.

When the vital questions of prices and of taxes are settled, and fairly settled as now seem probable, activity will be resumed, and the enormous volume of business, even if profits are moderate, will afford ample returns to investors.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Open High Low Close. Am Bt Sugar 86 86 1/2 86 1/2. Am Car Fdry 71 72 1/2 71 72 1/2. Am Loco 61 1/2 62 1/2 61 1/2 62 1/2. Am Sugar 11 1/4 11 1/4 11 1/4 11 1/4. Am Smelting 97 97 1/2 97 1/2 97 1/2. Am St Fdry 68 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2. Am Woolen 46 1/2 47 1/2 46 1/2 47 1/2. Am Zinc 116 1/2 117 1/2 116 1/2 117 1/2. Anaconda 70 1/2 71 1/2 70 1/2 71 1/2. Atchafalpa 99 1/2 100 1/2 99 1/2 100 1/2. Bait and O 64 1/2 65 1/2 64 1/2 65 1/2. Bald Loco 58 1/2 59 1/2 58 1/2 59 1/2. Beth Steel 102 103 102 103. Butte and Sup 30 31 30 31. C P I 120 121 120 121. Ches and O 56 1/2 57 1/2 56 1/2 57 1/2. Chino 53 1/2 54 1/2 53 1/2 54 1/2. Cent Leather 82 1/2 83 1/2 82 1/2 83 1/2. Distillers 24 1/2 25 1/2 24 1/2 25 1/2. Con Gas 104 104 104 104. Cruc Steel 70 70 1/2 70 1/2 70 1/2. Erie Com 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2. Erie Ist 31 31 31 31. Gen Elec 140 140 140 140. Gen Nor Ore 33 1/2 34 1/2 33 1/2 34 1/2. Ind Alcolac 130 130 130 130. Ind Copper 53 1/2 54 1/2 53 1/2 54 1/2. Kenn Cop 40 1/2 41 1/2 40 1/2 41 1/2. Lehigh Val 60 1/2 61 1/2 60 1/2 61 1/2. Lon and N 120 120 120 120. Mer Mar Pfd 87 87 1/2 87 1/2 87 1/2. Mex Pet 91 92 91 1/2 92 1/2. Miami Cop 35 1/2 36 1/2 35 1/2 36 1/2. Mid Steel 52 1/2 53 1/2 52 1/2 53 1/2. NY NH and H 26 1/2 27 1/2 26 1/2 27 1/2. NY Cent 77 1/2 78 1/2 77 1/2 78 1/2. Nor Pacific 99 1/2 100 1/2 99 1/2 100 1/2. Nat Lead 51 52 51 52. New Cons 22 1/2 23 1/2 22 1/2 23 1/2. Pennsylvania 52 52 1/2 52 1/2 52 1/2. Read Com 82 82 1/2 82 1/2 82 1/2. Rep Steel 80 1/2 81 1/2 80 1/2 81 1/2. So Paul 62 1/2 63 1/2 62 1/2 63 1/2. So Pacific 91 1/2 92 1/2 91 1/2 92 1/2. So Railway 27 1/2 28 1/2 27 1/2 28 1/2. Studbaker 43 1/2 44 1/2 43 1/2 44 1/2. Union Pac 128 1/2 129 1/2 128 1/2 129 1/2. U S St 108 1/2 109 1/2 108 1/2 109 1/2. U S Rub 61 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2. Utah Cop 98 100 98 100. Westinghouse 44 1/2 45 1/2 44 1/2 45 1/2. U S St Pfd 116 1/2 117 1/2 116 1/2 117 1/2.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Bid Ask. Ames Holden Com 15 15. Ames Holden Pfd 50 50. Brazilian L H and P 29 1/2 29 1/2. Canada Car 25 25. Canada Cement 62 1/2 62 1/2. Canada Cement Pfd 99 1/2 99 1/2. Can Cotton 25 25. Civ Power 74 1/2 74 1/2. Crown Paper 27 27. Devilt United 106 1/2 106 1/2. Dom Bridge 142 142. Dom Iron Pfd 90 90. Dom Iron Com 62 1/2 62 1/2. Dom Tex Com 169 169. Laurentide Paper Co 18 18. MacDonald Com 13 13. N Scotia Steel and C 94 94. Ogilvie Ltd 150 150. Penman's Limited 69 69. Quebec Railway 168 1/2 168 1/2. Shaw W and P Co 118 118. Spanish River Com 56 1/2 56 1/2. Toronto Rail 73 73.

