

Financial and Commercial.

LAWSON MAY FACE CRIMINAL CHARGE.

Standard Oil Magnates Will Try to Suppress the Boston Speculator.

New York, Dec. 14.—John D. Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, and their associates in the Standard Oil group, with their legal advisers, are considering a radical plan for the suppression of Thomas W. Lawson. The plan under advisement is to bring criminal proceedings against Lawson under section 435 of the penal code. It was under this section of the penal code that Alford R. Quinn was convicted of raiding Brooklyn Rapid Transit stock.

Henry H. Rogers, the active head of Amalgamated, and the special target of Mr. Lawson, is in favor, it is said, of beginning criminal proceedings against Mr. Lawson. Mr. Rogers is a fighter.

While up to the present time, it is said, John D. Rockefeller has not given his consent to the plan, it is said that the sentiment in favor of it is growing among the men who compose the inner council of the Standard Oil group.

RAILWAY COMPLAINTS.

Manufacturers' Association is Gathering Evidence on Demurrage and Mixed Carload Rates.

Preliminary to representing the views of the manufacturers before the Railway Commissioners on the question of demurrage or car storage, the transportation department of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association has issued a circular letter to the members asking for information of any special difficulties that have been experienced with the railways on this point. The replies so far received have been numerous and have evinced a number of new and interesting phases of the question which will provide valuable evidence next spring when the matter is taken up in Ottawa.

The department is also seeking to have the broad privilege of Classification, No. 11 on mixed carload rates restored for all traffic in Canada, and has issued another circular asking for information of difficulties experienced with the new regulation under which this was abandoned. The commission has been asked to be heard by the department on traffic east of Fort William.

CANADIAN TRADE.

Canada's imports from the United States during the first ten months of this year amounted to \$116,775,656, against \$111,884,763 for the corresponding months of the previous year, or a gain of \$4,890,894, or an increase of 4.3 per cent. Canadian exports to the States for the ten months of this year amounted to \$83,283,276, or an increase of 8.1 per cent. over the same period last year.

LIBERAL ORGANIZATION.

The Liberal Electors of the different Wards of the City of Saint John will meet for organization on FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 16th, at 8 o'clock.

Kings, Queens, Sydney, Dukes, Wellington, Prince, Dufferin and Victoria Wards in—**BERRYMAN'S HALL.**

Lorne, Lansdowne and Stanley Wards in—**UNION HALL, N. E.**

Guys and Brooks Wards in—**ODDFELLOW'S HALL, CARLETON.**

THOMAS McAVITY, Chairman Executive.

RESIGNED HIS CHAIR.

Hon. Dr. Sullivan Leaves Queens University After Fifty Years Service.

Kingston, Dec. 16.—(Special)—Hon. Dr. Sullivan has resigned the chair of Surgery in Queen's University. Dr. Sullivan entered Queens just fifty years ago. He was one of its first students and has since been connected with it as tutor, lecturer, and professor. His jubilee will be celebrated in connection with convocation next spring, when the honorary degree of L. L. D. will be conferred upon him. In 1885 Dr. Sullivan served as purveyor-general during the Northwest rebellion and was thanked by parliament for the splendid services he performed.

LABOR UNIONS WILL ASSIST.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Labor unions have been enlisted to fight the spread of tuberculosis. The office janitors and garment makers have offered the cooperation of their unions in efforts which are to be made to minimize dust in business buildings and unhealthy conditions in shops and in factories.

WAS WORTH \$31,578,268.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16.—Wm. L. Elkins, the street railway and gas operator and financier who died in November, 1903, left an estate worth \$31,578,268, according to figures cleaned from the first report of the executors.

A SERIOUS FIRE.

White River, N. J., Dec. 16.—Fire which broke out during the night at Hartford, two miles from here, was not under control at eight o'clock this forenoon, but it was thought further spread would be prevented. The Hartford chair works, C. L. Eberle's carriage factory and several wooden buildings were destroyed.

BARGAINS IN CLOTHING.

J. N. Harvey, the Union Street clothier, announces in today's Times that he has secured from the makers a large lot of men's and boy's winter clothing at about half its retail value. To this he has added all broken lines now in stock, and marked them all at figures that are certain to attract buyers. Read Mr. Harvey's announcement on page 5 of today's Times.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker for Evening Times.

Yesterday's Today's Cl'g Op'g. Noon.

December 16th.

