FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

BIG ADVANCE IN LEADING STOCKS

U. S. Steel Shares Alone Are Up Over $118,000,000 Since the Panic.

(Montreal Star.)

At Friday's close fifteen leading stocks, including ten railroads and five industrials, showed an appreciation of more than $431,000,000 from the low of last year. Of these stocks, Pennsylvania shows the largest increase in stock market valuation from the low of last year, gaining over $89,400,000.

Of the industrials, the Steel stocks show a remarkable increase in value of $118,600,000.

The following table shows the closing prices on Friday and the low of 1907 together with the appreciation in dollars:

This list is limited in its scope, but it serves to bring out the fact that there has been a considerable appreciatiion in stock values during the past few months.

RAILROADS.

	Friday's cl.	1907 low.	App'n.
Atchison	72⅝	66⅝	$6,177,390
B. R. T.	44⅛	26¾	7,818,750
St. Paul	118	93½	20,361,239
Gt. North	122⅞	109	20,800,437
N. Y. Central	100	91½	15,083,720
North Pacific	127⅞	102½	39,718,750
Pennsylvania	117¾	103½	89,466,650
Reading	104½	72½	44,800,000
South Pacific	74	64¼	2,400,000
Union	124⅜	106¾	34,455,093
Total			$281,082,019
Amal	56¼	44½	$18,081,829
Smelters	67¾	58¼	4,750,000
Sugar	115	99⅝	8,831,250
U S Steel	33⅝	22¼	57,819,409
U S Steel pfd	96¾	79⅛	60,797,433
Total			$150,279,921

BUCKET SHOP MEN ARE NOT AFRAID

In Spite of Adverse Legislation They Expect To Be in Business

(Montreal Star.)

Montreal bucket shop men expressed the belief today that the legislation now contemplated would considerably hamper the headquarters of some of the biggest systems in New York state.

That the buckets will be put out of business they do not believe for a moment.

At present the buckets are being legislated against at Albany, and in the dim and distant future President Roosevelt may engineer federal legislation.

The versatile bucket shop men will have a move for every step taken by the enemy, however, and it will likely be impossible to prevent them becoming members of the smaller stock exchanges, maintaining the present wire systems and bucketing their orders instead of executing them on the floor of the exchange.

In short, they can play the same game they are playing now, hidden by the mask of legitimate stock exchange membership.

Legislation or no legislation, the buckets expect to be in business for some time to come.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET.

Wednesday, March 18th.

New York Stock Quotations, 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	57⅝	57⅞	57¼
Anaconda	37¼	37⅜	32½
Am. Sugar Rfrs.	119¼	119½	120½
Am Smelt & Rfg.	68⅝	68⅜	68⅝
Am Car Foundry	30	30	30
Atchison	73½	73⅞	73½
Am Locomotive	37	37¾	37¾
Brook Rpd Trst	45¾	46	47
Balt & Ohoa	82	81⅝	81½
Chesa & Ohio	30	30⅜	30
Canadian Pacific	145	145¼	146⅜
Chi & G West		4⅞	4⅝
Colo Fuel & Iron	19½	20½	20⅛
Great Northern pfd	123	123¾	122⅞
Erie	14⅝	15¼	15¼
Erie, First pfd	29¼	30¼	30⅜
Erie, Second pfd	22	22½	22⅛
Louis & Nashville	97¾	98	97¾
Missouri Pasific	39½	39½	39¼
N. Y. Central	99⅝	99½	98⅝
Ont & Western	31⅞	32¾	32½
Reading	104¾	105¼	104¼
Republic Steel	18	18⅜	18¼
Pennsylvania	118	118	117¾
Rock Island	13⅛	14¼	14⅝
St. Paul	119⅜	119½	119⅛
Southern Railway	11¼	11⅜	11¾
Soo	104	104¼	104
Southern Pacific	74¼	74⅝	74
Northern Pacific	127¾	128¼	127¾
National Lead	49¼	49¼	49¼
Union Pacific	125	125½	125¼
U S Steel	33⅞	34	33⅝
U S Steel pfd	98⅛	97⅞	97¼

