Financial and Commercial

MINES AND WILD CATS

Investors Should be Careful, Says C. J. McCuaig--Cobalt's Shipping Mines.

(Montreal Gazette.)

Regarding the recent break in Cobalt stocks, Clarence J. McCuaig, who has just returned from a minute inspection of the leading properties in the camp, says, "I think this break has been a blessing in disguise, as in my opinion the market was getting too hysterical, and the people were buying without any discrimination.

"While any wild-cat may become a mine, investors should be careful to see that any statements made are accompanied by reports from reputable engineers, as the owners of some of these properties, who have had little experience, may quite innocently mislead the public, and on the other hand there is no doubt that others are willing to deliberately do so.

"I would also say that I have noticed some of the newspapers:—I have no doubt quite without design—compare the earning power of the camp to the capitalization of all properties within a radius of a number of miles, whereas it is only fair to compare the ore production with the captialization of the mines actually shipping the ore."

Regarding the Nipissing, Mr. McCuaig expresses the opinion that it is a great property, and that the company's title cannot be successfully attacked.

"Regarding the other mines in the camp, Mr. McCuaig added, such as the Larose, Tretheway, O'Brien, Buffalo, Silver Queen, Foster, McKinley-Darragh, Kerr Lake, Drummond, Coniagas and University, they are all large producers and in a position to more than satisfy their shareholders with good dividends during the next twelve months.

"I have named the above mines just in the order in which they came to my mind, without any respect to their individual merits.

"A number of the above are being worked by the owners, and their stock is not on the market. Among the others, the Foster, Tretheway and Silver Queen are dividend payers, and several of the others will follow suit within a reasonable time..

"Within six months the equipment of most of these mines will be enlarged and improved, and I predict that the return for 1907 for the Cobalt camp will prove it to be one of the greatest."

CANADIAN PACIFIC

How Today's Record Price Compares With Previous Prices.

(Montreal Gazette.)

The crossing of the 200 mark by Canadian Pacific, and the attainment of a record high price on the local market Saturday afternoon at 201, makes a comparison between present and previous prices of interest. Eleven years ago, viz., in 1895, Canadian Pacific sold as low as 34 1-2 a share. From that low point it advanced to 51 1-2 in 1896, sold as low as 46 in 1897 advanced to 90 3-4 in 1898, in 1899 sold as high as 99 1-2, and in 1900, for the first time touched par. In April of 1901, just before the famous panic following the Northern Pacific corner, it went to 117 1-4, from which point it reacted to 98 5-8. In 1902, the price jumped from 110 to 145 1-4, at which price it sold in September of 1902. In 1903, it declined to 116 1-4, went to 109 3-4 in the early months of 1904, but advanced again to 136 in Oct. of that year. Last year it advanced from 131 1-4, at which price it sold in January, to 177 in September. This year it sold as low as 155 3-4, and today attained the record high price of 201.

The following, showing the low and high prices of the stock for a period of years, will prove of interest:—

	Low.	High.
1895	34½	62
1896	51½	62⅞
1897	46	82⅝
1898	70½	90¾
1899	84½	99½
1900	85½	100
1901	87½	117¼
1902	110	145¼
1903	116¼	138⅝
1904	109¾	136
1905	133¼	177
1906	155¾	201

PRICES AT HIGHEST AND STILL RISING

(Bradstreets)

Prices of staples made a further advance in November, following the remarkable gain shown in October, and making the fifth successive monthly gain since the middle of the year. Owing to this action the general level of all staples, as indicated by Bradstreet's approximate index number, has been advanced to a still higher record point, making this particular development one of the notable occurrences in a year remarkable for the breaking of most records of agricultural, industrial and financial development.

One-third of all the commodities listed in Bradstreet's table of prices moved upward, thus causing advances in the levels of nine out of thirteen groups of staples. The approximate index number on December 1, 1906, was therefore raised to 88,-8923, a gain of 1.7 per cent. over November 1, of 8 per cent. over the low level of the present year touched on March 1, an increase of 7 per cent. over the level of December 1 a year ago, and an advance of fully 55 per cent. over the level set on July 1 1896, the low-water mark in the years of depression following the panic of 1893.

Seasonable influences are prominent in bringing about these latest advances. Thus the provisions and groceries group leads in proportion of gain, the reasons for which are plain when the long list of food products advanced is examined; but textiles have also responded to the insistent demand noted in the past few months, and metals, hides and leather, vegetable oils, some kinds of building materials and a few miscellaneous articles have also gained. Only three groups, those of breadstuffs, fruits and naval stores, have declined, and these but fractionally, while chemicals and drugs have remained unchanged.

