

NEWS AND COMMENT FROM THE FINANCIAL WORLD

RAILS UNDER PRESSURE IN WALL STREET

Delaware & Hudson Hits Lowest Mark in Years, Declining Three Points to 115 5-8—Steel and Tractions Heavy.

New York, May 2.—During the first half of today's professional market traders seemed to be divided into opposing camps, one faction evidently favoring higher prices for such speculative issues as shippings and fertilizers, while a more formidable element engaged in further attacks upon seasonal issues.

Rails and tractions were under incessant pressure, the movement culminating in the last hour, the last closing with a weak tone. Offers of rails were again prompted by unfavorable warnings, and the more recent attitude of the interstate commerce commission respecting dividends in their relation to higher freight rates.

Tractions Under Pressure
Arations were under a similar disadvantage as to financial returns. Third Avenue shares dropping 3 1-4 points, while Interborough preferred, lost 1 3-4 and Brooklyn Transit 1 3-4. The early rise in fertilizers, which averaged two points, resulted from the announcement of the government's intention to appropriate a large sum for the purchase of nitrate and other products in the interest of the American farmer. Shippings and associated shares were disposed during the forenoon to rise to gains of the preceding session, but broke sharply later on reports of further marine disasters in the war zone. Marine preferred fell to 7 1-2 after rising to 8 3-4 and Atlantic Gulf and West Indies broke from 104 1-2 to 101.

D. and H. Stock Slumps
The precipitate decline of dividend-paying rails was the most discouraging feature of the last half of the session. Delaware and Hudson made its lowest record for many years, falling three points to 115 5-8, and Reading, St. Paul, Union Pacific, Chicago and Northwestern, Chesapeake and Ohio and New Haven closed at net recessions of one to two points.

United States Steel was consistently heavy, developing weakness just before the end, when it broke to 115 1-4, and closed at the minimum, a net reversal of 1 3-8 points. Popular equipments, munitions, oils and motors suffered to a like extent. Total sales amounted to \$455,000 shares. The general bond market kept pace with stocks, some of the underlying or junior issues displaying weakness.

Total sales, par value, aggregated \$4,425,000.

NEWS SUMMARY.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

New York, May 2.—Phila. and Reading March net decrease \$739,620.

Three months, decrease \$1,681,875.

Total for all companies, March surplus after charges, decrease \$747,152.

Three months, decrease \$1,594,036.

Senate passes bill allotting \$10,000,000 to the government for the purchase of fertilizers.

Ex-Ambassador Gerard says Germany is getting to point where they will not be able to pay interest on war loans.