Total sales in N. Y. yesterday 678,300 shares

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT

May Corn	66⅝	66⅞	67⅛
May Wheat	95⅜	95⅝	95⅞
May Oats	54	54⅛	54⅜
May Pork	12.27	12.37	12.37
July Corn	63⅛	63⅜	63½
July Wheat	90⅛	90¼	90⅜
July Oats	47½	48	48¼

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

Dominion Coal	40B	41½B	44½B
Dom Iron & Steel	16⅛	16	16
Dom I & S pfd	57B	57B	57B
Nova Scotia Steel	56	56	56
C. P. R.	144½	145½	146½
Montreal Power	90¼	90⅞	90⅞
Rich & Ona Navi.	69	69	69½
Toronto St. Railway	98	98½	98½

N. Y. COTTON MARKET.

March Cotton	10.25		
May Cotton	10.28	10.32	10.31
July Cotton	10.04	10.08	10.08
October Cotton	9.64	9.66	9.68

(Furnished by D. C. Clinch, banker and broker.)

Wednesday, March 18.

Consols 1-4 above yesterday's closing, 87 3-16 for money and 87 5-16 for account. Americans irregular, mostly rather above parity.

London, 12.30 p. m.—C. P. R. 144 5-8. Money on call 3 1-4 to 1-2; discount, short bills 3 1-8, for three months' bills 2 7-8 to 3 per cent.

London, 2 p. m.—Exchange 485.45. Anaconda 37; Amal. Copper 57 1-8; Atchison 73 5-8; Baltimore and Ohio 82 1-4; Chesapeake and Ohio 29 5-8; C. P. R. 144 1-4; Erie 14 7-8; Erie, first preferred, 29 5-8; Kansas and Texas 23; Louisville and Nashville 97 1-8; Northern Pacific 120; Pennsylvania 99 5-8; Ontario and Western 32 1-2; Pa. 117 5-8; Reading 105; Rock Island 13 1-2; Southern Railway 11 1-4; Southern Pacific 74 7-8; St. Paul 119 1-8; Union Pacific 125 3-8; U. S. Steel 33 7-8; U. S. Steel, preferred, 98.

Liverpool—Spot cotton, fair demand, prices easier, middlings off 2. Futures opened quiet, 1 to 3 1-2 decline. At 12.30 p. m.—Steady, 1 1-2 to 2 decline from previous closing.

Earnings—Canadian Pacific second week March, decrease $149,000; from July 1st, increase $3,224,056. Wabash, second week March, decrease $37,408; from July 1st, decrease $408,492. Missouri Pacific, second week March, decrease $125,000; from July 1st, decrease 624,986.

Summary—President may withhold contemplated message to congress.

Appelate division supreme court discharges Oriental Bank receivers.

Commission will receive favorable report on proposed merger of Boston and Maine with New Haven, to Massachusetts legislature.

Light demand for stocks in loan crowd.

Aldrich bill expected to pass representatives substantially in form it comes from senate.

German government refused proposal to use $30,000,000 stored gold war fund to relieve financial needs of empire.

Earnings 38 roads first week March show that depression in business not only is still being severly felt by all the transportation companies, but that improvement indicated same weeks ago has been much slower in arriving than was confidently expected.

For first week of current month 38 roads earned total gross revenues of $8,093,020 as compared with $9,240,160 in 1907, falling in earnings of 12 1-2 per cent. 2 Commercial.

New York:—At a special meeting of U. S. Steel directors Tuesday the annual report was passed upon. The statement for the year is expected to be made public some time this week. Several of the directors, interviewed after the meeting declared that signs of improvement in the trade were noticeable. New business is now running about 50 per cent of normal. This does not include specifications against existing contracts.

