FINANCIAL FACTS

THESE NOTES ARE SUPPLIED BY THE SAINT JOHN OFFICE OF JOHNSTON AND WARD, STOCK BROKERS

The very essence of recovery being rising manufacturing employment, it is significant to note that December 1st statistics indicate maintenance of the spectacular improvement of the past year. The 5,579 reporting establishments employed 510,365 operatives on the latest date as compared with 521,318 one month earlier. This decline of 2.1% was just about equal to the normal seasonal loss indicated in the experience of the fourteen preceding years for which data are available, so that the index, after correction for the seasonal movement, was just about unchanged at 102.4 against 102.5. Tobacco and rubber works reported heightened activity, the gain in the former being considerable. On the other hand, there were reductions mostly seasonal) in the food, lumber, iron and steel, textile, leather, pulp and paper, clay, glass and stone, electrical apparatus, electric light and power, non-ferrous metal and non-metallic mineral product industries.

THE SEASONAL DROP in December 1st, 1935, employment ended the longest period of continuous expansion in this record of fifteen years, the general movement in manufactures having been uninterruptedly favorable during 1935 from January 1st to November 1st. As already noted, the December decline was seasonal and the corrected index showed a net gain for the year of some ten points.

CAR LOADINGS, standard barometer of commodity distribution, are ending the year on a stronger note. The seasonally adjusted index number scored another and sharper gain in the week ended December 21st, making four consecutive weekly increases. The December 21st index of 72.22 compares with 69.09 in the previous week and 66.06 three weeks earlier. Merchandise leadings, sensitive to retail trade, again declined less than seasonally, the index of 79.44 comparing with 78.26 in the preceding week and 76.55 two weeks ago.

THE INCREASE IN RAIL FREIGHT TRAFFIC for the year to date has been smaller than during the similar 1934 period. Miscellaneous freight, reflecting general industrial activity, showed a gain, along with l.c.l. merchandise, ore, pulpwood, pulp and paper, and other forest products, but wheat in particular and livestock, coal and coke, and lumber were lower.

WHEAT EXPORT SALES were light last week after the heavy dealings of the preceding ten days, the two-day holiday at mid-week in Liverpool and Winnipeg probably being a quietening influence. Actual world shipments in the week ended December 23rd fell off from 9,320,000 to 7,728,000 bushels, but the stronger Canadian marketing position was indicated in the fact that most of the decline was absorbed by other countries. North American (principally Canadian) shipments decreased only 160,000 bushels.

SETTLEMENT OF THE Canadian-Japanese trade dispute was a year-end result of the freer trade policy of the King Government. With the United States and Japanese agreements concluded, the next subject for negotiation is revision of the Empire pacts, while resumption of trade with the Soviet is also a probability. Canadian-Japanese relations return practically to the basis existing prior to the dispute. Principal relief will be felt by the west-coast lumber industry, whose sales to Japan were reduced to negligible levels in recent months.

GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL &

CORPORATION

SECURITIES

INQUIRIES INVITED

T. M. Bell & Company, Limited

HALIFAX

SAINT JOHN

Year ended August 31, net on 6 per cent. first preferred \$16.50 share, \$15.20 on 6 per cent. preferred with balance equal to 40c. per share of combined "A" and "B" common, best results since 1930.

BILTMORE HATS

Earned \$3.16 per share common year ended November 30 vs. \$2.05 in previous year; net profits after depreciation \$79,-054 vs. \$57,967 previous year.

B. C. POWER

November net up \$19,008 to \$402,882; five months net up \$72,629 to \$1,787,916.

CANADA BUD

Sales and profits showing improvement over 1934.

MONCTON

CANADA WIRE & CABLE Planning re-appraisal of assets and reduction in capital valuation which will enable reduced depreciation allowance; will hasten preferred dividend resumption.

CAN. BANK OF COMMERCE

Earned \$9.30 per share year ended November 30 vs. \$9.38 previous year and \$8 dividends.

CANADIAN CAR & FOUNDRY

Shareholders at annual meeting told by president November was first profitable month in four years, with profits expected to continue; A. C. Bourne and Hon. J. P. B. Casgrain elected new directors.

CANADIAN DREDGE & DOCK

Regular \$1 plus \$1 extra de-

PREDERICTON

clared on common payable on February 1 to record January 15. making total disbursements current year \$3 share; profits expected to be best since 1928.

C. N. R.

Gross revenues second week December up \$159,360 to \$3,-402,253.

C. P. R.

Traffic receipts second week December up \$286,000 or 11.9 per cent. to \$2,683,000.

DOMINION GLASS

Improved business prospects before company, president told shareholders at annual meeting; also stated tin can containers for beer in place of glass bottles is no source of worry for company.

GYPSUM LIME

Understood earnings in last fiscal year showed improvement with bond interest requirements more than earned.

HOWARD SMITH

'said Myles Northern line Seventy-five
(75) feet to Simonds Street, and
'thence Northerly along Simonds
'Street to the place of beginning.'

TOGETHER WITH all the buildings and improvements thereon and the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or appertaining.

DATED at the City of Saint John this 17th day of December, A.D. 1935. LANCASTER LOAN, LIMITED,

Per: (Sgd). LUELLA DUNN
1st Vice-President. (Sgd.) MORRISON D. EARLE

Secretary Mortgagee. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of (Sgd.) D. GORDON WILLET.

Folio 597-582 described as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece, parcel of land and premises situate at the west end of Union Street in King's Ward in the City of Saint John aforesaid, known and distinguished on the map or plan annexed to the said Deed or partition above referred to as lot numbered one (1) Class O and letters and same belonging or any manner appertaining.

The same having been levied on, and seized by me under several executions issued out of the Saint John Country Court against J. S. Gibbon and Company Ltd.

Dated this 24th day of December, A.D. 1935.

with bond interest requirements more than earned.

HOWARD SMITH

Notice of redemption of first more than earned.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

There-will be sold at public auction on the 30th day of January A.D. 1936
at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Saint John County Court House, 22 Sydney Street in the City of Saint John all and singular, all the interest claim and demand of J. S. Gibbon and Co., Ltd. in the following Freehold premises:—

"All the lands and lands covered with water in the City of Saint John in a Deed thereof from J. Collins Lloyd of Ellensburgh in the State of Merica, Attorney at Law and Ella his wife. J. Copley Lloyd of San Jose in the State of California, Gentleman and Edith Marie his wife, Mary Alice Behrens, Julia C. Butler, wife of S. Melvin Butler, of Los Angeles in the Said State of California, Gentleman and the said S. Melvin Butler to the said State of California, Gentleman and the said S. Melvin Butler to the said State of California, Gentleman and the said S. Melvin Butler to the said James S. Gibbon dated the second day of January, A.D. 1907 described as follows.

"The lot of land in the conveyance thereof duly registered in the office of the Registrar of Deeds in and for the City of Saint John Libro 49 of Records, Folio 597-582 described as follows:

"All that certain lot, piece, parcel of land and premises situate at the west and of Libro State to the land hereby conveyed for all and seized by me under several executions issued out of the Saint John County Court against J. S. Gibbon and Company Ltd.

GOOD SECURITIES

John M. Robinson & Co., Limited

SAINT JOHN, N. B.