

# Stock Markets Quiet and Firm at Week-End--C.P.R. at 256

## STOCKS WEAKER TRADING LIGHT

Reading Down Nearly Two Points, and Other Standard Issues Suffer Lesser Losses.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Speculative activity in stocks diminished largely today, and during most of the session movements were inconsequential. The tone at the opening was steady, but the market was influenced unfavorably by the ease with which some stocks yielded on moderate offerings. Late in the session stocks were offered more freely, and prices of a number of the standard issues fell. Selling was heaviest in Reading, which lost nearly two points. Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, Lehigh Valley, St. Paul, Northern Pacific, Baltimore and Ohio and Amalgamated dropped a point under yesterday's close.

Trading was restricted by the usual reluctance to enter upon extensive new commitments at the week-end, and also by the fact that speculative sentiment is still confused, and it is yet to be shown whether the market has definitely recovered its poise after the recent severe decline. Another restraining influence was the approaching of the supreme court's "decision day."

Tighter Money Abroad.  
There was unusual activity for a Saturday in foreign exchange rates, the demand rising forty points. The movement may have been influenced by unfavorable advices as to the European financial situation. The effect of liquidation in stocks was recorded in the weekly bank statement in a reduction of more than \$20,000,000 in average loans, although in the actual table the shrinkage was only \$7,735,000. Instead of the predicted small loss in cash, there was a gain of \$4,600,000 and the excess reserve was increased by \$5,000,000.

## Montreal Stocks Without Feature

C. P. R. Was Inclined to Weakness, Losing Fractionally—Canars Strong on Toronto Buying.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Local stocks were quiet and comparatively featureless on Saturday, the volume of business being small and price movements narrow. Net changes at the close, confined for the most part to fractions, showed a mixture of gains and losses. The undertone was steady.

C. P. R. inclined to weakness, opening here a lower at 255 1/2, recovering to 256 and then falling back to 255 1/2. At the close 255 1/2 was bid and 256 asked, leaving the change for the day a decline of about 1/2. On the other hand Montreal Power, after opening unchanged at 225, sold up to 225 1/2 for a block of one hundred shares just before the close.

The principal feature elsewhere was strength displayed by Dominion Canada, which rose sharply to 6 1/2 in the last transaction after opening weak at 6 1/4. Buying was reported to be for Toronto account. Canadian Car fell back to 89 after selling 90 1/2.

Total business 2510 shares, 100 mining and 21,000 bonds.

## PROMISING STOCK ISSUE.

Those closely associated with the Canada Interlake Line, Ltd., who are offering a preference share in common stock by par with bonus in common stock by Messrs. A. E. Ames & Co., of Toronto and Montreal, state that the common stock is likely to become very valuable, on account of the company's large earning power, present and prospective, and its moderate capitalization.

The amount of net earnings for 1912 of nine vessels, two of which were not ready for operation for the first three months of the season, is given as \$225,270 with estimated earnings for 1913 of the company's fourteen ships of \$338,000, which, after payment of interest, sinking fund, and preferred stock dividend, and providing a reserve fund of 6 per cent. upon the common stock, leaves earnings on the common stock of 13 1/2 per cent. The sinking fund payment of \$67,000 a year is, of course, not really a charge against profits but is in reality a reserve. It is 6.70 per cent. of the total amount of the common stock, so that the actual rate of earnings estimated on the common stock for 1913 is 20.12 per cent.

## RANK AND FILE ARE GENERALLY BEARISH

They Say Hill is Reeling for Storm When He Looks for Prosperity Next Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—An indication of the bearishness of traders is furnished by the way in which the rank and file regard the announcement of a new issue of stock by Great Northern. They say Mr. Hill is reeling for a storm—getting things shipshape for a bad year in 1914. The real fact is, however, that Mr. Hill looks for a continuance of great business activity, and intends to prosecute the construction of new railroads, the work on which could be suspended, were there any reason to feel apprehension regarding the future.

## NEW PLANT WILL BE PUSHED.

Also the financing of Canada's latest and largest addition to the sugar industry, the Atlantic Sugar Refining, Limited, has been completed, but a short time, plans for the erection of the new plant at St. John, N.B., are already under way. These plans differ materially from any thus far employed in the erection of refineries in this country, and are quite the latest word in the solution of economic and industrial problems which, for years, have perplexed engineers and business-

## CONFIDENT TONE IS PRONOUNCED

Toronto Market Showed a Firm Trend at Week-End, and Further Recovery Was Brought About.

