Financial and Commercial.

TOUCHING THE PERSONAL ELEMENT.

Stirring Events in the High Finance of Last Week, and Tales of Other Days.

(New York Post.)

A canvas of the Stock Exchange today, would probably result in a vote that last week's most sensational event was Col. Greene's visit to Boston, which did not happen. The use of newspaper advertising columns, by way of paying signed compliments to fellow "magnates" as liars, thieves, and consuirators, has been unusually general this season; but their use to announce to the culprit, in glaring capitals, that "Tomorrow in Boston I shall call upon you—Tomorrow at your office I shall denounce you for what you are," was something so new as to set all Wall street's expectation on edge.

As the event has seemed to prove, the episode resembled Mr. Winkle's famous achievement with a cabman, more than it resembled that of Major Selover. The major was not the president of a corporation attacked by a speculator, but in 1877 he held a block of "margined" Western Union stock, which was dislodged, along with other holdings of the sort by Gould's "bear raid." Major Delover, had allowed his friends to know what would happen if he and Jay Gould were to meet, and as chance had it, they did meet, on the corner of New Street and Exchange Place. Gould was a little man and Selover a big one, and the major, having caught his prey was uncertain what to do with it. There was in those days a ten foot deep area about the office building on that spot, surrounded by iron pickets. It seemed to the major that his financial wounds would be best salved by lifting Jap Gould over the pickets and dropped him into the area—which he did accordingly.

It will be seen that the suggestion of personal chastisement, as a correction to obnoxious stock operators, is not a wholly new idea. The trouble is, that the heirs of today is apt to be the villian of tomorrow—according to the course of prices. A stubborn old club man told of in John Francis's Stock Exchange, reminiscences, persisted in telling people, during 1720, that the South Sea speculation was a humbug. He was waylaid and attacked on the streets for his pains. A month or two later, the mob was at the heels of the South Sea Company directors.

THE BUCKET SHOPS.

(Montreal Witness.)

The New York 'Journal of Commerce' considers that the pressure brought to bear by the bucket shop men had more to do with the recent slump in Wall street than the fulminations of Frenzied Finance Lawson against the Standard Oil men. Little is heard of the bucket shop men as factors in the stock market, and yet it appears that they are an important element, as it is said that half a dozen of them count their wealth by millions of dollars. It is alleged that they unite their forces to depress stock, whenever the market gets too strong and threatens to wipe out a large part of their wealth. The throwing over of thirty thousand shares of United States Steel common, and lots of eight to ten thousand shares of other issues right at the opening at the market recently is said to have been the work of the bucket shop men. They offered stocks down as low as possible, as can be easily done under the rule of the New York Stock Exchange. A strong market spells hard times to the bucket shop men, and the usual precedure of the 'little 'uns' is to shut up shop when prices are high and going higher, and to open up again during a slump. The bucket shop 'kings', however, the real 'big 'uns' are said to combine to break the market artificially when they find that their 'customers' or 'clients' which is the term they use to describe their dupes, are getting a little of their past losses back. In Montreal, during the course of a rising market there are always a few bucket shops which put their shutters up and leave their customers with only 'paper profits.'

BRADSTREET'S COMMENT.

Wall street's apparent recovery of confidence in the speculative situation has been as quick and decided as last week's assertion of reactionary tendencies. It was presumable that after the heavy fall of values and attending liquidation of holdings the market would require time to regain tone and that speculation would halt or hesitate. The actual developments of the week in that quarter would, however show that the stock market is still under the control of bullish manipulators and that the scare which the public received from the recent break has not been permanent. Some allowance must of course be made for the remarkable character of the methods employed to bring on and aggravate the decline, it being natural that the street and public should both realize the fictitious nature of influences which were prominent in that respect. At the same time the renewal of bullish activity by the leading interests in the market may be abscribed more justly to the general impressions regarding the substantial prospects for further improvement in business throughout the country, with special reference to the iron the steel situation and its effect on certain stock values.