Thirty-six out of 107 artices advanced, while fifty-two remained steadily at former levels, leaving only nineteen that went lower.

JAMES BRYCE SLATED FOR WASHINGTON POST

London, Dec. 17—In spite of the fact that no official announcement has been made, it was declared in the lobbies of the house of commons tonight that James Bryce, chief secretary for Ireland, has accepted the post of British ambassador to Washington, in succession to Sir Henry Mortimer Durand. No official announcement is likely pending a rearrangement of the cabinet, but Mr. Bryce is now universally regarded as the next ambassador to the United States.

Dr. James Fletcher, Dominion entomologist at Ottawa, gave an interesting illustrated lecture on insects in the Natural History Society rooms last evening.

"HOLIDAY CARD"

FROM TREMAINE GARD.

I have lately received and opened a splendid assortment of first-class Jewelry, Gold and Silver Watches, Chains, Necklets, Lockets, Charms, SEALS, PENDANTS, BRACELETS, BROCHES, SCARF, COLLAR, STICK, BIB PINS, SLEEVE LINKS, COLLAR STUDS, SUPPORTERS.

"Diamond Set Rings,"

in latest approved styles of settings, Tiffiney, Belcher and Arch Crown, SOLITAIRE, TWIN AND CLUSTERS.

Lovely Toilet Manicure Sets, Opera, Marine, Field Glasses. Gold-rimmed spectacles, Fancy Clocks, Time Pieces, Alarms, Walking Canes, Fountain Pens, all of most reliable make and most suitable for gifts to cherish "as a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Everything warranted as represented.

—AT—

77 Charlotte Street, Jewelry Parlor.

PHONE 1389.

TIMES DAILYPUZZLE PICTURE

December 18, 1900—Six years ago today Edward Cudahy, Jr., was kidnapped in Omaha and ransomed by his father for $25,000. Find Pat Crowe.

WELL PLEASED WITH THE TRIP

Premier Tweedie and Atty. Gen. Pugsley Have Returned From Washington.

Premier Tweedie and Attorney-General Pugsley returned yesterday from Washington, where they, with Surveyor-General Sweeney, were in conference with the officials of the United States forestry bureau. The surveyor-general will be home in a few days. The premier, in discussing the result of the visit, stated that they had received every attention from Gifford Pinchot, the chief of the forestry bureau. The bureau is under the department of agriculture and has control of 10,000,000 acres of national reserves, which are the means of employing 1,400 men.

The premier stated that the laws against forest fires in the United States were very stringent. Mr. Pinchot also told him that the statute passed at the last session of the legislature was as progressive as any that had ever come under his notice.

Mr. Tweedie also stated that in all probability Mr. Pinchot and several other officials will attend the convention in Fredericton which will be held probably during the first week of the session and it will last two or three days.

Dr. Pugsley states that much of the pleasant time they had was due to the courtesy of C. H. Livingston, formerly of this city, but now one of the most successful business men in Washington.

ART IN ST. JOHN

An Appreciation of Mr. Sutherland's Fine Group of Paintings.

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir,—In Edward Flood's store in Dock street there is a large collection of oil paintings that our citizens should be proud of. Before the last great conflagration in St. John, art was beginning to be recognized as one of the luxuries to finish off the surroundings of a successful business career, and many a wealthy home was the depository of beautiful pictures. In keeping with your own optimistic views of the great future of this city by the sea,— the principal winter outlet of the greatest portion of the continent of North America—we hope to be to the fore in art as well as in other things that contribute to the welfare of the people, and in the line of art we see in Mr. Sutherland's effort one of the highest ideals that the human mind may attain, in the decoration of our homes by beautiful scenes which portray the various conceptions of life as they pass before us.

Especially strong in feeling and fancy is the picture called "The Derelict," an abandoned wreck shorn of her masts and gear, floating on the lone ocean of an opalescent sea that is a masterpiece of marine water painting. In this line we think Mr. Sutherland is equal to any artistic effort we have ever seen depicted of sea water by professionals.

Two or three pictures of the coast of Cornwall are delightfully reminiscent of the land of our home and birth, and recall the days of the past when younger feet trod these shores.