A more confident feeling developed in the Toronto Stock Market at the week-end, the result of the steady trend in Wall street and the general belief that the worst had been seen in the New York Exchange. Trading here was not at all active, but a sustained demand was in evidence throughout the day, and this sufficed to carry several of the usual favorites to higher levels.

Brazilian proved the leader as usual, and the improvement in this issue was the most outstanding incident of the session. The shares opened at 88 7/8, practically level with the previous close, and advanced steadily until a most full point gain had been recorded. The top for the day was 89 3/4, so that the stock actually recovered more than the ground it had lost on Friday. The close a week ago was at 82, so that there has been in reality a comparatively small recession since that time.

In the general list price swings were limited to very small volume, and in the majority of instances stocks did nothing more than hold their own. Maple Leaf preferred came in for another flurry, the shares rising over a point to 97, a new high record since October, and closing bid there, with no stock on offer. The shares carry a dividend of 7 per cent. per annum, and in consideration of the high yield considerable investment buying has been going on of late. Toronto Railway sold again at 140 3/4, but closed

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## P. AND O. NAVIGATION NOT IN ANY MERGER

Report Peninsula & Orient Steam Navigation Co. would sell its business or amalgamate with some other shipping interest was denied by President Sir Thomas Sutherland at annual meeting in London, Tuesday.

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## New York Market On Eve of Rebound

John Moody, Well-Known Financial Writer, Comes Out With Able Article on Recent Depression.

Mr. John Moody, editor of Moody's Magazine, sees in present market situation conditions very similar to those prevailing in the fall of 1899, just preceding a prolonged upward movement in stocks. He thinks that the chief bear influence in the recent slump has been the money position and predicts improvement around the first of January.

Mr. Moody in an able article on the situation points out that good soundness is a throw-overboard after a big decline has set in or has about culminated and are not often brought back again except at higher figures.

In 1899 general business had been quite steady, picking up just as it has this fall. Crops were good, but the banking situation was weak. In December there was a panicky flurry somewhat like the present one. Stocks broke from 10 to 20 points apiece within a week or so and predictions of a real panic and dire disaster were just as rife as now. The situation was made worse by the extreme of a sickness of certain banking institutions. But by the first week in January the situation had completely righted itself and stocks immediately rebounded in price. From then on the stock market never stopped going up until the days of the Northern Pacific co. in the spring of 1901.

The real cause of the present selling movement with no banking support to counteract it is the banking situation, and Mr. Moody believes this will be the main judgment of all after the affair is entirely over. The break really started with the smash in American Can shares, which started a week or ten days ago. The selling movement, of course, started with an impetus all along the line. Had it been for the Union Pacific merger decision, the break in all probability would have come in all other good stocks, but should have been on railroad stocks.

It certainly seems, concludes Mr. Moody, as though we were now in a time when investors should not only hold on to their good stocks, but should also buy securities either on this level or on an advancing scale.

## BANK STATEMENT.

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Chartered Accountant,  
16 King St. West, Toronto  
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ment of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$8,074,650 reserve in excess of legal requirement. This is an increase of \$5,058,450 from last week.

The statement follows:

Actual condition—Loans, decrease, \$7,785,000; specie, increase, \$3,276,000; legal tenders, increase, \$1,886,000; net deposits, decrease, \$4,519,000; circulation, increase, \$144,000; excess law reserve, \$8,074,650; increase \$5,058,450.

Summary of state banks and trust companies in greater New York not included in clearing house statement. Loans, decrease, \$7,011,700; specie, decrease, \$4,482,700; legal tenders, decrease, \$118,600; total deposits, decrease, \$7,554,000.

## We Own and Offer

\$950,000 of 7% Cumulative Preference Shares at Par (Redeemable at 110) with 15% Bonus of Common Shares of the

## Canada Interlake Line

(Incorporated by Ontario Charter)

LIMITED

## CAPITALIZATION:

7% Cumulative Preference Stock (Authorized \$1,500,000) Redeemable at 110. Issued.... \$1,000,000  
Common Stock (Authorized \$1,500,000). Issued..... \$1,000,000  
Par Value of Shares \$100 Each.

We offer for sale at par \$950,000 fully-paid shares of the above-mentioned 7% cumulative Preference Stock, with bonus of 15% of the amount of the preference shares in Common Stock.

Payments are as follows:—

\$950 per share with subscription,  
25 per share on January 2nd, 1914.