C. P. R. LAND SALES.

For the month of November the land sales made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company totalled 23,392 acres, for which they realized the sum of $112,261.70, an average of about $4.80 per acre. The total land sales from January 1 to November 30, amounted to 488,468 acres for the sum of $2,097,946. This is a much better showing than the sales at the beginning of the year would have led to anticipate and besides this nearly all the purchases were made by actual settlers, which means that the land will be cultivated.

RAILWAY EARNcNGS.

Canadian Pacific Railway Company's return of traffic earnings from December 7 to December 14:—

1904	$1,024,000
1903	922,000
Increase	$ 102,000

Grand Trunk railway system's earnings from December 8 to 14:—

1904	$647,075
1903	640,141
Increase	$ 6,934

ORE IMPORTATIONS.

During the shipping season of 1904 the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, Limited, imported to Sydney for the use of its iron and steel plant 290,686 tons of iron ore. Of this amount 222,050 tons, or over three quarters of the total came from the company's mines at Wabana, Nfld., 25,050 tons were imported from Carthagena, Spain, 24,650 tons from Sweden, and 18,936 tons from the Lake Superior mines.

MORGAN A SUPPORTER.

The Boston News Bureau says: "J. P. Morgan showed the stuff of which he is made when he told his brokers to support Steel preferred and to buy the stock exchange if it were necessary to do so. It is said that he had to buy nearly 100,000 shares.

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IN TELEGRAPHIC AND GENERAL NEWS THE TIMES LEADS.

THE CANADIAN STOCK MARKET.

(Montreal Gazette, Saturdayf)

The satisfactory conclusion to be drawn from the week's trading locally is a confirmation of the conviction that no serious results are likely to occur here consequent upon the recent cataclysm in Wall street. This is further endorsation of the view advanced in this column last week, that the local speculative situation was still on a reasonably safe basis, and that on this account the period of disturbance could be weathered here without any acute distress. The fact that local margin trading was still within safe limits with few over extended committments was responsible for this. It is, perhaps, lucky in this respect for the welfare of traders who confine their attentions to the local list, that the Wall street collapse came when it did. Had it been delayed for any length of time there is ground for the belief that the local position might have been more vulnerable to bear attacks, as trading in some of the local specialties was reaching the risky phase when it was checked by the reaction. Another fact has been made clear this week, viz., that the unfavorable influences of the Wall street unheaval were more far reaching in their effect than at first supposed, a proof of which is the decreased volume of the trading and the uncertain tendency of values during the earlier part of the week. This is not unreasonable, under the circumstances, and it is just possible that some little time will yet elapse before trading becomes normal. It is gratifying to note, however, that as the week progressed indications of a more confident feeling became pronounced, and the market closed with a distinctly firm tendency.

STOCK MARKET COMMENT.

(Received by E. E. Beck & Co., Bankers & Brokers, over their private wire.)

Nothing has developed over night to cause anything in the speculative situation or to stimulate the market operations in any way as to pool activity in certain stocks the market promises to be narrow and professional bat with a firm undertone. Some further advance in Harriman stocks, the coal shares, sugar and A.C.P., are probable today, but in view of the approaching extended holidays it will be wise to take profits on any advance of a point or more with a view to buying stocks back cheaper before the important upward movement begins. Speculative sentiment continues bullish and the opinion is more general that we are an active and higher market in Janaurybut that it will be possible to buy the active stock at some concession from ruling prices before the close of this month, foreign buying of Am. Locomotive and C. F. I. and Foundry is attracting attention and points to higher prices for these stocks. R. I. interests are bullish and will undertake a bull campaign in these stocks later on. Uneasiness regarding proposed railway legislation is subsiding and it is now expected that the decision in the Nor. Sec. case will prove to be a bull card on the market.

(Special at noon.)—Sentiment over night was bullish and this was reflected in a strong opening this morning and a further advance during the first hour. The buying being most conspicious in St. buying of R. I. shares, Mop. and C.P.R. The buying of S.P. was largely by Western interests which appear to be following the Pine street banking element. Traction group was quiet and strong, and there are bull points on Met issues. A.C.P. rules firm but without feature. Steel stocks were firm and higher and A. L O. and A.F. advanced on good buying.

Town Topics.

