

Stock Market News.

TO-DAY'S OPENING.

Coastline	118 1/2
Smelters	58 1/2
alt. & Ohio	59 1/2
Canada	38 1/2
ite Copper	27 1/2
sk Tire	8 1/2
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olly-Spring	34 1/2
arland Oil	38
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ewhaven	14 1/2
acific Oil	50 1/2
ure Oil	24 1/2
nclear	27 1/2
h. Boat	12 1/2
efebaker	39 1/2
ou. Railway	39
exas Co.	44 1/2
S. Steel	93 1/2

MONTREAL.

Canadian	42 1/2
E.S. 2nd	15 1/2
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entral Power	142
an. Steel	77
St. Lawrence	73
pan. River	100 1/2
pan. River Pld.	106 1/2

COTTON.

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THE RAILROAD ISSUES.

(Halifax Chronicle.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Such standard dividend payers as Southern, Union and Atchafalpa are only two or three points above the year's low levels. There is nothing the matter with the earnings of these properties which will cover their dividends this year by a wide margin. As conservative speculations, they appear attractive.

Among the non-dividend rails, Southern Railway, St. Louis San Francisco preferred, Kansas City Southern, Wabash "A" and Erie first preferred must be accorded preference, owing to the ratio of indicated 1923 earnings to current selling prices.

HOME LIQUIDATION ON WALL ST.
Johnson and Ward received the following over their New York wire yesterday.
(Halifax Chronicle.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The market

Coloured Diamonds New Development

BEAUTIFUL SPECIMENS MUCH SOUGHT AFTER AS GEMS.

American chemists are endeavoring to color the diamond. Should the process become successful it may have an effect on the value of some of the rare colored diamonds which are so much prized.

Attention is called this week in the "Chemical Age" to attempts which have been made by the Rare and Precious Metals Experiment Station of the United States Bureau of Mines to color diamonds. In its purest form, the "Chemical Age" the diamond is a colorless crystalline substance, and its value is mainly dependent upon its being free from color.

On the other hand, there are rare instances where specimens are found which coloration is quite definite and particularly beautiful, and in fact reds, blues and greens are especially sought after as gems. In fact,

which seemed to penetrate the whole crystal, and no apparent trace of the original yellow remained. The apparently deep penetration of colour is very surprising, since alpha rays can penetrate diamond to the order of 0.001 inch only. The ability to effect colour change may, however, be gauged by the fact that in more than thirty specimens of colorless, yellow and even brown diamonds, no failure was encountered.

Green was the only colour produced, and it was found quite possible to restore the original colour by prolonged heating to 500 degrees C.

More fascinating still is the fact that colour is quite permanent in direct sunlight, but the depth of shade of any treated specimen can be toned down exactly as desired by submission to different periods of heating. One must not jump to conclusions as to the possible effect of the colouring process on the value of diamonds as a whole, but it would seem a matter amongst those who have set up treasure for themselves in the shape of naturally coloured stones.

NEW MACHINE READY FOR BELGO COMPANY.

(Financial Times.)
The announcement is made that the sixth newsprint machine of the Belgo-Canadian Paper Company is now practically complete and will start producing about the beginning of the year. The other twin machine which has been in operation for several months has produced as high as 96 tons a day. The total production of the company will run around 330 tons daily from the first of the year. The company has recently enlarged its timber limits by adding many square miles to its holdings. In addition it has purchased some 30,000 cords of pulpwood this year from settlers, which will conserve its own timber limits.

THE SUGAR MARKET.

(Halifax Chronicle.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—An easier feeling developed in the raw sugar market to-day owing to increased offerings in expectations of an early settlement of the Cuban railroad strike. Sales included 5,000 bags of Cubas for prompt shipment to a local refiner at 5 1/2-16 cents cost and freight equal to 7 1/2 for centrifugal and 15-000 bags of Porto Rico for January shipment to an output refiner at equal to 7.08 for centrifugal.

Raw sugar futures were easier under scattered liquidation and trade selling, prompted by the unsettled conditions in the spot market and prospects for improvement in the Cuban railroad situation, recorded moderate advances.

Bankers report a firm though slow market for new securities.

A Coasting Accident

Between one and two o'clock yesterday morning Frank Neider, a 20 year old resident of Leslie Street, whilst coasting over Springdale Street, ran into a horse and sleigh owned by Mr. James Hickey. The horse was knocked down and the sleigh upset. Neider received several nasty scalp wounds in addition to having his ear nearly severed. He was brought to the General Hospital for treatment.

Firemen Called Out

The Central Fire Company was called this forenoon by a telephone message to Mr. J. Hickey's broom factory, situated at the foot of Flower Hill. The services of the firemen were not needed as there was no sign of any fire when they arrived on the scene. Apparently someone seeing sparks fly from a chimney thought a blaze was in progress. The owner of the premises was not aware that anything was amiss until the firemen arrived in front of the premises.