"A "Highland Bothy" is a most excellent picture, grim, grey, and gloomy, but weird and enchanting withal, of the Scot's mountain home, a picture to be valued by some lover of his native land.

As an evidence of the artist's versatile talent in his genius of depicting land or water, the picture called "Nictau Falls," will show to our citizens that he is a faithful portrayer of nature, and our natives must be the best judges of their own surroundings.

There are a great many subjects in landscape and seascape, and our people who value art and its educative and pleasing study as one of the greatest ambitions of a prosperous people should not neglect to see gratis this interesting exhibit of one of our own citizens, showing clearly that it is not necessary to go abroad to procure good paintings, as the local talent here at present can produce in landscape, seascape and fruit pictures as good as any imported or sent to this country. This land of the greatest variety of scenery and sublimity of nature will, as we grow, produce the best artists to portray it. Respectfully yours,

J. S. CLIMO.

UNFAIR CRITICISM

To the Editor of the Times:

Sir:—In an editorial in your paper yesterday, under the above heading, I find the following criticism:

"In the course of a sermon on the boy problem last evening, the Rev. J. F. Flowd is reported to have said:

"It is a fad at present to think that public playgrounds and skating rinks will solve the problem. It is a mistake.

"The most charitable construction that can be put upon such a statement as this is that the speaker does not know what he is talking about, or that he has been misreported. No advocate of playgrounds or rinks has ever claimed or hinted that they could take the place of, or be other than a supplement to home training."

I might reply by saying that "the most charitable construction that can be put upon such a criticism is that the writer did not know what he was writing about," and that he did not care to find out my real position by using the telephone that connects his office with my study, before writing his criticism. But I will content myself by saying that the report of my sermon in the Sun was fair, but too brief to give my full meaning. I stated distinctly that open air playgrounds and skating rinks might be used to advantage; but we ought not to make the mistake of supposing that the responsibility of the parents in the proper training of their children could be transferred to these and other similar things, the Sunday schools included. As this seems to be the position of the Times itself, if it does not unduly emphasize playgrounds and skating rinks, or make a fad of them, I fail to see the point of its criticism. It is the criticism that looks unfair and unnecessary.

Respectfully,

J. F. FLOYD.

[The Times is unable to agree with Mr. Floyd that there is the slightest danger of any reasoning being making the mistake of "supposing that the responsibility of the parents in the proper training of their children could be transferred to these (playgrounds and rinks) and other similar things." It would seem, therefore, to this journal, that Mr. Floyd might fairly and even more strongly press his point about parental training without using the term "fad" in relation to playgrounds and skating rinks. Instead of too much emphasis being given to the playground idea, it is not taken seriously enough, and nobody in this community at least needs to be warned off, or charged with too much zeal in its behalf. In a word the parental sense of responsibility is in no danger whatever of being dulled by the advocacy of public playgrounds.

EDITOR TIMES]

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.

Steamers	Tons	From	Date
Sardinian	2786	London	Dec. 6
Inishowen Hd	1988	Belfast	Dec 8
St. John City	1569	London	Dec. 8
Wan. Imporer	2553	Manchester	Dec. 8
Lakonia	3046	Glasgow	Dec. 11
Lake Michigan	5340	Antwerp	Dec. 12
Sicilian	3964	Liverpool	Dec. 13
Empress Ireland	8023	Liverpool	Dec. 14
Montcalm	8054	Bristol	Dec. 16
Lake Manitoba	9272	Liverpool	Dec. 19
Parisian	5385	Liverpool	Dec. 21
Man. Trader	2136	Manchester	Dec. 22
Montreal	5562	Antwerp	Dec. 26
Empress Britain	8024	Liverpool	Dec. 28

The above list is subject to change by the agents of vessels.

MINIATURE ALMANAC

1906	Sun		Tides	
December	Rises	Sets	High	Low
17 Mon	8.04	4.36	0.17	6.28
18 Tues	8.04	4.37	1.09	7.21
19 Wed	8.05	4.37	2.02	8.14
20 Thurs	8.06	4.37	2.57	9.09
21 Fri	8.06	4.38	3.54	10.07
22 Sat	8.07	4.38	4.52	11.07
23 Sun	8.07	4.39	5.51	12.00

The time used is Atlantic Standard, for the 60th Meridian, which is four hours slower than Greenwich mean time. It is counted from midnight to midnight.

PORT OF SAINT JOHN.
Arrived.
December, 18th, 1906.