Most stocks are as high as they should go, but it may be that as already stated they will get up to the figures which prevailed before the Lawson episode on Dec. 8th. It is possible we may get a strong market around Jan. 1st, but substantial advances are not likely. They might advance of course but the possible profit is not commensurate to the risk. It will pay you to hold some C.F.I. also a little B.R.T. Leather common seems to have been pretty well distributed around the top prices. As these lett?rs have said, it was due to react about half the advance from the 7th to the 20th, befoee the real move started in, and possibly some more, for the Leather s a dead one at present. I consider the market a better sale on rallies than a buy on breaks but there is not likely to be much of anything doing this week unless the unexpected happens and the unexpected makes lower prices. Ridgely.

A FARMER'S CHRISTMAS.

All will welcome the annual Christmas number of the weekly "Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine," London, Ont. Like Canada itself, it grows better, and it grows better fast. The progsessive farmer is justly proud of so able an ally in his work and enterprise. To have produced so magnificent a number as a regular weekly issue, is a splendid tribute to the capabilities of the editorial and business management. Lovers of the horse and chidren will be sure to like the tasteful cover. The articles discussing the great problems of practical interest to farmers and homemakers, as well as those of a more entertaining character, are both able and graphic, and the illustrations are excellent. To properly appreciate the number it must be seen and read and, like the regular issues, must go a long way to making the farmer's home intelligent and happy, and his business prosperous.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

The membership of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, now numbers 4,815, of whom 762 joined last year the largest year increase in the history of the organization. The net increase for the year was ten per cent.

So reported President S. W. Dougall, in his report, presented at the annual meeting Saturday night last.

Financially the association is on a sound footing, the capital account aggregates $242,419.15, of which $19,543.85 was added during 1904, a very satisfactory report in view of the fact that no less than $32,725 was paid in settlement of death claims, under the Montuary Benefit scheme.

THE SUGAR SITUATION.

Besides Canada's anti-German surtax and the Brussels Conference, there is a shortage of crop to disturb the sugar market. Czarnikow's London circular says the French beet factories report 40 to 45 per cent less roots than usual, certain German factories have closed with about 21 per cent less; in Belgium also there is a shortage; while Russia which maintains the bounty and is exporting to Switzerland, is also showing less product than formerly.

WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 21.—Wall street Prices of stocks today were higher on an active demand especially for the Pacifics. Several thousand shares of Southern Pacific and of Union Pacific were bought at an advance of ½ for the former and ¾ for the latter. The market opened strong.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton futures opened firm, Jan. 7.22; Feb. 7.32; May 7.43; April 7.53 bid; May 7.55; June 7.62; July 7.69, Aug. 7.71. Oct. 7.65-70.

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NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker. For Saint John Times.

Description.	Yesterday's Close.	Today. Open.	Noon
December 21st.			
Amalg. Copper	67¾	67¾	67⅝
Am Sugar Rfrs	141¾	142	143½
Am Smelt & Rfg	81½	81½	81
Am Car Foundry	35½	35½	34½
Atchison	85½	85¾	85¾
Atchison pfd	103½	103¾	103¾
Am Locomotive	34½	34½	34¾
Brook Rpd Trst	61	61½	61½
Balt & Ohio	100⅜	100½	100½
Chesa & Ohio	48½	48½	48⅝
Canadian Pacific	130½	130⅝	130½
Chicago & Altan	43½		43½
Chi. & G. West	22½	22¾	22½
Colo. F. & Iron	46¾	46½	46
Con. Gas	201½	201½	197½
Colorado Southern	23¾	23½	
Gen. Electric Co	186½		
Erie	37½	37½	37
Erie 1st pfd	75	75½	75
Erie 2nd pfd	56		
Illinois Central	155	155	154
Kansas & Texas		31½	32
Kan & Texas pfd		63	63½
Louis & Nashville	140¾	141	140¾
Met Street Ry	122	122½	122½
Mexican Central	20¾	21	20½
Missouri Pacific	109	109	109
Nor & Western	78¾	78¾	78½
N. Y. Central	141⅞	141¾	141⅝
North West	208		207½
Ont & Western	43⅞	43⅞	43⅞
Pgcific Mail	43½	43½	
Peo. C. & Gas Co	107½	107	106½
Reading	78¾	79	78½
Pennsylvania	137¾	137¾	137½
Rock Island	33¾	33¾	34
St. Paul	170¾	170¾	170½
Southern Ry	34⅞	35	34½
Southern Ry pfd	96¾	96¾	97
Southern Pacic	64¾	64¾	64½
Twin City	106		106
Tenn C. & Iron	72¾	72	70¾
U. S. Leather	14½	14½	14
Union Pacific	111	111½	111½
U. S. Steel	29¾	29¾	29½
U. S. Steel pfd	92¾	92⅞	92½
Wabash	22		22
Wabash pfd	45½		
Western Union	92⅞	92⅝	92½