Meetings of representative steel manufacturers to be held in this city this week are not expected to develop anything important.

The opinion is general that there will be no change in prices.

Liverpool 2 p. m.—Futures steady 1 1-2 to 2 1-2 net decline.

London 2.30 p. m.—The advance in the price of consols is attributable to the expectation of a reduction to 3 per cent tomorrow in the Bank of England discount rate. Home rails have advanced 1-4 to 1-2 but the improvement has been retarded by the unsatisfactory reports of railroad earnings. Americans dropped at the opening on sales to take profits and the absence of initiative. The U. S. Steel shares continue heavy but others of the group are better. The more favorable prospects for the passage of the Aldrich bill exerting some influence. Grand Trunks have advanced 1-4 to 3-4 as the falling off in traffic was less than expected.

Canadian Pacific declined on the decrease in earnings but are now rallying.

LAIDLAW & CO'S LETTER.

NEW YORK, March 18—The course of yesterday's market fulfilled the expectations of the majority of observers who believed that the reaction reflected merely the shaking out of a cumbersome miscellaneous long account. The rally was helped by Washington advices to the effect that a compromise has been effected between President Roosevelt and the less radical congressional leaders whereby a programme of legislation would be carried out at this session which would be helpful rather than hurtful to general business interests. This legislation, according to report, will include the legalizing of combinations of capital and the pooling of railway rates. There was a further decline in sterling exchange yesterday reflecting no doubt in large degree the extraordinarily favorable balance of trade in favor of this country and foreign cables predicted a further reduction in the Bank of England rate of discount. Money shows a further easing tendency. Suplementing these favorable factors were reports from crop experts canvassing the winter wheat belt reflecting a highly satisfactory out-look for that crop. Withal, the prospects are conducive to further moderate improvement in the stock market.

G. T. R. DIVIDENDS

Critics Now Say That They Are in Danger

(Montreal Star.)

A special cable to the Star, some weeks sgo, stated that London did not believe that the Grand Trunk could maintain the 3 per cent dividend on its third preference stock.

Even gloomier opinions than that are now expressed.

The London Financia. News, for instance, says:

"Another heavy blow has been struck at the status of Grand Trunk securities, and the rate at which revenue was lost in January has brought into question the stability of the second preference, and even of stocks senior to it, as investments.

"The situation calls imperatively for some explanation from the board, and this should not be delayed until the half-yearly meeting, which does not take place until April 9th."

THE STOCKS FALL.

The road's ratio of working expenses to earnings reached the high figure of 93 per cent in January, compared with 86 for the C. P. R., and the Post, after saying that some explanation is due, adds:

"The Grand Trunk directors make a great boast of disregarding the thoughts and wishes of speculators, but they can hardly be indifferent to the fact that the guaranteed stock, that two years ago topped 104, is now 94, that the first preference has sunk from 120 to 110 ,and the seconds from 113 six months ago to 92 1-2 now. The losers in these instances are investors."

WESTERN UNION'S DIVIDEND IN DOUBT.

The next quarter's dividend on Western Union is a matter of much doubt.

The company is in no position to declare a cash dividend and it has not sufficient stock in its treasury after making allowance for the dividend just declared to distribute it in the form of a payment to stockholders.

For the first three-quarters of the fiscal year 1906-1907 the net revenue was three times greater than it was in the same length of time this year. This loss is for the most part the result of the trouble with the men. The net from July to March 31, was $1,592,449. Last year for the corresponding period the total was $4,787,000.

A particularly noticeable weakness of the company is the increasing fixed charges which is intensified by the decreased earnings. During the present year these charges have increased $267,625.

THE WORLD OF SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

1908. March	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Tides High	Tides Low.
16 Mon	6.39	6.26	10.56	5.04
17 Tues	6.37	6.28	11.31	5.44
18 Wed	6.35	6.29	12.00	6.15
19 Thurs	6.34	6.30	0.25	6.50
20 Fri	6.32	6.31	0.58	7.26
21 Sat	6.30	6.33	1.34	8.05

The time used is Atlantic Standard.

VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

Steamers.

Bengore Head, sld Androssan, March 5.
Carthaginian, sld Glasgow, Feb 19.
Empress Britain, sld Liverpool March 6.
Lake Erie, sld Liverpool March 11.
Montcalm, sld, Bristol, March 1.
Montrose, sld Antwerp, March 9.
Montreal, sld London, March 14.
Monmouth, sld Avonmouth, March 14.
Memon, sld, Barry, Mar 4.
Salacia, sld Glasgow, March 7.
Sardinian, sld London, Mar 5.
Tunisian, sld Liverpool, Mar 5.
Victorian, sld Liverpool March 13.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Cleared Yesterday

Stmr Hird, (Nor) 722, Jansen, Parrsboro, ballast, master.

Schr Lucia Porter (Am) 284, Spragg, for New York, A. Cushing & Co. 355,241 ft. spruce plank.

Arrived to day.

Stmr Memnon, 2046, Purdon, from Barry, J. H. Scammell & Co. ballast.

Coastwise:—Stmr Bear River, 70, Woodworth, Annapolis; schr Ella & Jennie, 25, Ingalls, Great Harbor.

Cleared to day.

Stmr Borgestad (Nor) 2531, Folkman for Louisburg, N. S. R P & W F Starr, ballast.

Coastwise:—Stmr Bear River, Woodworth, Digby; schrs Swan, Haines, Freeport, Yarmouth Packet, Shaw, Yarmouth, L M Ellis, Lent, Freeport.

Sailed to day.

Stmr Montcalm, 3508, Hodder for Bristol via Liverpool, C. P. R. Co. general cargo.

Schr Lucia Porter, 284, Spragg, New York.

DOMINION PORTS.

Lunenburg, March 16—Cld schr Minnie M. Cook, Colp, Porto Rico.

Halifax, March 17—Ard, strs Wearsig, Pensacola and Norfolk for Rotterdam (put in with cargo shifted); St Pierre Miquelon (Fr), St Pierre; sch Duchess of Cornwall, Cadiz.

Sld—Strs Oruro, West Indies and Demerara; Manchester Shipper, Manchester.

Cld—Sch Success, Madeira via Bridgewater.

BRITISH PORTS.

Fowey—Sld March 13—Stmr Gulf of Ancud (Br) Nuttall, Philadelphia.

Glasgow—Ard March 14—Stmr Almora (Br) Turner, Baltimore.

Liverpool, March 17—Sld, str Halifax City, St John's (Nfld) and Halifax.

Lizard, March 17—Passed, str St John City, St John and Halifax for London.

London, March 17—Sld, str Shenandoah, Halifax and St John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

San Francisco,—Sld March 14, ship Atlas for New York via Kahului.

Boston, March 17—Sld, strs Dominion, Louisburg; Prince Arthur, Yarmouth.

Portland, March 17—Sld, str Ring (Nor), Parrsboro.

Vineyard Haven, March 17—Ard, schs Helen Montague, Jersey City for Lubec; Alcaea, New York for Halifax; Orozimbo, bound east.

New York, March 17—Cld, strs Bovic, Liverpool; Teutonic, Southampton.

Boothbay Harbor, March 17—Ard, schs G M Porter, Nantucket; C W Dexter, Provincetown; Madagascar, Plymouth.

REPORTS, DISASTERS, ETC.

London, March 14—Durban telegraphs that steamer Newark Castle (Br) sailed March 12 for Delagoa Bay and is reported ashore at Richards Bay. Crew landed at Durban. Government tug to her assistance. Surveyor has gone to the vessel. Vessel is making water in engine room and No 2 hold. Other holds free.

New York, March 17—Stmr Monterey, from Havana which arrived 13th. reports Feb. 21 on the outward passage at 5.05 p. m. position south, 10 west true from Diamond Shoals Lightvessel passed close to a derelict, standing about 3 feet out of water; very dangerous to navigation.