FINANCIAL SENTIMENT IMPROVES IN LONDON

Movements to Reform the Old Lady of Threadneedle St.—Cotton Curtailment—Flour Prices Fixed.

Special to The Standard. London, Sept. 10.—Financial sentiment which had been much depressed owing to the loss of Riga, improved toward the end of the week on better news from well informed quarters in Russia. Lloyd George's cheerful speech at Birkenhead, and Italian successes.

Sales of new treasury bills last week rose to \$23,000,000, while exchequer bills were also in slightly better demand, talk of a premium bond issue has been revived. That fiscal authorities will decide to bring out such an issue is considered likely in good quarters.

Discussion of the desirability of reform of the Bank of England proceeds. The London Chamber of Commerce has appointed a special committee of inquiry and the Association of Chambers of Commerce has recommended an investigation by the government.

The scheme for restricting the output of cotton thirty per cent. comes into operation Saturday. For three months spinners engaged on American cotton will not be allowed to run more than seventy per cent. capacity. No such restriction applies to Egyptian spinning or weaving.

Official announcement was made of the details of control of flour and bread. Wholesale price for four was fixed at 44s. 3d. per 250 pounds and the retail price at 5s.

NEWS SUMMARY

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Sept. 10.—Hargest Co. of N. Y. declared regular quarterly dividend 1 1/2 per cent, commencing Oct. 15th, stock record Sept. 25th. Civilian population begin evacuation of Petrograd as war zone nears capital.

Socialist ministers in Petrograd oppose majority's policies as to food plan and new cabinet crisis impending. Refusal of Socialists to support Premier Ribot blocks his plans for forming new French cabinet.

Peace terms again circulated in Washington but are regarded by Entente embassies and neutrals as "feeler".

Refusal of order issued at Kansas City calls upon 7,000 men to quit, checking clerks of Rock Island, M.K. and T. and Missouri Pacific to quit.

FINANCIAL COMMENT.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) New York, Sept. 10.—N. Y. Sun: "There is too much pessimism now to make the bear side of speculation look healthy".

The general line is expected to continue to fluctuate trading tendencies. On sharp rallies we believe sales for turns will give the daily operators moderate profits just as purchases on declines promise the same results. The active stocks appear to be marking time awaiting developments.

Favorable news is likely to stimulate short covering in our opinion. While adverse developments unless of supreme importance are not expected to be as effective in selling movements as heretofore, a conservative trading attitude for the present is justified by the status.

N. Y. F. B.

Those who have not visited Halifax for several years should make plans now to see it during Exhibition week, September 12th to 20th.

No finer sight can be imagined than the magnificent harbor, and the great inland bay, crowded with hundreds of ships from all parts of the world. Everywhere can be seen all manner of craft, one sees gunboats, frigates, battleships, and a host of smaller vessels. One sees Dutch, American, Norwegian, Swedish, French, British, Canadian, Danish ships, the neutral craft bearing their names and the names of the country to which they belong painted in huge letters on their sides. And every day by one of the British's Bull Dogs, great fighting ships guard the harbor, and keep food, munitions, and men going in a steady stream to Great Britain and her allies.

It would take a Kipling to do justice to the Halifax of today. Anyone who loves to see history in the making who longs to come in closer touch with the mighty forces that are moulding the world will take opportunity of visiting Halifax for it is indeed one of the great strategic centers of the Empire today. A splendid time in which to visit the city and see in addition to all these things, a city alive with additional thousands on a holiday will be the Provincial Exhibition week at Halifax, September 12th to September 20th.