CHICAGO MARKET.

Dec. Corn	46		
Decf Wheat	110½		112½
May Corn	45¾	45½	45⅝
May Wheat	110¾	110¾	111½
May Pork	12.95	12.90	12.87

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dom Coal	63		62½
Dom Iron & Steel	18	17½	17¾
Dom I. & S., pfd	58½	57	57
Nova Scotia Steel	66½	66¾	66½
C. P. R.	130	131	130¾
Twin City	105	105½	105½
Montreal Power	82	80½	80
Rich & Ont Nav	61¾		61¾

N. Y. COTTON MARKET.

Dec. Cotton	716B		720
Jan. Cotton	721B	722	720
March Cotton	739	743	739
May Cotton	749B	756	754
July Cotton	760B	769	760

Total sales in N. Y. yesterday 560,100 shares.

A RECORD YEAR.

The excesses of rust and frost, sunshine and shower that were to put their ruinous grip on the grain seeds of our own western fields did not materialize as Canada has not only got a big crop, but a crop of nearly 60 million bushels which will probably bring in an average of 85c to 88c per bushel, taking No. 3 northern as the average grade. The farmers of our western province pronounce the results of this year to be the best on record.

The wheat crop of Manitoba and the Territories would give to the farmers of those provinces a sum amounting to at least fifty two million dollars. This year's crop of oats will probably amount to over $13,000,000 barley to $3,600,000 and flaxseed to nearly half a million bushels.

In the opinion of some authorities $80,000,000 is a conservative estimate of the West's return this year from crops, live stock and dairy products. The increase in Manitoba grain alone amounted to 4,100,642 bushels and, according to the government's annual report, the total grain crop for the season of 1904 was 86,677,161 bushels as compared with a total yield of 82,576,519 bushels in 1903.

IMPORTS.

From Liverpool ex str Sicilian:
Allan H. & A., 7 cars books.
B. N. A., 1 bale yarn.
Estabrooks, J. F. & Son, 40 cases oranges.
Goodwin A. L., 51 cases oranges, 98 brls grapes.
Olive, H. C., 2 cases mdse.
Imperial Wine Co., 25 cases gin, 12 cases rum, 1 hhd rum.
London House, 9 pkgs mdse.
Macaulay Bros., 2 pkgs mdse.
Order M. R., 50 bags nuts.
Order C. R. D., 1 case fruit.
O'Regan J., 150 cases brandy.
Potts, Theo, 50 cases oranges.
Rober H. P. Son, 3 bales twine.
M. R. & A., 11 pkgs mdse.
Scovil Bros. & Co., 1 bale tweeds.
Vassie & Co., 17 pkgs mdse.
For Moncton, N. B.:
Edgett W. H. & Co., 25 cases onions.
For Oromocto:
Blowes A. S., 6 case foods.