RECENT CHARTERS.

Norwegian ship Oddero, 1,360 tons, from Halifax to Bristol with deals, p. t. British steamer Mawsbeck, 1.079 tons from Cardiff to St. Johns, N. F. coal 6 s. 6d. March.

British steamer Cheronea, 2,060 tons, from Huelva to north of Hatteras with ore, 7s. 7½d. March.

Rates for tonnage of all kinds are nominally steady, with few cahnges of importance quoted.

MARINE NEWS.

Up to date about thirty four million feet of spruce deal have gone forward in the winter port steamers.

Barkentine Shawmut and schooner Almeda Wiley have both been chartered to load lath here for United States ports.

The Allan liner Sicillian left Glasgow Saturday afternoon for Halifx with 61 second and 6 6steerage passengers.

LIST OF VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Athenia, 5982, R Reford Co.
Borgestad, (Nor.) 2537.
Empress of Britain, 8024 C. P. R. Co.,
Garibaldi, 466, master.
Montcalm, 3508, C P R Co.
Rappahannock, 2,490, Wm. Thomson & Co.
Tunisian, 6902, Wm. Thomson & Co.

Schooners.

Abbie & Eva Hooper, 275, R C Elkin.
Arthur M Gibson, 296, J W Smith.
C B Wood, 234, Stetson, Cutler & Co.
Cheslie, 330, Geo E Holder.
Henry Miller, 246, A W Adams.
Ida M Barton, 192, J W McAlary.
Jennie A Stubbs, 158, master.
Lavonia, 296, J W Smith.
Peter C Schultz, 373, Stetson, Cutler & Co.
Preference, 243, G L Purdy.
Ravola, 139, J W Smith.
Romeo, 111, P McIntyre.
W E & W L Tuck, 395, J A Gregory.
Wm L Elkins, 239, J W Smith.

Note—Besides, there are forty schooners laid up here for the winter.

INTERESTING WEDDING

St. John Woman Married Brother of Viola Allan

A very quiet wedding took place at Stamford (Conn.), on Saturday, March 7, when Florence Fitz-Randolph, (formerly Mrs. George E. Day), eldest daughter of Mrs. Albert J. Grass, of this city, was united in marriage to Charles W. Allan, of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Allan will make their home at Forest Lodge, Mr. Allan's beautiful estate near Stamford.

The marriage is the closing chapter of a somewhat romantic history. Miss Fitz-Randolph is well known in New Brunswick and her marriage to George E. Day, of New York, son of Dr. Day, of Fredericton, was looked upon by her friends as an auspicious beginning to a happy married life, but separation came years ago. Mrs. Day was gifted with an unusually fine voice and commanding stage presence and to earn her own living she went on the stage and won laurels. Though separated from her husband she did not get a divorce but for the sake of the growing children she instituted proceedings about a year ago and in November the decree of separation was obtained. During the year spent on the stage, Mrs. Day had become acquainted with Mr. Allan who was at that time manager for his sister, Viola Allen, the noted actress. When Mrs. Day was legally free their marriage was arranged.

It is said Mr. Allen is wealthy and that the Stamford residence is but one of several which he owns.

OBITUARY

Captain Richard Rawlings

The death of Captain Richard Rawlings occurred last evening at his residence, 65 Douglas avenue. The news will be received with much regret by a large circle of friends and by the citizens in general, among whom he was well known. He was seventy-one years of age.

A native of England, before coming to Canada forty-five years ago, Captain Rawlings saw service in several campaigns with the imperial army. He spent the greater part of his life in St. John, and was chief of the North End police force for some years. On the union of the two cities he became captain under the present chief of police, and in later years was appointed a city constable, part of his duties being to attend the circuit court. For a number of seasons he acted as constable at the Bay Shore.