Princess Mary's Son's Status Set

Debrett Shows King's Grandchild Is Not of Royal Blood.

London, Dec. 24.—Ever since Princess Mary's son and heir came into the world last winter there had been much speculation as to whether he is a plain commoner or a Prince of the Royal Blood. But the speculation is ended and Great Britain now knows that the King's grandson is not a Prince of the Royal Blood, but simply Henry Hubert Lascelles, or "Master Lascelles" for short.

This decisive information is conveyed by the 1924 Debrett, the unquestioned guide to the genealogy of Royalty and the aristocracy of the Kingdom.

The new issue says that a Royal warrant of December 11, 1917 debarred young Lascelles from being a Royal Prince. The warrant asserts that none but children of the sons of the Sovereign and the eldest living son of the Prince of Wales shall have and hold the style, title and attribute of Royal Highness with titular dignity of Prince and Princess. The warrant does not mention grandchildren of the King who may be children of the Monarch's daughters.

Zero Weather up Country

A heavy gale of wind from the north west prevailed over the country last night, and early this morning the glass dropped very suddenly. At 11 o'clock to-day, reports reached the city from Bishop's Falls and Quarry, stating that the first frost for the season had made its appearance there, the mercury having dropped to zero, while the high winds made things very unpleasant. In the city this morning much the same conditions prevailed, but it was not so cold. The glass registered 22 degrees of frost in the Prince's Park at 7 a.m. and at noon hour the thermometer at Roper and Thompson's recorded 20 above.

From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram
CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind northwest, blowing a strong gale, with snow squalls; nothing sighted to-day. Bar. 29.70; Ther. 38.

Keep January 7th open for the C.L.A. Dance at Columbus Hall. Prince's Orchestra.—Jan. 5.

Sir Arthur Choke is a scream: a rather gentle flower, St. Mary's Hall.—Jan. 31.

Schooner Albert S. Moulton Wrecked

The Deputy Minister of Customs received a message this morning from the Sub-Collector at Port aux Basques, stating that the schooner Albert S. Moulton, owned by the Burgeo & LaPointe Export Co., went ashore at Port aux Basques harbor on Saturday night during a storm. The vessel sank but the crew were saved. Part of the cargo was saved, but it is thought that the vessel will be a total loss. The Albert S. Moulton was bound from Burgeo to Channel with a general cargo.

Be sure you see Hortense and Injun in 2nd act "Lighthouse Nan," St. Mary's Hall.—Jan. 21.

Divers Return

Divers W. Squires and J. E. Butler who left here for H. Buffett on Friday last to clear a 2 1/2 inch wire cable from the propeller of the Norwegian steamer Skulda, arrived in the city yesterday. The divers were down all day Saturday and the job though difficult was successfully carried out. The Skulda, which is a ship of 1,800 tons gross is at present loading a cargo of fish from the premises of J. Wakeley & Sons, for Oporto.

For Coughs and Colds STAFFORD'S Phoradone, 35c. bottle. Jan. 2.

New Legal Firm Formed

We are pleased to announce the formation of a new legal firm, Messrs. Howley & Jerrett. Mr. W. R. Howley, K.C., has long been prominent in legal circles in Newfoundland and the junior partner, Mr. Eric Jerrett, LL.B., is also well known. Educated at Bishop Field College, he obtained his degree at Dalhousie and after being called to the Bar in Nova Scotia, he decided to return to his native country to practice. We wish the new firm every success.

STAFFORD'S Liniment for Aches and Pains, 20c. bottle. Jan. 2.

THE BIG HOLIDAY SUPER-SPECIAL--AT THE NICKEL TO-DAY

Laurette Taylor in "PEG O' MY HEART"
AND THE HALL ROOM BOYS COMEDY
Percy and Ferdie in "WEST IS EAST"
TO ARRIVE ON THIS SILVIA
HAZEL DRURY
Soprano
INEZ HARRISON
Contralto
SOLOS OPERATIC--POPULAR DUETS
COMING: POLA NEGRI in "MAD LOVE."

TO-DAY'S MESSAGES.

THE WEATHER IN THE ALPS UNPRECEDENTED.
BERNE, Jan. 2.
The snowfall this season in the Swiss Alps is surpassing anything within the memory of the present generation and the number of avalanches have exceeded all records. Many of the higher valleys are cut off from communication and some of the mountain railways and many highways are completely blocked. Hundreds of Alpine huts are demolished and ten lives have been lost so far.

SEINE THREATENS TO FLOOD PARIS.