Also a large cargo for the west.
From London ex str Gulf of Ancud:
Beal C. N. & Co., 15 cases brandy.
Brock & Patterson, 14 cases hats.
Bank N. B., 98 tons scrap iron.
Canadian B. C., 150 boxes rurrants.
Gallagher M. & H., 13 chests tea.
London House, 1 pkge mdse.
Major F. & Co., 1 case books.
M. R. & A., 9 pkgs dry goods.
Order, 500 cases dates.
Order D. C., 23 bags nuts.
Order E. C., 3 casks cream tartar.
McIntyre & Comeau, 525 cases gin.
Order, 94 pkgs mdse.
Order, 55 pkgs mdse.
Order, 1063 pkgs tea.
Order, 130 pkgs tea.
Order, 59 chests tea.
Seeley D. J. & Son, 45 pkgs mdse.
Smalley A. B. & Son, 1 box mdse.
Simms T. S. & Co., 4 pkgs bristles.
Thorne W. H. & Co., 1 case mirror plates, 2 cases books.
Thomson Wm. & Co., 1 pkg tea, 6 cases dry goods.
Christie Wood Co., 1 case varnish.
Order P. D. Co., 100 bales oakum.
For Woodstock, N. B.
Order D. S., F. H. 36 bales hides.
For Moncton,:
Order F. P. R. & Co., 50 cases pickles.
Order, K. C. M., 3 cases dry goods.
Also a large cargo for the West.

From Manchester ex str Manchester Corporation:
Canadian Drug Co., 16 cases sweets, 50 brls alum.
Cushing Sul. Fibre Co., 1 case macninery.
Order, S. R., 2 cases mdse.
Hutton J. & Co., 10 bdls steel.
Linton & Sinclair, 4 pkgs mdse.
Order B, 114 casks alum.
Gandy & Allan, 1200 bags salt.
Hayward W. H., 26 pkgs earthenware.
Paterson Downing Co., 4291 sacks saltf
Robertson J. & Co., 1 crate earthenware.
Scovil Bros, 2 bales dry goods.
Warwick O. H., 39 pkgs earthenware.
For Moncton,:
Humphrey J. A. & Son, 1 keg extracts.
For Fredericton:
McShane R., 3 bales stuffs.
Also a lot of freight for the west.

EXPORTS.

For Belfast per str Dunmore Head:
Canadian products—42,570 feet pine boards, 49,995 feet pine deal, 23,760 feet spruce boards, 4750 sax flour, 1 pkgs samples, 286 sax peas, 141 bags clover seed, 8 brls apples, 1,134,178 feet spruce deals. Value $33,663.

A Sugar State.

A standard-gauge railroad, traversing the sugar-beet district of Northern Colorado, is to be constructed by the Havemeyer interests, to connect the factories at Loveland, Longmont Fort Collins, Greeley, Windsor and Eaton. The beet-sugar industry is scarcely six years old in Colorado, yet the State has about one-third of the country's investment in this industry, which is estimated by the United States cencus at $25,000,000.

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MINIATURE ALMANAC.

1904. December.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Tides High.	Tides Low
19 Mon	8.05	4.37	9.10	2.53
20 Tues	8.06	4.37	9.56	3.41
21 Wed	8.06	4.38	10.40	4.26
22 Thurs	8.07	4.38	11.22	5.09
23 Fri	8.07	4.38	12.00	5.50
24 Sat	8.08	4.39	0.30	6.33

The time used is Atlantic Standard for the 60th Meridan which is four hours slower than Greenwich Mean Time.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.

Arrived.

Dec. 21st.

Stmr Manchester Corporation, 3586, Heath, from Manchester, William Thomson & Co., general cargo.

Stmr Calvin Austin, 2853, Pike, from Boston via Eastport, W. G. Lee, pass & mdse.

Coastwise:

Schr Alda, Shannon, fishing and cld.

Cleared.

Stmr Lord Kitchener, Stevens, Sackville.

Schr Maggie M., Whelpley, Dorchester.
Schr Blue Wave, Downey, River Hebert
Schr Margaret, Leighton, St. George.

Coastwise:

Schr Eastern Light, Cheney, Grand Harbor.

Sailed.

Stmr Lake Michigan, 5340, Jones for London and Antwerp, via Halifax, C. P. R., general cargo.

Schr Persis A. Colwell, 440 Colwell for City Island for orders.

DOMINION PORTS.

HALIFAX, Dec. 20—Ard stmr Buenos Ayrean Glasgow and Liverpool, schr Donzella New London via Liverpool NS., Hattie H. Graham, Gloucester Mass., from Bay of Islands.

BRITISH PORTS.

HONG KONG, Dec. 20—Stmr Empress of China from Vancouver.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18—Ard bark Valona, from Newcastle, NB.