Captain Rawlings had been confined to the house for the past four months through illness arising from heart trouble and dropsy, to which causes his death was due. Besides his wife, he leaves four sons—Richard J., William H., and John N., all of Boston, and Arthur C., of Moncton; also three daughters—Mrs. Jackson Crawford, of Dorchester (Mass.); Mrs. Leonard T. Lingley, of St. John, and Miss Daisy Rawlings, residing at home. He was a member of Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England.

Thomas Baird

California papers recently to hand tell of the death on Feb. 22, after a few days' illness from paralysis, of Thomas Baird, aged seventy-two. Mr. Baird was born at Chipman, Queens county. At the age of twenty-three he left his birthplace for California, traveling thither by way of the Isthmus of Panama, as it was before the day of railways. He was successful from the first in the then new land of gold. He invested in timber land in Humboldt county, and in shipping and water front property in the city of Eureka, where he built a handsome residence. In 1901 he retired from business to devote his entire attention to his extensive and valuable property. He died respected and beloved by all who knew him.

Mr. Baird, who was one of many of New Brunswick's gifts of strong men to the west, is spoken of as a pioneer of Humboldt county. In 1866 he was married to Miss Lydia Vance, a member of a family once well known in New Brunswick. Among surviving relatives are two sons, John and Alvin; a brother, Charles, and a sister, Mrs. A. H. Long, all in California. Samuel Baird, sr., of Chipman, is a brother and Mrs. Harry Porter, of the same place, is a sister. Mr. Baird's last visit to his native land was in 1899. He has many relatives in different parts of this province, who will doubtless regret to learn of his death.

George Carter

Amherst, March 17—(Special) — The body of George Carter, a young man, who died from injuries received while working on the C. P. R. construction work at Cranbrook, B. C., about three weeks ago, arrived last night, accompanied by a young man sent by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company out or respect to the deceased, who was a very popular employe. The body will be taken to Dorchester for burial today. Mr. Carter leaves a father and mother, three brothers and one sister.

Charles Rogers

Bristol, N. B., March 17—Charles Rogers, an aged and highly respected resident of this parish, died yesterday after only a few days illness, aged 83 years. He leaves two sons, Frank, of Boston, and Fraser, in Michigan, and six daughters, Mrs. D. V. Boyer and Mrs. Daniel Jones, Bristol; Mrs. C. Tracey, Lakeville, Mrs. William Curtis, Montecello, and Mrs. George Rogers, and Mrs. Kierstead, of Fort Fairfield. He is also survived by two brothers, Barton and Samuel Rogers, and two sisters —Mrs. H. Bell and and Mrs. I. N. Boyer, all of Bristol. The deceased taught school for many years in different parts of the county, and had many warm personal friends. He was a son of the late William Rogers, who was one of the earliest settlers in this part of the county. The funeral will be held at the United Baptist church tomorrow.

LOCH LOMOND PROPERTY OWNERS HOLD MEETING

An informal meeting of property owners and farmers at Loch Lomond was held in city hall yesterday afternoon, at which Ald. Frink, chairman of the water and sewerage board, was present by invitation. The Loch Lomond delegation consisted of R. G. Murray, John Sherwood, Alexander Johnston, Malcolm White and David White. The object of the meeting was to obtain some indication as to what course the city would pursue with reference to the overflow from the lake, which, it is alleged, is working considerable injury to property on the foreshore.

It is understood that, beyond discussing the situation, nothing was done at the meeting. Ald. Frink not being in a position to give those present any assurance one way or the other as to what action the city would take.

DR. FOTHERINGHAM RETIRES

After twenty-five years of service as pastor of St. John Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Fotheringham feels compelled, on account of ill health, to resign his charge. The matter will be taken up at a special meeting of the trustees and elders of the church to be held tomorrow evening.

Dr. Fotheringham has determined to engage in horticulture in the more genial climate of Northern California. While pastor of St. John's church he has displayed great tact and energy in the prosecution of his work among both young and old, and his departure will cause deep regret.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS—Moderate northeast winds, fair and cold. Thursday, increasing easterly inds sleet or rain before night.