The Exhibition will be busier, bigger, better and brighter than ever. Eight days of fast horse racing, surpassing exhibits from the provinces, the Big Automobile Show, Largest Live Stock exhibit.

Special Rates on All Railroads. Reserve these days—September 12 to 20th. M. McF. HALL, MANAGER AND SECRETARY, HALIFAX.

SENTIMENT IN WALL STREET MUCH BETTER

American Telephone, However, Lowest in Four Years—Steels and Coppers Make Good Showing—General Electric Weak.

New York, Sept. 10.—Improvement in sentiment was evident from the course of the stock market today. Transactions were on a smaller scale but the undertone was good. The recent heavy selling appeared to have resulted in a considerable strengthening of the technical positions and at times there were evidences of a good inquiry for high grade securities.

The buying was neither insistent nor sustained, however, and as a rule the net changes were comparatively small. A number of issues made gains of 1 to 2 points in the early trading but weak spots developed late in the day and the whole market eased off. At the close the tone was heavy and a good deal of the forenoon's advance was lost. Total sales were 424,000 shares.

Steel and Copper Strong. The Steel and Copper shares made a particularly good showing on the early rise. These stocks, as well as the list in general, benefited from favorable reports regarding the ultimate adjustment of price reductions by official action. The decrease of 487,000 tons in unfilled orders shown in the monthly report of United States Steel was about in line with forecasts and exerted little influence on the market transactions.

The selling movement of the last hour affected a number of high priced investment issues, some of which had not reflected the severe scaling down recently of the market in general.

The Telephone Slump. American Telephone dropped to the lowest point since the beginning of the war and General Electric sold down to the lowest point since 1913. Harvester, Pullman, Consolidated Gas, Airbrake and New Haven also developed weakness.

The favorable bank statement of last Saturday was not reflected in the tone of the money market. Call money ruled at 4 1/2 per cent, with a top rate of 6 and quotations for time funds were half to one per cent. higher. In the exchange market the decline in rubles continued, a new low record of 16 1/2 being reached for demand.

Bonds were irregular. Liberty bonds sold at 99 1/2 to 99 3/4. United States coupon 4 1/2 @ 104 1/2 on call.

CHICAGO PRODUCE

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Corn. High Low Close. May 116 1/2 116 1/2 116 1/2. Dec 113 1/2 113 1/2 113 1/2. Oats. May 61 1/2 61 1/2 61 1/2. Sept 59 1/2 59 1/2 59 1/2. Dec 58 1/2 58 1/2 58 1/2. Pork. Sept 43 1/2 43 1/2 43 1/2.

RAILROADS NEED STILL HIGHER FREIGHT RATES

Credit of Lines Now Sinking Steadily and Some Stocks Down to Panic Prices.

New York, Sept. 10.—Through the most strenuous operation on war schedule, under one command of all the railroads of the country, freight car shortage has been reduced one-half and by curtailment of passenger service and conveniences, and by war economy in every direction, averaged net earnings have been passably increased, while in individual instances, on great systems like New York Central and New Haven, they have seriously declined. It is true for the course of the stock market today, asking for a full 25 p.c. increase in freight rates; and for the Interstate Commerce Commission to follow the advice of their chairman, James S. Harlan, and grant relief promptly.

There is no other better way to restore transportation, the second greatest industry of the country, from lagging convalescence and long years of invalidism to full health and strength. Such action would promptly revive the credit of the railroads, which is steadily sinking as shown by the panic prices at which some of the greater railroad stocks are offered, and would strengthen and revivify the whole industrial machine and make property during and after the war continuous—Bache's Review.

NEW YORK COTTON.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.) High Low Close. Jan 20.32 19.93 20.08. Mar 20.51 20.10 20.25. Oct 20.45 20.05 20.25.

Town of Chatham, N. B.

5% BONDS. Tax Exempt in New Brunswick. Maturing August 1st, 1937. Price to Yield About 5 3/4%.

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St. John, N. B. Halifax, N. S.

"We Go On Forever"

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C. H. FERGUSON, Manager for N. B.