PARIS, Jan. 2.
Weather experts and prophets who gauge the ebb and flow of the Seine were predicting to-day that the river would reach the highest level of the present flood to-morrow, but rain set in this evening and the Seine continues to rise more rapidly than had been calculated, while some of its affluents were considerably more swollen than was anticipated. The Seine is now seven feet below the level reached in 1910 flood when suburbs were flooded and boats were required for traffic round the Foreign Office, St. Lazare Station, and other conspicuous points. At the present rate of rising, the flood should have set a new record by next Friday.

BIG FIRE IN WINNIPEG IN ZERO WEATHER.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 2.
Battling in weather ten below zero firemen were fighting a most disastrous fire in recent years in the Leese & Perse Wholesale Grocery House to-night. The damage was estimated at half a million dollars.

LATEST. QUEBEC (Flash Message).

Lieut. Governor Brodeur, of Quebec, is dead.

Tumbled into Bath

MOTHER SEES CHILD FATALLY SCALDED AT PLAY.
"Death by misadventure" was the verdict returned at Harrow at the inquest on Elizabeth Foulkes, aged 20 months, of Woodland-road, who died in the cottage hospital from scalds. These were caused by falling into a bath containing 6in. of hot water whilst her mother was cleaning the floor. The child ran into the room, and, turning quickly, fell backwards into the bath.—News of the World.

Ankle Supports only 70c. a pair at SMALLWOOD'S. Dec. 24.

Magistrate's Court.

Mary Barron, taken in for safe keeping, will be sent home to her father.
Const. Efford, stationed at Manuels, brought a youth from Foxtrap into the city yesterday and had him arraigned before the Magistrate this morning charged with sleeping in peoples' barns and outhouses. The lad has a respectable home in Foxtrap but, admitted to the court that his father ill-treated him and he was afraid to stay at home. His Honor, after giving the boy some sound advice, instructed the officer to take the boy to his father and if he did not treat him kindly the Magistrate would deal with him.
A drunk, for fighting on the public streets, was given another chance to make good.

Deliberate or Otherwise

In our Bay Roberts contemporary the following item appears immediately under the article which refers to the Enquiry which is about to be held. Was it by accident or otherwise?
Some people seem to rake up all the sorrows of the past; to them, they add the burdens of the present; then they look ahead and anticipate a great many more trials than they will ever experience in the future.—D. L. Moody.

Prince at the Bedside

His Sympathy With Men Broken in the War.

The fine humanity of the Prince of Wales was once again unobtrusively revealed when his Royal Highness opened a new casualty department of the Royal Northern Hospital in Holloway, London. In one of the wards which the Prince visited was a number of ex-Servicemen with their medals pinned to their shirts. When the Prince entered the ward he at once went to a man in the corner who was wearing the medals of a long-forgotten campaign, and in a moment was chatting away with the old warrior. It was an intimate conversation, for by the Prince's wish the doctors and the nurses stood back, leaving the Heir to the Throne and a soldier broken in the country's wars to gossip in comparative privacy. Then, with a shake of his head, as if to say "So long," the Prince passed to another bedside. In the children's ward one little mite of three, Freda Deedlove, with flaxen hair set off by a big bright blue bow, attracted his attention. "My word," he remarked, "you are smart, quite the smartest in the room," and the little girl preened and stammered, much to the Prince's amusement. One of the wards in the new casualty department has been endowed by Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Collins, of Southampton, with a gift of £10,000 in memory of their son, Major Martyn Collins, who was killed in action on Feb. 4, 1917. Mrs. Collins was pointed out to the Prince, and he conversed with her for some minutes, condoling with her on her loss and, as president of the hospital, expressing his personal gratification at the magnificent gift which she and her husband had made. The names of 1,307 of Islington's dead appear on the memorial archway which the Prince unveiled. Among them, a unique thing in war memorials, are the names of two women—Ellen Foyster and Clara Shead. Miss Foyster was a nurse at the hospital who died as the result of war service on the Western Front; and Miss Shead, a resident of Islington, was a stewardess on board the hospital ship Llandovery Castle when that vessel was sunk by a German submarine. Underneath her name appears that of her brother, Tom Shead, who was killed in France.—News of the World.

Personal.

Mrs. E. B. Tucker, of Burnt Point, B.N.V., entered the Southcott Hospital this morning, to undergo an operation.

Try Atlantic brown rice and then baking it with cheese. Serve as the main dish at luncheon.

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THE TRAINS.—Tuesday's express arrived at Bishop's Falls 3 a.m. to-day. The incoming express will leave Port aux Basques after arrival of the Kyle. The Carbonar train arrived at 1 p.m.

NOTICE.
Four weeks after date hereof application will be made to His Excellency the Governor in Council for Letters Patent for "Improved Method of Manufacturing White Sulphite Cellulose from Resinous Woods," to be granted to Harry Arthur of Seattle, Finland, Chemical Engineer.
Dated at St. John's, this 8th day of December, 1923.

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