SYNOPSIS—A disturbance of decided energy is developing in the southwest states and will probably affect the Atlantic Coast by Friday. The weather continues very cold in the western provinces. To Banks, moderate north and east winds. To American Ports, moderate northeast winds today, increasing east winds on Thursday.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.

Highest Temperature during last 24 hours 28
Lowest Temperature during last 24 hours 20
Temperature at Noon, .. 28
Humidity at Noon .. 28
Barometer Readings at Noon (sea level and 32 degrees Fah.), 30.20 inches.
Wind at Noon: Direction N. E. Velocity, 10 miles per hour. Fair.
Same date last year: Highest temperature, 45; lowest temperature, 23. Clear all day.
D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

Miss A. L. Hunt, St. John; T. A. Linton, St. John, and Major Lorne Drum, Halifax, were among Canadians registered at the Canadian office in London during the week ended March 3.

Daily Fashion Hint for Times Readers.



CHILD'S WALKING COSTUME.

This cloak of heavily corded white pique has a square shoulder yoke. The double-breasted fronts are fastened with six large pearl buttons. The full puffed sleeves are gathered at the wrist, with a turnback cuff of pique heavily embroidered in scallop points. The wide cape collar has a deep back point and two deep front points, bordered all around with scallops and with sprays of daisies on each long point. The white chip hat has a flexible brim caught up at the left front with a rosette of white satin ribbon.

WEDDINGS

Robb-Fraser

A wedding that has been looked forward to with interest for some time, will take place this afternoon at four o'clock, when Bruce S. Robb will be united in marriage to Miss Annie L. Fraser, daughter of W. J. Fraser. The wedding will be solemnized at the bride's home, Craigie Lea, by the Rev. A. A. Graham, pastor of St. David's church.

The bride will be attended by her cousin, Miss Lily E. Fraser, as bridesmaid, and by her sister, Miss Isabelle R. Fraser, as maid of honor. Miss Dorothy Fraser, sister of the bride, and Miss Marion McGowan, niece of the bridegroom, will be flower girls. Mr. Robb will be supported by J. M. Trueman.

The bride's costume will be of white Irish point lace over satin. The maid-of-honor and bridesmaid will wear white mouseline-de-soie over chiffon taffeta.

The flower girls will be costumed in white silk muslin over chiffon taffeta.

The bride's travelling dress is of brown broadcloth with brown hat.

After a reception at the home, Mr. and Mrs. Robb will leave at 7 o'clock for a ten days' tour through Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. After their return they will spend a couple of weeks in the city before leaving on a trip to Oklahoma.

On Saturday afternoon last Mr. Robb was presented with a handsome travelling bag, equipped with toilet accessories, by his office associates of the Robert Reford Co. The presentation was made by the manager, H. C. Schofield, in a few well chosen words, expressing his good wishes.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A lot of grape fruit and oranges arrived here from J. S. Gibbons' Florida grove, today.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

Are you going Saturday to Climo's? What for? His great photo offer 21st March, when $8.00 worth of photos. will be made for $3.00. Don't miss it.

ART-UNION OF LONDON—Subscriptions for April drawing close on Monday. Those wishing to enter please notify E. T. Sturdee, Hon. Agent, telephone 407.

Now is a good time to buy shoes. If you are anxious to get good fitting, well made, nicely shaped foot wear, at prices way below the regular figures. The kind of shoe-comfort, shoe-style and shoe-quality that will just please particular men and women is the very feature of greatest interest at Pidgeon's Clearance Sale.

The Loyal J. S. Edwards Lodge, I. O. O. F., are holding their annual social this evening. All the brethren are invited to attend. Meeting opens at 7 o'clock.

LARGE CROWD AT THE PRINCESS.