Schr Walter Miller, 118, Tower, from New London, N C Scott with 79,500 ft. oak lumber.

Schr Annie A. Booth (Am), 165, French, Dover, (N. H), A. W. Adams, bal.

Schr Wm. L. Elkins, (Am), 229, Dixon, Eastport, J W Smith, bal.

Schr Beulah, 81, Tufts, Bath, (Me), F. Tufts & Co. ballast.

Coastwise:—

Stmr Aurora, 182, Ingersoll, Campobello.

Stmr Centreville, 32, Grahan, Sandy Cove and cleared.

Stmr Beaver, 42, Turner, Harvey and cleared.

Schr Oriole, 5, Simpson, Musquash.

Schr Nellie Myrtle, 10, Belding, Musquash.

Schr Edith C., 15, Wilcox, Grand Harbor.

Cleared.

S. S. Halifax City, 1562, Alldridge, for London via Halifax, Wm. Thomson & Co.

Coastwise:—

Schr Oscar F. Ossinger, Tiverton.

Schr Effort, Apt. Annapolis.

Schr Lloyd, Clayton, Annapolis.

Sailed.

Schr Jennie A Stubbs, (Am) for Port Chester.

Schr Ronald, 268, Wagner for Key Francis, Cuba.

DOMINION PORTS.

Victoria, BC Dec. 15—Sld, stmr Jethou, (Nor) Pettersen, China.

Halifax, N S, Dec 17—Ard ship Satar (Nor) from Antwerp for Bridgewater (N S); schrs Pearl Evelyn, from Oporto; Moravia, from New York.

Cld—Schr Admiral Dewey, for Banks.

Sld—Stmrs Ocamo, Buchanan, for Burmuda, West Indies and Demerara; Senlac, McKinnon, for St John via ports.

BRITISH PORTS.

Bristol, Dec. 16—Sld stmr Montcalm, Hodder, for St. John, NB.

Liverpool, Dec. 16—Arrived, bark Vikar, (Nor) Hansen, Newcastle, NB via Charlottetown, PEI.

Ard——16th. Stmr Tunisian (Br) Braes, St. John and Halifax.

Barbados, Nov. 30—Sld. barks, Hillside, (Br) Ratuse, Turk's Island; Dec. 1 Elme (Nor) Rasmussen, Mobile; schr G S Troop (Br), Pentz, St. Kitts.

Preston, Dec 17—Ard bark Bergllo, from Gaspe via Fleetwood.

Kinsale, Dec 17—Passed stmr Agnar, from Pugwash via Sydney (C B), for Barrow.

Lizard, Dec. 17—Passed stmr Homera, from Montreal via Sydney and St John's (Nfld), for ——

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boston, Dec. 16—Ship Tamandra, McQuarrie, from Buenos Ayres, via Barbadoes.

Sld—bark Caldurga for Buenos Ayres.

New York, Dec. 16—Ard schr Wyandotte, Richards from Brazils for St. John.

New London, Ct., Dec. 16—Schr Eric from New York for St. John.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 16—Schr Clara C. Scott, Scott, from Georgetown.

Passagoula, Mass, Dec. 16—Schr Annie M. Parker, Carter, from Santa Cruz, Ten.

Philadelphia Dec. 16—Ard stmr Gletra, from Sydney, C. B.

Delaware Breakwater, Dec. 16—Passed out stmr Trebia, for Syuney C B.

Portland, Dec. 15—Ard barkentine Shawmut from St. John for New York, 16 stmr Cimbria, from Sydney, C. B.

Portsmouth, N H Dec. 15—Ard schr Alaska, for River Hebert, N. S.

New York, Dec. 16—Ard, schr W. S. Fielding, (Br) Page, from Conatete, Colombia, 24 days.

New York, Dec. 15—Cld schr Genevive, (Br) Butler, S. John NB Mary Miller (Br) Haux, St. John NB.

Buenos Ayres, Nov. 25—Ard bark Shakespeare, from Weymouth, NS.

Hugh G, from New York for Port Greville (N S.)

City Island' Dec. 15—Passed: schrs Arthur H Wight, from Bridgewater, NS for New York; Pilgrim, from Halifax, for New York; Edyth, from Halifax for New York; Cymbeline for Halifax, for New York, for Sydney, CB; Lizzie D Small, from Weehawken for Maine port.

New York, Dec 17—Cld brig Lady Napier, for Elizabethport; schrs Hattie Dunn, for Point-a-Pitre; Elma, for St John; Oceanic, for Hantsport (N S); Moran, for Halifax.