GREENOCK, Dec. 18—Sld stmr Hestia St John.

BLYTH, Dec. 19—Ard stmr Sirius, Sydney, CB.

FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, Dec. 21.—Ard Koonland, from Antwerp.

GLOUCESTER, Mass. Dec. 20—Ard schr Mauna Loa, Moose River for New York.

Maderia, Dec. 20—Ard schr Maple Leaf Bridgewater.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Ard barks John S. Bennett, Gonaives; Bjarne, Auckland NZ., Snowdon, Buenos Ayres.

Sld—Ship Samoena Sydney, NSW., barks Bussard and Anne Marie Rio Grande Du Sul.

BOSTON, Dec. 20—Ard stmrs Vulvan, Manila; Border Knight, Calcutta.

...Sld—Stmrs Adria Hamburg via Baltimore, Catalone, Louisbourg CB, Boston, Yarmouth.

CITY ISLAND, Dec. 20—Bound east — Stmr Rosalind, St John's Nfld, and Halifax, schr A P Pease, Port Eaton.

DUTCH ISLAND HARBOR, R. I., Dec 20—Ard and sailed schrs Arclight, New York for Halifax; Henrietta Simons, South Amboy for Rockland.

Sld—Schr Francis A. Strout, Calais, for Pawtucket.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 20—Ard stmr Waccamaw, Philadelphia. m

Sld—Schr Frances Goodnow, from St George NB. for Norwalk.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20—Ard schr Child Harold, Windsor via New London.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec. 20—Ard and sld, schrs Mattie J. Alles, Newport News for Portland; Ethel, New York for Halifax; I N Parker, Fall River, for St John; Arclight New York for Halifax.

Sld—Schrs Winnie Lawry Bayonne, Belfast and Rockland, Prudent from Elizabethport, St. Stephen, Carraine New York, Halifax; Scotia Queen, Guttenburg Wolfville, Annie A. Booth, Edgewater, St John: Otis Miller, Elizabethport, St. John, Hunter, Careret, St. John; Cora May, from do, do; Ellen M. Mitchell, from St George, Boston: Rebecca W. Huddell, New York, Portland, Sadie Wilcutt, do; Stonington, H. A. Holder, from Warren, R I.; St John; Abbie Keast, New Bedford do; Lotus, New York, St. John; Viola, Elizabethport, St. John, Evolution Hoboken, Halifax; Abania, from Elizabethport, do; Shaffner Bros., from do, Maude Seward from New York do.

VERA, Cruz., Dec. 11—Ard stmr Himera from Baltimore.

REPORTS, DISASTERS, Etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The waterlogged schooner Walter Allen, which was reported last Monday as lying in a helpless condition near Diamond Shoals lightship off the North Carolina coast was brought here today in tow of the steamer Sabine. When the Allan was sighted by the British steamer Taunton last Monday, she was lying low in the water. The Sabine was standing by at the time and signalled that she would give any assistance required. As the Sabine came into harbor today with her tow, the hull of the schooner was almost submerged and the waves were breaking over her.

HALIFAX, Dec. 29—The schooner Harry Troop before reported wrecked at Shelburne light has broken in two and her masts have fallen.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 20 — Three hundred thousand laths have been lightened from schooner Rothesay (Br) ashore at Cottage City. The vessel remains tight but portions of her shoeing was washed ashore.

Schooner Frank & Ira, (Br) New London for Se. John NB., which lost bowsprit and headgear by being fouled by other vessels during the Sunday gale, was towed to the head of the harbor today where she will repair.

VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

Steamers.

Alcides, at Glasgow, Dec. 15.
Corinthian, from Liverpool, Dec. 29.
David, New York, via Savannah, Dec. 11.
Evangeline, London, via Halifax Dec. 11.
Hestia from Greenock, Dec. 18.
Heim, Elsinore, Nov. 17.
Ionian, Moville via Halifax, Dec 16.
Lake Champlain, at Liverpool, Dec. 27.
Lake Erie, from Liverpool Jan. 10.
Lake Manitoba, Liverpool, Dec. 13.
Manchester City at Halifax Dec. 18.
Manchester Commerce, Manchester Dec. 7.
Manchester Importer, Manchester, Dec 8.
Manchester Merchant, Manchester Dec. 20
Manchester Trader, from Manchester, Dec 20.
Montfort, Bristol via Halifax, Dec. 9.
Mont Temple at London Dec. 1.
Pretorian from Liverpool, Dec. 22.
Salacia, from Glasgow Dec. 17.
Tritonia, Glasgow, Dec. 10.