Last night the Princess Theatre was crowded. The picture programme was one of the best that has been shown. The new singer, Mr. D. Macdonald made a big hit. Mr. Newcombe scored a success in that pretty Irish melody "A Bit of Blarney." See adv. for today's features.

P. O. ASYLUM ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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BURNS DEFEATS ROCHE

Dublin, March 17.—Tommy Burns, the Canadian and American heavyweight champion, made short work of Jem Roche, the Irish champion, in their contest this evening at the Theatre Royal for the world's heavyweight championship. Practically only one blow was struck, Burns knocking out Roche when hardly more than a minute of the first round had been completed by a short hook to the jaw. So quickly did the end come that the great crowd which filled the theatre in the expectation of seeing the Irishman put up a good fight for the title, hardly realized what had happened.

When the men entered the ring it was evident that the sluggish Roche was no match for the more experienced Burns. They sparred for less than a minute, the Irishman acting altogether on the defensive and the Canadian endeavoring to find an opening. Then Burns feinted and quickly put a short sharp right to the jaw and Roche went down. He was badly dazed and although he struggled to regain his feet, was unable to do so before the fatal ten was counted.

Immediately after the count, Roche got to his feet, but staggered about the stage. When he had recovered himself, he went over smilingly to congratulate the winner. He had met a better man.

The fight tonight was for a purse of $7,500, which was put up by a syndicate, of which Richard Croker, the former Tammany leader, was a member and a side bet of $2,500. In addition, Burns had $7,000 on himself at odds of 3 to 1. The ringside betting was 7 to 2 on the Canadian.

The blow which decided the fight was the only one of any consequence during the minute and thirty-eight seconds the men were in the ring. The crowd, which shortly before had cheered Roche to the echo and greeted him with airs "from Wexford," were so taken back that after a few angry hisses, they went quickly out of the theatre.

Burns said of the fight that it was the easiest he ever had. He went in, he said, to make it as short as possible, as he had too much at stake at long odds to take any chance. He had expected, however, that the fight would go a few rounds, although he was never in doubt as to the final result.

Burns stated that he was willing to give Roche another chance, if sufficient inducements were forthcoming. He is now considering an offer provisionally made by the Dublin syndicate for a match with "Bill" Squires under the same terms as that with Roche.

The scene in the theatre was a remarkable one. There were seats for 3,000 and every one was occupied. It was a most enthusiastic crowd and Roche received a great reception when he entered smiling and with confident air. The orchestra struck up The Boys of Wexford, the spectators joining in the chorus. Burns was also well received, but the reception of the fighters was insignificant as compared with that given Richard Croker when the master of ceremonies announced that it was largely through the efforts of the former Tammany leader that Roche was able to enter the contest.

Mr. Croker, who was in a box at the ringside, had to acknowledge the tremendous cheering that greeted him. Before the audience had quieted the two heavyweights came to the ring in their street clothes, and a quarter of an hour was occupied in making preparations for the fight. On the stroke of the gong, Burns jumped to the centre of the ring, which was an 18-foot affair, and started his usual tactics of trying to draw out his opponent. This seemed to annoy Roche, who angrily struck down Burns' arm and then covered his face with his gloves to protect it from a threatened blow. Burns, however, was looking for a better chance and a moment later he feinted with his left and shot his right over the jaw, which was entirely unprotected. The Irishman went to the canvas, but not heavily. He slid along on his side and then rolled over, face downward. Very few of the spectators, even those on the stage, were quick enough to see how it was done, and there were cries of "fake."

There was no doubt, however, that Roche went in to do his best but he was outclassed and altogether too slow for a man of Burns' quickness and ring craft. Roche said tonight, after he had got over somewhat the suddenness of his defeat, "He did it too quick, that's all."

Burns, when questioned whether he would meet Roche or Squires again, replied:

"I will fight anyone, if there is enough money in sight."

Fred M. Sproul, M. P. P.-elect, of Hampton, was in the city yesterday.

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