New London, Conn, Dec 17—Ard schr Jessie Lena, from New York for St Andrews (N B.)

Saundersstown, R I, Dec 17—Ard schr Golden Rule, from New York for Yarmouth.

Boston, Mass, Dec 17—Cld schr Mystic, for Louisburg (C B.)

Vineyard Haven, Mass, Dec 17—Ard schr Sld—Schr George P Hudson, Portland for coal port.

Portland, Me, Dec 17—Ard schrs Demozelle, from St John for Boston; Tay, from Boston for St John.

REPORTS, DISASTERS, ETC.

Highland Light, Mass, Dec. 16—An unsuccessful attempt was made today to float schr G M Cochran (Br) ashore at Nauset, by revenue cutter Gresham and tug Peter B. Bradley. The hawser broke without the vessel being moved a foot. It is believed that the vessel will go to pieces where she lies.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16—Schr Edgar C. Ross, Quillen, from Georgetown for New York, with lumber, went ashore at Cape Henry during a fog early today. Tugs Rescue and Princess went to her assistance, and she was floated tonight.

St. John's, Nfld. Dec. 15—The wreckage of an unknown vessel was found yesterday in King's Cove. It is feared that a fishing schr has gone down with all hands.

Victoria, B C Dec. 16—Steamer Themis, (Nor) from Prince of Wales Island for Victoria and Vancouver, went ashore on Scarlet Point, north coast of Vancouver Island, on Friday, and probably will be a total loss.

MARINE NOTES

The British ship Timandra, Captain McQuarrie arrived last Sunday at Boston from Buenos Ayres via Barbados. On the same day the British bark Caburga, Captain McKenzie, sailed for Buenor Ayres.

The British schooner Annie M. Parker, Captain Carter, arrived at Pascogoula last Sunday from Santa Cruz.

Battle line steamer Trebia passed out by Delaware Breakwater on Sunday last from Philadelphia on her way to Sydney C. B.

Schooner Wm. Nottingham, from Port Blakely for Boston, which arrived at New York on the 10th. was surveyed Friday and left for Boston Saturday, in tow of tug Julia C Moran.

The recent gales have moved the wreck of the bark Adeona (Nor) some distance from the point of Richibucto Bar, where she struck early in November, and lost her entire crew of 11 men, as before reported.

The Annapolis correspondent of the Halifax Chronicle says:- The wrecked schooner Emma R Harvey, was sold Saturday for $90. The cargo of lumber which has partly drifted away was sold for $355. Captain Collins, of the steamer Granville was the buyer in both cases. The coast for about a mile is strewed with lumber. Jas. Morrison, with a gang of men are saving all they can of the cargo. The survivors have been sent to their homes by the American Consul.

The British cruieser Briton, which arrived at St. John's, Nfld from Bay of Islands, reports everything quiet in the herring fishery. The captain of the steamer Active has been fined $400 with an alternative sentence of six months imprisonment for conveying colonists beyond the marine boundary to oin American vessels. The latest telegrams report a heavy frost at Bay of Islands and say that 3,000 nets are frozen in the ice among the inlets. It is feared they will be a total loss. The United States naval tug Potomac and the colonial cruiser Iona are cutting free vessels imprisoned in the ice.

The schooner Effort, lying in the Market Slip received no damage when she fell over on her side last night. She is not leaking as reported. The schooner Selina was not damaged.

British schooner Ronald, Captain Wagner, sailed this morning for Key Francis, Cuba. She was detained here on account of weather conditions for some time.

IMPORTS

From Liverpool ex S. S. Ionian:—
1 case mdse, L J Almon; 4 cases books, H & A Allan; 1 case mdse, Brock & Paterson; 25 cases nut meat, B of M; 30 cases nut meat, H & F; 52 cases oranges J F Estabrooks; 68 cases oranges, A L Goodwin; 2 cases hardware, H Horton & Son; 70 cases oranges, order K; 160 cases oranges, C O King; 8 cases mdse London House; 7 cases hats, D Magee Sons; 91 cases brandy, Mcl & C; 4 cases mdse, Macaulay Bros; 5 cases mdse, National Drug Co; 50 bags rice, order; 50 cases nut meat, E McD; 250 bags salt, order; 4 cases, dry goods, H. C. Olive; 10 cases oranges, W A Porter; 98 cases lemons and oranges, Thos Potts.; 1 bale cloth, Scovil Bros. & Co.; 14 pkgs mdse, Vassie & Co; 220 pkgs earthenware, O H Warwick; 120 boxes oranges, F E Williams Co.