Amal. Copper	64 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2
Anaconda	102 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2
Am Sugar Rfrs	139 1/2	140 1/2	141 1/2
Am Smelt & Rfg	78 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
Am Car Foundry	30 1/2	31 1/2	32 1/2
Atchison	83 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2
Atchison pfd	101 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2
Am Locomotive	31 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2
Brook Rpd Trst	58 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2
Balt & Ohio	99 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2
Ches & Ohio	129 1/2	130 1/2	131 1/2
Canadian Pacific	129 1/2	130 1/2	131 1/2
Chicago & Alton	40 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
Chi P. & Iron	48 1/2	49 1/2	50 1/2
Con. Gas	20 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2
Colorado Southern	21 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
Gen. Electric, Co	184 1/2	185 1/2	186 1/2
Erie	36 1/2	37 1/2	38 1/2
Erie 1st pfd	74 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
Erie 2nd pfd	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2
Illinois Central	152 1/2	153 1/2	154 1/2
Kansas & Texas	29 1/2	30 1/2	31 1/2
Kan & Texas pfd	61 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
Louis & Nashville	138 1/2	139 1/2	140 1/2
Manhattan	163 1/2	164 1/2	165 1/2
Met Street Ry	119 1/2	120 1/2	121 1/2
Mexican Central	21 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
Missouri Pacific	106 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
Nor. & Western	78 1/2	79 1/2	80 1/2
N. Y. Central	136 1/2	137 1/2	138 1/2
North West	204 1/2	205 1/2	206 1/2
Ont. & Western	43 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2
Pacific Mail	40 1/2	41 1/2	42 1/2
Peo. C. & Gas. Co.	105 1/2	106 1/2	107 1/2
Reading	77 1/2	78 1/2	79 1/2
Pennsylvania	134 1/2	135 1/2	136 1/2
Rock Island	31 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2
St. Paul	167 1/2	168 1/2	169 1/2
Southern Ry	34 1/2	35 1/2	36 1/2
Southern Ry pfd	95 1/2	96 1/2	97 1/2
Southern Pacific	61 1/2	62 1/2	63 1/2
Tenn. C. & Iron	67 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Texas Pacific	33 1/2	34 1/2	35 1/2
U. S. Leather	163 1/2	164 1/2	165 1/2
Union Pacific	108 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2
U. S. Rubber	31 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2
U. S. Steel	27 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2
U. S. Steel pfd	88 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2
Wabash	21 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
Wabash pfd	42 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
Western Union	92 1/2	93 1/2	94 1/2

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Dec. Cotton ... 755B 751 748
Jan Cotton ... 761B 755 755
March Cotton ... 778B 774 772
May Cotton ... 789B 785 784
July Cotton ... 800B 798 794

Total sales in New York yesterday 757,700 shares.

WALLS TREET.

New York, Dec. 16.—Wall street.—Prices started upwards with considerable vigor today. Amalgamated Copper rose 1 1/2, Met. securities 1/2, Louisville and Nashville, Colo. fuel the leather stocks, and St. Paul about a point and Reading B. and O. M.O.P. Ills, Central, Northwestern, U. S. Steel, Tenn. coal and Brooklyn Transit a large fraction.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 16.—Cotton futures opened steady at a decline, Dec. 7.51; Jan. 7.57; Feb. 7.65; March 7.74; April 7.82; May 7.85; June 7.90; July 7.98, Aug. 7.94 bid.

OIL IS LOWER.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 16.—The Standard Oil Company today reduced the price on crude oil five cents.

BIG FIRE IN MAINE.

Business Block in Skowhegan Destroyed. Loss \$155,000.

Skowhegan, Me., Dec. 06.—Coburn Hall, the largest business block in this town was destroyed by fire early today and other buildings in the business center are threatened. The building burned contained four stores, the Coburn Opera House and the Masonic hall. It is believed that the loss will be \$155,000.

EXPORTS.

For City Island for orders per schr Wassacan, 308,742 ft deals, 85,433 ft scantling.

Fred Milligan, son of I. C. R., conductor Milligan, who has been in the south on theatrical business for the past few years, returned home on the Boston express today to spend the Christmas. Mr. Milligan has hosts of friends in St. John and throughout the maritime provinces, who will give him the glad hand of welcome.

IMPORTS.

From London, ex steamer Lake Michigan.

Malcolm, R. 30 cases mdse; order K. R. 9 bales jute; Bank N. B. 145 tons scrap iron; Colby Co., 118 pkgs mdse; Dominion Express 9 pkgs mdse.

For Albert N. B.—Smith N. B., 1 case effects also large cargo for the west.

From Demerara ex strmr Orurocco, Carswell Mrs. 1 box clothing.

From Trinidad—order G. 150 boxes cocoar; Schofield & Co., 9 boxes fruit; from Dominica.

Bostwick, C. M. 5 pkgs. fruit.

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Also cargo to other ports.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

Dec. Corn	45 1/2	46 1/2
Dec. Wheat	107 1/2	108 1/2
May Corn	45 1/2	46 1/2
May Wheat	110 1/2	111 1/2

MONTEAL QUOTATIONS.

Dom Coal	62	62 1/2
Dom Iron & Steel	18	18 1/2
Dom I & S, pfd	58	58 1/2
Nova Scotia Steel	68	68 1/2
C. P. R.	128 1/2	129 1/2
Twin City	104	103
Montreal Power	80	80 1/2
Rich & Ont Nav	62	60

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Coastwise:

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Stmr. Springhill 96, Cook, Parrsboro.

Cleared.

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SNOWDRIFTS FIFTEEN FEET.

A Dreadful Winter on West Coast of Newfoundland.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 16.—(Special)—A fierce snow storm has been raging on the west coast of Newfoundland for the past two or three days, and traffic in every direction is stalled, with drifts of snow from fourteen to fifteen feet in depth.

For the past month one blizzard after another has visited the colony with telling effects upon people living in the outports and districts remote from railway and marine communication.

It is feared the coming winter is going to be a hard one for them, especially as fishing was practically a complete failure on many parts of the coast.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A general servant. Apply at 29 Wellington Row.

MALE HELP WANTED.

WANTED—A smart, intelligent lad to learn the business of Fire Insurance. Apply at 118 Prince William Street.

BOARDSERS WANTED.

AT BOSTON HOUSE, 14 Prince Wm. street, good board, very homelike; reasonable.

7 cases, 1 bale mdse; Pollock Bros. & Co., 422 bales mdse. Bank B. N. A. 1 case mdse; M. E. & A. 6 cases mdse; Olive H. C. 58 pkgs mdse; Dominion Express 9 pkgs mdse.

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