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DEATHS.

TRITES—In this city, after a short illness, Trueman T. Trites, aged 82, leaving a widow, two sons and two daughters to morun their sad loss.
Funeral on Thursday morning at 6.30 from his late residence, 12 Wright St. Interment at Petitcodiac.

POWERS—Died at Cambridge, on the 19th inst., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Robinson, Charlotte Barnes, relict of the late Mark N. Powers.
Funeral on Thursday 22nd inst., from the residence of her son, T. Fred Powers, No. 79 Princess street. Service 2.30.

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NOTICE.

There will be sold at Public Auction at Chubb's Corner (so called) in the City of Saint John at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, on Saturday, the thirty-first day of December, next., all and singular those two lots of land described as follows:—

1. That lot of land situate lying and being in the City of Saint John and described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the northern line of the Strait Shore Road leading to the Suspension Bridge with the division line of lots 6 and 7 in Class K in a certain division of lands made between the heirs of the late Honorable William Hazen on the 12th day of November A. D., 1824, and running thence north thirty-five degrees west, one hundred and sixty feet more or less until it strikes a prolongation southerly of the Merritt line, thence along the prolongation of the said Merritt line, south forty-seven degrees west eighty feet more or less, until it meets the northerly line of a lot formerly conveyed by George W. Currey and wife to T. Mitchell, thence along the line of said Mitchell lot, one hundred and fifty-five feet more or less to the said Strait Shore Road, thence along the northern line of the said Strait Shore Road, easterly eighty feet more or less, to the place of beginning.

2. Also that other lot of land situate in said City and described as follows; Commencing at the intersection of a line 34 feet westerly from the said T. Mitchell's southerly line with the northern line of the said Strait Shore Road thence along the said line 34 feet westerly from the said T. Mitchell's southerly line to the said prolongation of the said Merritt line thence along the said prolongation of the said Merritt line south forty-seven degrees west three hundred and forty-six feet more or less, until it strikes a line of a lot now or formerly owned by one McMaster, thence along the said McMaster's line to the Strait Shore Road, aforesaid, thence along the Strait Shore Road aforesaid, eastwardly a distance of three hundred and forty-six feet more or less to the place of beginning.

The foregoing sale will be made under and by virtue of the Act 58th Victoria, Chapter 41, and for the purpose of realizing the amounts of several respective assessments for taxes in the City of Saint John as follows: For the year, 1889, $33.00: For the year 1890, $40.50: For the year 1891, $39.69: For the year 1892, $40.50: For the year 1893, $37,96: For the year 1894, $39.00: For the year 1895, $37.96: For the year 1896, $37.96: for the year 1897, $37.96: For the year 1898, $34.32: For the year 1899 $24.10: For the year 1900, $33.66: For the year 1901, $33.88: For the year 1902, $34.15: and for the year 1903, $35.64: Which several assessments for taxes were made by the Board of Assessors of taxes for the said City under The Saint John Assessment law 1889 and Acts in amendment thereof and were made respectively for the years aforesaid stated.

The late Honorable Charles Duff having been owner of said lots of land and his estate having been assessed in said City upon and in respect of such lots of land for the said years by said respective assessments in said respective sums, and the said estate having omitted to pay said assessments or either of them or any part thereof. The nature of each of said assessments is as follows, namely, the amounts so respectively assessed were each assessed upon said lots of land for the purpose of carrying on the Civic Government and business of said City, including the support of the Public Common Schools of said City and the support of the Police, Fire Department, maintenance of the Streets and salaries of City Officers and payment of interest on the City debt and for County purposes, under the Law.

Dated the 28th day of November, A. D., 1904.

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