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RED BALL. Ask for it everywhere that Temperance Drinks are sold—at cafes, confectioners, hotels, steamboats, etc.—It will tickle your taste and quench your thirst as nothing else has done.

It makes a rousing appetite, and is healthful, pure and refreshing. Red Ball is made to conform with the Provisions of Chapter 20 of Acts of 1916 of the Province of New Brunswick. MADE ONLY BY SIMEON JONES, Limited, St. John, N. B.

SCOTIA STEEL EARNS TOTAL OF \$1,596,469

For Six Months This Company with Net of \$2,104,478 for Entire Year of 1916

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 10.—The Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. Ltd. for the six months ended June 30, 1917, earned after interest on bonds and debenture stock, \$1,596,469. This compares with net of \$2,104,478 for entire 1916 year, and is a little in excess of \$1,576,743 earned in the whole of 1915.

After deducting the 4 per cent. dividend for the six months on the \$1,000,000 preferred, there is left a balance applicable to common stock of \$20.75 per share. This is an annual rate of \$41.50. Of course this is counting common stock issue at \$7,500,000, which will be increased to \$10,000,000, when pending financing is completed and proposed 20 per cent. stock dividend is paid. On the enlarged capital therefore, Nova Scotia earned in the six months at annual rate \$30.75 per share.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

Montreal, Sept. 10.—CORN—American, No. 2 yellow, 220 to 225. OATS—Canadian, western, No. 1, 77 1/2; No. 3, 74 1/2; extra No. 1 feed, 76 1/2. FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents, 12:00; seconds, 11:50; strong bakers, 11:30; winter patents, choice, 12:00; straight rollers, 11:30 to 11:40; bags, 5:00 to 5:75. MILK—PERMANENT 14 to 15; Shorts, 40; Middlings, 48 to 50; Moulins, 55 to 60. HAY—No. 2, per ton, car lots, 9:50 to 10:00. POTATOES—Per bag, car lots, not quoted.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition HALIFAX SEPT. 12-20

Round Trip Tickets Will Be Sold from All Stations in New Brunswick First Class One Way Fare SEPT. 11, 13, 18. Good for return Sept. 21, 1917

CUNARD LINE

PASSENGER SERVICE Between MONTREAL AND LONDON (Calling at Falmouth to Land Passengers) and MONTREAL & BRISTOL

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Eastern Steamship Lines

INCORPORATED. PORTLAND, BOSTON, NEW YORK. Steamers leave St. John every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at nine a.m., touching at Eastport, Lubec and Portland; due Boston following day three p.m. Returning, leave Boston same days nine a.m. via above ports.

Metropolitan Line. Direct between Boston and New York via Cape Cod Channel. Steamers leave India Wharf, Boston, every day at six p.m. Same service returning from New York, N. B., New York, from Pier 11, Agent, St. John, N. B. A. C. CURRIE, Office, 47 King Street, City Ticket Office.

GRAND MANAN S. S. CO.

Until further notice a boat of this line will leave Grand Manan 7 a.m. for St. John, arriving about 2:30 p.m. returning Tuesday 10 a.m., arriving Grand Manan about 5 p.m. Both ways via Wilson's Beach, Campobello and Eastport.

Leave Grand Manan Wednesdays 7 a.m. for St. Stephen, returning Thursday 7 a.m., both ways via Campobello, Eastport and Cumby Cove. Leave Grand Manan Friday 6 a.m. for St. John direct, arriving 10:30 a.m. returning leave St. John 2:30 p.m., arriving 7 p.m.

Leave Grand Manan Saturdays 7 a.m. for St. Andrews 7 a.m., returning 1:30 p.m. both ways via Campobello, Eastport and Cumby Cove. Atlantic Standard Time. SCOTT D. GUPTILL, Manager.

CRYSTAL STREAM STEAMSHIP CO.

ST. JOHN-FREDERICTON ROUTE. Steamer D. J. Purdy leaves 8:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, making all intermediate stops, returning alternate days.

Rate to Fredericton by boat, return by train, \$2.50, or \$3 for stopover. Steamer Majestic leaves at ten a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, returning alternate days.