Also goods for other points.

From Liverpool ex S. S. Lake Erie:—
3 pkgs earthenware, Watson & Co; 32 boxes glass, Pilkington Bros.; 1 crate earthenware, J L Cassidy & Co; 300 bags amonia, DeB Carriette; 132 bags salt, order; 220 tons iron, order; 26 pkgs rods, etc, T. McAvity & Sons; 126 pkgs, axles, etc J. Hutton & Co.; 162 bdls steel J Fender Co; 100 cases brandy, M & C; 58 cases brandy, Foster & Co; 53 pkgs mdse Eastern Express; 106 pkgs steel, J. Fowler.

Also goods for the west.

EXPORTS

For Port Chester, N Y per schr Jennie A Stubbs, 102,000 feet scantling, 35,981 feet planking, 22,057 feet deal, 145,000 cedar shingles, 200,000 laths, Stetson Cutler & Co.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET

December 18th.

New York Stock Market and Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, banker and broker.

	Yesterday's Closing	Today's Opening	Noon.
Amalg. Copper	113⅜	113½	113¼
Amaconda	288	287	287½
Am Sugar Rfr	134	133½	133¼
Am Smelt & Rfg. 6 66150¾		150½	149½
Am Car Foundry	43	42½	42¾
Am. Grass T Co.		33½	33½
Atchison	103½	103⅞	102⅞
Am Locomotive	72⅜	72	
Brook Rpd Trst	80⅛	80⅛	80
Balt & Ohio	117⅜	119½	119¾
Chesa & Ohio	56	56	56¼
Foster	2½b		
Canadian Pacific	197	196½	195½
Hocking	28⅜		
Chi & G West.	17⅜		
Colo F & Iron	56⅛	56	56
Consolidated Gas	140	139	139
Erie	44⅛	44⅛	43⅝
Nipissing	14⅜b	14	14
Kansas & Texas	41	40¾	40½
Louis & Nashville	146½	145½	146
Mexican Central	27¾	27⅛	27⅛
Missouri Pacific	94	94	93½
Nor & Western	91¾	91	91½
N Y Central	130½	130½	129½
North West	204½		
Ont & Western		47½	47½
Peo C & Gas Co.	96		
Reading	144	143¾	143¾
Republic Steel	39	38⅛	38⅝
Sloss Sheffield	75	75½	75
Pennsylvania	137⅝	137½	137¼
Rock Island	30⅜	30⅛	30⅛
St. Paul	197	193	190¾
Southern Rly.	33⅜	33⅛	33¼
Southern Pacific.	93½	93½	93½
Northern Pacific.	208	208	205¾
National Lead.	73	72⅝	72⅝
Twin City		105	105
Tenn C & Iron		155b	155
Union Pacific.	184	183½	182¾
U S Rubber	52	51½	51¼
U S Steel	48	48	47⅝
U S Steel pfd.	104½	104⅝	104

Sales in New York yesterday 966,500 shares

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT

December Corn	41⅜	41⅜	41¾
December Wheat	73⅞	73¾	73¾
December Oats.	34⅛	34⅜	34
May Corn	43	43⅜	43⅝
May Wheat	78¼	78⅞	78⅜
May Oats	36	36	36¼
January Pork	15.90		

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dom Coal	62½b	63½b	63¼
Dom Iron & Steel	24¼b	23½b	23½
Dom I & S pfd.	66½b		
Nova Scotia Steel	70	70¾	71
C. P. R.	197¾	195¾	196¼
Twin City	106b		
Montreal Power	95b	94¾	94¾
Rich & Ont Nav.	84		
Detroit United	82½	82½	82½

Toronto Rails 113b
Illinois Traction 90b

N. Y. COTTON MARKET.

January Cotton	9.36	9.37	9.27
March Cotton	9.57	9.61	9.51
May Cotton	9.76	9.78	9.69
July Cotton	9.87	9.86	9.82

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, $Dec. 18—Interest in the opening trading in stocks centered in the action of St. Paul, in response to the new stock issue with subscription rights to stockholders at par which was announced yesterday.