D. J. & CO.

N. Y. QUOTATIONS

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

Open High Low Close

Am Bt Sugar 94 1/2 94 3/4 93 1/2 93 1/4

Am Cdy 67 1/2 67 3/4 66 1/2 66 1/4

Am Loco 68 1/2 68 3/4 67 1/2 67 1/4

Am Sugar 112 1/2 112 3/4 111 1/2 111 1/4

Am Smt 100 1/2 100 3/4 99 1/2 99 1/4

Am Steel Pdy 60 1/2 60 3/4 59 1/2 59 1/4

Am Zinc 21 1/2 21 3/4 20 1/2 20 1/4

Am Tele 124 1/2 124 3/4 123 1/2 123 1/4

Anacosta 80 1/2 80 3/4 79 1/2 79 1/4

Am Can 45 1/2 45 3/4 44 1/2 44 1/4

Atchafalpa 101 1/2 101 3/4 100 1/2 100 1/4

Balt and Ohio 75 1/2 75 3/4 74 1/2 74 1/4

Bald Loco 56 1/2 56 3/4 55 1/2 55 1/4

Beth Steel 124 1/2 124 3/4 123 1/2 123 1/4

Brok R Tran 63 1/2 63 3/4 62 1/2 62 1/4

Butte and Su 43 1/2 43 3/4 42 1/2 42 1/4

Ches and Ohio 59 1/2 59 3/4 58 1/2 58 1/4

Chino 54 1/2 54 3/4 53 1/2 53 1/4

Cent Leather 87 1/2 87 3/4 86 1/2 86 1/4

Can Pac 160 1/2 160 3/4 159 1/2 159 1/4

Can Gas 112 1/2 112 3/4 111 1/2 111 1/4

Cruc Steel 63 1/2 63 3/4 62 1/2 62 1/4

Erie Com 26 1/2 26 3/4 25 1/2 25 1/4

Erie 1st Pdy 40 1/2 40 3/4 39 1/2 39 1/4

Gen Electric 163 1/2 163 3/4 162 1/2 162 1/4

Gen Nor Ore 32 1/2 32 3/4 31 1/2 31 1/4

Ind Alcohol 115 1/2 115 3/4 114 1/2 114 1/4

Ins Copper 54 1/2 54 3/4 53 1/2 53 1/4

Kenn Copper 46 1/2 46 3/4 45 1/2 45 1/4

Lehigh Val 63 1/2 63 3/4 62 1/2 62 1/4

Mar Mar Pdy 83 1/2 83 3/4 82 1/2 82 1/4

Mex Pet 93 1/2 93 3/4 92 1/2 92 1/4

Miami Cop 40 1/2 40 3/4 39 1/2 39 1/4

Mid Steel 58 1/2 58 3/4 57 1/2 57 1/4

NY Central 95 1/2 95 3/4 94 1/2 94 1/4

Nor and West 127 1/2 127 3/4 126 1/2 126 1/4

Nor Pac 102 1/2 102 3/4 101 1/2 101 1/4

Nov Cons 24 1/2 24 3/4 23 1/2 23 1/4

Penn 62 1/2 62 3/4 61 1/2 61 1/4

Press Steel Car 74 1/2 74 3/4 73 1/2 73 1/4

Read Com 94 1/2 94 3/4 93 1/2 93 1/4

Rep Steel 80 1/2 80 3/4 79 1/2 79 1/4

St Paul 78 1/2 78 3/4 77 1/2 77 1/4

So Pac 94 1/2 94 3/4 93 1/2 93 1/4

So Ry 27 1/2 27 3/4 26 1/2 26 1/4

Soss 60 1/2 60 3/4 59 1/2 59 1/4

Studebaker 89 1/2 89 3/4 88 1/2 88 1/4

U Pacific 126 1/2 126 3/4 125 1/2 125 1/4

US Steel Com 116 1/2 116 3/4 115 1/2 115 1/4

US Rubber 57 1/2 57 3/4 56 1/2 56 1/4

Utah Cop 115 1/2 115 3/4 114 1/2 114 1/4

Westinghouse 48 1/2 48 3/4 47 1/2 47 1/4

US Steel Pdy 118 1/2 118 3/4 117 1/2 117 1/4

CANADIAN COTTONS, LTD. HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

Mills at Marysville, Milltown and Elsewhere Operated at Capacity—Company Closely Related to Cornwall and York Mills Here.

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, May 2.—Although 1916 was admittedly the best financial year ever experienced by the Canadian Cottons, Limited, common talk among local cotton men would indicate that the 1917 year which was brought to a finale last March was even more profitable.

Not unlike other cotton manufacturing companies in Canada, Canadian Cottons has been able to keep all its plants operating at capacity through the year. Even at that high rate of operation the company is understood to be still behind on deliveries with little prospect of ever catching up in the immediate future.

The annual statement of Canadian Cottons will be ready in about two weeks time when it will be distributed to shareholders.

The company operates two mills at Marysville, one at Milltown, N. B., and is closely allied with the Cornwall and York, of St. John.

WINNIPEG WHEAT CLOSE.
(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)
May 2.—Wheat 280 1/2
July 259 1/4
Committee handling new war tax bill fixes maximum income tax rate of thirty-three per cent on all incomes above \$300,000 per annum. This is in addition to existing income tax. Excess profits tax proposals likely to be greatly altered.

NEW BRUNSWICK POWER COMPANY

7 Per Cent. Cumulative First Preferred Stock

Preferred as to assets and dividends

Redeemable as a whole or in part at \$115 and accumulated dividends.

Dividends payable March 1 and quarterly

Par value \$100 per share

The First National Bank of Boston, Registrar.

Dividends and payments on call payable in Boston, in gold coin of United States, without deduction for taxes of any nature imposed by any taxing authority of or in the Dominion of Canada.

CAPITALIZATION AS OF MARCH 1, 1917

BONDED DEBT

Authorized. Outstanding

First Mortgage 5s, due 1937 \$5,000,000 \$1,750,000

CAPITAL STOCK

Authorized. Outstanding

First Preferred (7% Cumulative) \$3,500,000 \$1,000,000

Second Preferred (7% Non-cumulative) 1,500,000 350,000

Common 2,000,000 2,000,000

*The remaining bonds may be issued only under conservative restrictions.

The New Brunswick Power Company owns and operates without competition the electric light and power business, the gas business, and the system of street railways in St. John, New Brunswick, and vicinity, serving a present estimated population of 60,000. The properties have been in successful operation for many years and the earnings have shown steady increases.

St. John is the commercial, industrial and financial center for the farming, lumbering and mining districts of central New Brunswick. In addition to maritime activities, the industries of the city include the manufacture of lumber, textiles, refined sugar, machinery, iron and steel and many other products. In short, St. John is the commercial capital of New Brunswick and one of the two ice-free Atlantic seaports of the Dominion of Canada.