Telephone Main 304. D. J. Purdy, manager.

The Maritime Steamship Co. Limited.

Until further notice the S. S. Connaught Bros., will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B., Thursdays and Saturdays, 7:30 a.m., daylight time, for St. Andrews, N. B., calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Black Bay or Little Deer Island, Red Store or St. George. Returning leave St. Andrews, N. B., Tuesdays for St. John, N. B., calling at Little Deer Island, Black Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor. Weather and tide permitting.

Agent—Thorne Wharf and Warehousing Co., Ltd., Phone, 2531. Mr. Lewis Connors, 38 Prince Street.

This company will not be responsible for any debts contracted after this date without a written order from the company or captain of the steamer.

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ON AND AFTER THURSDAY, September 6th, the Steamer Champlain will leave her wharf at Indiantown Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 10 a.m., for Upper Jemseg and intermediate landings, returning on alternate days, due in St. John at 1:30 p.m. R. S. ORCHARD, Manager.

TRAVELLING?

Passage Tickets By All Ocean Steamship Lines. WM. THOMSON & CO. Limited. Royal Bank Bldg., St. John, N. B.

Paul F. Blanchet

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THE RED CROSS

Largely Attended Meeting Reports Show Nothing Work During the Summer

A postponed meeting of the Local Red Cross was held on Monday afternoon, which was largely attended. Members are returning to work after the summer months and those who have been absent expressed warm approval of the returns that showed that nothing has interrupted the progress of Red Cross work. The President Mrs. John A. McAvity was in the chair, and practically all the officers were present. The reports from the summer circles were most encouraging. The routine business included the reading of reports from the different committees and circles whose representatives were present.

For the needlework, Mrs. F. S. White reported for August the work returned as follows: Bed socks, 872; Pajama suits, 597; Hospital shirts, 47; Quilts, 17; Arm rests, 44; Knitted face cloths, 1,107; Comfort bags, 19; Personal property bags, 18; Blankets, 3; Towels, 1,711; Blenders, 488; Pillows, 2; Pillow cases, 30; Abs cotton, 500 lbs.

Donations to this department include: Mrs. J. N. Inch, Oak Point, 1 quilt; St. Luke's church, per Mrs. E. R. Murray, 1 quilt; Warfield District No. 3, Hampton, Mrs. Stephen Fairweather, 50 pillow cases, 1 pajama suit, 1 blanket, 2 pillow cases, 2 feather pillows. Mrs. M. Burden, Boston, 500 lbs. abs cotton.

The expense account of the needlework department for the month is: Goods bought in the month of August, 1917: 15 1/2 yards canton flannel, \$ 35.60; 15 dozen hair brushes, 22.70; 18 dozen dental cream, 27.90; 18 dozen dental toothbrushes, 12.96; 18 dozen writing tablets, 14.42; 18 dozen tooth brushes, 14.42; 22 dozen gross buttons, 18.63; 1 spool tape, 4.30; 1707 envelopes, 2.00; 1,386 1/2 yards of fabric, 60.78; 150 1/2 yards flannel, 40.18; 2,356 yards flannel, 404.18; 3,178 yards towelling, 428.47; 561 yards velveteen, 18.50; 18 dozen shaving brushes, 25.20; 98 dozen soap (shaving), 18.80; 18 dozen combs, 18.80; 18 dozen pencils, 25.20.

The knitting department, which is in charge of Mrs. Heber Vroom, is one of the branches of Red Cross work which must be continually supported. The need for socks for hospital patients is great. It should be remembered that from the supply sent to the Red Cross not only the hospitals but the bath houses and rest stations are supplied. With the winter campaign before the men there will be a heavy demand from these two latter places. The care of the men before they are wounded or taken ill is part of the work of the Army Medical Department. Comfortable feet are an essential, but comfortable feet are only the beginning of the greatest care on the part of the men and the doctors in charge. It rests with the women behind the war to see that there is no lack of socks for hospital uses. Mrs. Vroom reported for the month 632 pairs of socks. This is a generous donation, but the exodus of the Red Cross feet justified in stating that more are needed.