F. G. Wheaton, of Londonderry, was registered at the Dufferin yesterday.

DEATHS

BOWES—In this city, on 16th inst., Mary Ann, wife of the late Michael A. Bowes, leaving three sons and two daughters to mourn their sad loss.

Funeral from her late residence, 28 Castle street, Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 2.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

(Too late for classification.)

WANTED—FIRST CLASS HOUSEMAID and a general girl. Good wages. No washing; also, a young lady would like to do copying at home. Apply MISS BOWMAN, 111 Princess Street. 12-18-t. f.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEwork. Apply MRS. D. HUTCHINSON, 41 Douglas Ave. 12-18-6 t.

WANTED—GIRL TO TEND STORE AT UNION BAKERY, 122 Charlotte Street. 12-18- t f.

LOST — MONDAY AFTERNOON, Between Chipman Smith's and Macaulay's a purse containing a sum of money. Finder will be rewarded on leaving with MR. EASSON, Bank of Nova Scotia. 12-18- t. f.

TO LET—SMALL FURNISHED FLAT OR rooms, centrally located, suitable for light housekeeping. Apply FLAT care of Times Office. 12-18- t. f.

WANTED, — GENTLEMEN BOARDERS. Pleasant rooms and good board. MISS WILSON, 86 Coburg street. 12-18-6 t.

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immediately relieves the throat irritation, the tightness across the chest, and makes a quick and perfect cure. It's guaranteed safe for the smallest child. Try it. 25c. at all druggists. Dr. Scott White Liniment Co., Ltd., St. John, N. B., and Chelmsford, Mass., manufacturers of the celebrated Dr. Herner's Dyspepsia Cure. $1 bottle cures. Write for pamphlet.

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ON THE SECOND FLOOR in the Costume Section you will find Toilet Requisites in large number of varieties, also Papetries and Holiday Tissue Paper Novelties. This is the section for ladies' Comfort Wraps, etc. also.

The MILLINERY DEPT. offers many good holiday suggestions: for instance, what's the matter with having a new Feather Hat, Plume Hat, New Tam, and then there are Children's Hoods and Bonnets.

HUNDREDS OF ART CHINA novelties, Cut Glass pieces, Busts, Statuettes, Fancy Glassware, etc., etc. To be seen in the Art Room, Second Floor, along with an endless array of Christmas Goods in general.

PARISIAN NECKWEAR is invariably acceptable, and a great source of comfort to the manwho is worried about what to get for a lady friend We have the largest supply east of Montreal. Everything in Gloves as well.

PURSES, HANDBAGS, ETC., in every kind of leather and in all shapes. A collection of New York's most modish styles in reliable qualities. Belts in this dept. also. The Front Store.

COMFORT CUSHIONS ARE GOOD at all times for gift purposes. We are selling some at special prices this week, and have a comprehensive supply for presentation to either lady or gentleman. Cushion materials also. Housefurnishings Department.

SENSIBLE GIFTS FOR MEN always include Shirts. Nothing pleases the sterner sex more than to receive furnishings of this kind, or Neckties, Braces, Gloves, Mufflers and so forth. We are stocked sky-high with them.

CLOTHING IS NOT FROSY for presentation purposes; quite the opposite. We can supply Fur Coats, Fancy Winter Vests Boys' Fancy Overcoats, Dress Suits, Smoking Jackets, Dressing Gowns, Bath Robes, etc. All prices

BRUSH AND COMB SETS Shaving Sets, Smoking Sets, Manicuring Sets and other requisites for ladies or gentlemen in Silver, Brass, Ebony and various materials. Lots to select from in this line of goods.

FURS HAVE A LASTING VALUE and are therefore prime gifts; no matter if it be but the inexpensive Mongolian Muff and Collar for the baby, or a rich set of Real Mink for mother. Scores of moderately-priced pieces from which to choose.

HANDKERCHIEFS NEVER DISAPPOINT a recipient at Christmas; they are always acceptable. We are selling them for men, women and children by the thousands this week. Any quality or price you like. Boxed ready for presentation.

PICTURES IN ART ROOM. Lovers of pretty pictures will enjoy seeing our large stock for Christmas time. Numerous subjects, and nice framing Pictures for parlor, dining room, hallway, library, boudoir or den.

At M. R. A.'s Limited

Homer D. Forbes came home from Montreal yesterday.

W. W. Hubbard returned to the city last evening.

Sherman Hoyt returned to the city last evening.

Mrs. N. Curry and Mrs. V. G. Curry, of Amherst, are at the Royal.