The earnings have shown consistent increases over a period of years, and in the opinion of experts substantial additions to the present earnings should be obtained by development of the latent possibilities.

The total of the bonds and first preferred stock is only four times the gross earnings.

The replacement value of the property, without any allowance for franchises, good-will or water power rights, is in excess of the par value of the outstanding bonds and first preferred stock.

The charter rights under which the company operates are without limit of time and contain no burdensome restrictions.

The by-laws of the company provide reasonable restrictions, among which the company agrees that except with the consent of the holders of 75% of the first preferred stock, no stock shall be issued on a parity with or having priority over this issue of first preferred stock and no additional first preferred stock shall be issued unless the net earnings available for dividends thereon are at least double the dividend requirements upon the first preferred stock then outstanding and then to be issued.

Common stock dividends are payable only out of surplus earnings from the transaction of business after April 1, 1917.

We Recommend This Security as a Safe Investment:

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WALL STREET MARKET WAS CONTRADICTIONARY

Outlook for Steel Industry Bright—Call Money Goes to Three Per Cent.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS)

New York, May 2.—Most of the afternoon transactions were more or less contradictory. The traction continued weak and steel sold off slowly, while I. D. attracted attention by moving up two points. Toward the close there was a fair sized reaction throughout the list. Calling of loans by banks and trust companies in anticipation of another sale of \$200,000,000 treasury certificates was reported and call money went to three per cent.

A Socialist newspaper of Berlin, said to be close to the government, denied that the chancellor would make a peace offer tomorrow.

The Iron Age says the industries of the country are not going to be sacrificed by the terms now being arranged with the government.

The iron trade view says that the co-operation between the steel industry and the government for the purchase and distribution of essential supplies is complete and working smoothly. Both journals are optimistic on the outlook for steel industry.

Great Britain is reported to be seeking 100 steel vessels from this country, but will secure machinery, iron and steel for the enormous increasing output demanded of other lines by war conditions. The stock market is waiting upon the adoption of settled policies in respect to purchasing and financing by Washington.

E. & C. RANDOLPH.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

Chicago, May 2.—Wheat No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, 8.80; No. 2 hard, 2.80; No. 3 hard, 2.71.

Corn No. 2 yellow, 1.55 to 1.56; No. 3 yellow, 1.54 to 1.55 1-2; No. 4 yellow, 1.50.

Oats No. 3 white, 69 to 70 1-4; standard, 69 1-2 to 70 3-4.

Rye No. 2, nominal.

Barley 1.25 to 1.63.

Timothy 5.00 to 7.00.

Clover 12.00 to 17.00.

Pork 39.50.

Ribs 20.70 to 21.15.

High Low Close

Wheat 272 255 260 1/4

July 222 208 1/2 221

Sept 187 1/2 179 186 3/4

Corn 145 150

July 143 137 1/2 143

Sept 135 1/2 131 135 1/4

Oats 64 1/2 64 1/2 64 1/2

May 64 1/2 64 1/2 64 1/2

July 64 1/2 64 1/2 64 1/2

Sept 64 1/2 64 1/2 64 1/2

Pork 39.50 39.50 39.50

July 39.50 39.50 39.50

Ribs 20.70 20.70 20.70

High Low Close

Steel Canada—100 @ 59 1/2

Dom Iron Pdy—11 @ 92 1/4

Civic Power—5 @ 79 1/2

Dom War Loan—600 @ 97 1/2

1937 Loan—500 @ 95 1/2, 500 @ 95 1/2

Detroit United—75 @ 114

Smelting—15 @ 29

Scoti—100 @ 94 1/2

Spanish River Com—5 @ 16

Cedar Bonds—100 @ 90

NEW YORK COTTON

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

High Low Close

May 20.23 20.05 20.08

July 20.14 19.97 19.97

Oct 19.45 19.31 19.31

Dec 19.48 19.34 19.35

Steel Co Can Com 59 1/2 59 1/2

Steel Co Can Com 92 1/2 92 1/2

Toronto Ralls 80 83

MONTREAL SALES.

(McDOUGALL & COWANS.)

Montreal, Wednesday, May 2nd—

Can Loco—5 @ 59 1/2

Steamships Pdy—140 @ 87 1/2, 75 @ 87 1/2, 50 @ 87 1/2

Brazilian—5 @ 38 1/2

Textile—125 @ 83

Textile Pdy—25 @ 102

Can Cement Com—10 @ 60 1/2

Scoti—100 @ 94

Civic Power—35 @ 79 1/2, 15 @ 79

Dom War Loan—200 @ 96

1937 Loan—1,000 @ 95 1/2

Brompton—10 @ 49 1/2, 1 @ 50

Afternoon.

Steamships Pdy—25 @ 40, 20 @ 39 1/2

Steel Canada—100 @ 59 1/2

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