\$950 per share on February 1st, 1914,  
25 per share on March 1st, 1914.

with the right to the subscriber to pay in full on allotment, or on January 2nd, 1914, or, with accrued dividend, on February 1st, 1914, thereafter ranking for the full quarter's dividend, payable April 1st, 1914.

Application will be made in due course to have both the Preference and Common Stock listed upon the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Preference shares are preferential, both as to assets and cumulative dividends, at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, and are redeemable at 110. The Preference Shareholders have the right to elect two of the seven directors.

Fractions of Common Shares will be adjusted on allotment on the basis of \$70 per share.

Validity of the issue of Preference and Common Shares has been certified to by Messrs. Rowell, Reid, Wood & Wright and Messrs. Thomson, Tilley & Johnston.

The amount of underlying bonds is \$720,000, and there is mortgage indebtedness of \$66,432.

The Company's charter provides that, before dividend can be paid upon the Common Stock, there must be transferred to a Reserve Fund 3 per cent. per annum upon the amount of the outstanding Preference Capital until the Fund reaches 50 per cent. thereof.

The following memoranda give features of the business furnished by Mr. J. W. Norcross, Managing Director, and include figures as to earnings for 1912, certified by Messrs. Clarkson & Cross, Chartered Accountants.

## BUSINESS

The Canada Interlake Line, Limited, has been formed to take over the well-established and prosperous business of the Canadian Interlake Line, Limited, and to acquire other vessels, making fourteen in all. It is now the largest company in Canada engaged entirely in freight lake transportation. All are modern steel vessels.

The names of the ships are as follows: Canadian, Acadia, Regina, Kenora, Tagona, Fordonian, Gordon, Hamilton, Calgarin, McKinstry, Renoville, Cadillac, Pioneer, and Mars.

The first nine vessels constitute the finest, most modern and best-equipped fleet of canal-size package freighters operating on the great lakes. The "McKinstry," "Renoville," "Cadillac" and "Pioneer" are thoroughly modern steel bulk freighters, and are also canal size. The "Mars" is engaged in freight traffic on the lakes west from Buffalo and Port Colborne and on Georgian Bay.

The total insurance on the fleet is over \$1,800,000, which exceeds the total of the Preference Stock and underlying Bonds.

Considerable of the Company's tonnage is protected by favorable contracts, having from three to seven years to run. Under these contracts 130,000 tons of westbound freight were handled this year. The Company has also a contract for each of the next three years for transportation of pulpwood for four boats for the four months of the season of navigation when tonnage is slackest.

The value of the vessels, as fixed by appraisal of seven by the Canadian Appraisal Co., Limited, and by the purchase prices of the other vessels, totals \$1,351,858, and is in excess of the total of the underlying Bonds and the Preference Stock.

The Company will be in a strong financial position, having ample working capital, and three of its vessels free of bonded indebtedness. By 1925 the Sinking Fund will have reduced the Bonds on four other vessels, and those now outstanding will then have been reduced to \$320,000, while in 1927 all the existing Bonds will have been paid off.

## PROFITS

Net Earnings for the year 1912 (seven vessels for the full season, and two from the early part of July—actual to November 30th, 1912, and estimated for the balance of the season \$14,000) ..... \$225,270  
Estimated Net Earnings for 1913, on the basis of the same earnings for the nine vessels operated in 1912, though two of them were not in commission for the first three months of the navigation season, and proportionate earnings for the five other vessels ..... \$338,000

The Earnings indicated for 1913 will provide for payment of interest, Sinking Fund, Preference dividend and Reserve Fund, and leave \$134,250 as earnings on the Common Stock, being 13.4%. This showing is after providing out of profits for payment of \$67,000 for Sinking Fund, which is actually paying off liabilities and not really a charge upon profits.

## DIVIDENDS

The first dividend on the Preference Shares is to be paid on April 1st, 1914, for the quarter commencing January 2nd, 1913.

Interest on payments on account of subscriptions will be paid on the first dividend date at the rate of 7% per annum from dates made.

In view of the current earnings, valuable freight contracts and generally favorable business prospects, the directors propose to commence paying dividend on the Common Stock from July 1st next, the first payment to be on October 1st for the quarter then ending.

## DIRECTORS

M. J. HANEY, C.E., President, Contractor, Toronto.

R. M. WOLVIN, Vice-President, President Standard Shipping Limited, Winnipeg.

HENRY MUNDERLOH, Munderloh & Co., Montreal.

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