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# FINANCIAL and COMMERCIAL

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

Monday morning, May 18th, 1908.

London, 2 p.m.:—Exchange 487.15. Consols 86 1-2, An. 45, C 68 1-4, A 83 5-8, BO 93 1-8, CO 44 1-2, GW 6 5-8, CPR 159, Erie 20 7-8, EF 39, Ills 141 1-2, KT 28 7-8, LN 110 5-8, N 72 1-4, NP 137 1-2, Cen 106, OW 41 7-8, Pa 121 1-2, RG 117 1-4, NI 18 1-8, SR 17 5-8, SP 87 1-4, St 1-4, RI 18 1-8, SR 17 5-8 SP 87 1-4, St WZ 24 1-2.

SUMMARY.

United railways of St Louis April gross dec. 19,232, net dec. 6,856, net income dec. 8,238, from January 1st gross dec. 51,634, net inc. 50,304, net income dec. 42,494.

General meeting of steel manufacturers this week to reduce or reaffirm prices.

Anthracite trade dull for first time in years.

Clover leaf will end its year with $150,000 deficit after 4 per cent pfd. div.

Assay office has 13-million dollars bar gold still available for export.

39 roads for first week May show average gross decrease 21.07 per cent.

Bank statement continues to show large increase in loans.

Officially announced controller of currency will wind up Allegheny National Bank.

Morse Securities Co. capital 10-million dollars incorporated Saturday holding Co. primary object to take over assets National Bank of North America.

Total gold engagements for tomorrow so far 5,850,000 dollars, of which 3,850,000 to Germany and 2-million to Paris.

Receiver Hanna of National Bank of North America said he had collected enough for another 12 1-2 per cent dividend and expected to declare a second div. of 25 per cent next month.

Public Service Commission decides prohibiting issuance of stocks and bonds by R. R. Corporations for purpose of declaring div's.

Indictments of rebating on cotton returned against Ills. Central and the Yazoc and Miss. Valley R. R's.

Frank R. McCormick appointed receiver of First National Bank of East Brady Pa. which closed recently.

Consols up 1-8 from Saturday 86 1-2 for money 86 9-16 for account.

Americans quiet mostly rather below parity.

London 12.30 p.m.:—CPR 159 1-4. Money on call 1 1-4 discount short and 3 months bills 2 1-8.

Ontario & Western, Mar 31st, 1908, gross dec. 64,220, net rec. 128, 177. Surplus after charges dec. 164,337, nine months ended March 31st, gross des. 50,441, net dec. 169,833, surplus after charges dec. 253,187.

Liverpool, 2 p.m.:—Futures firm 13 to 16 net advance.

London:—Americans opened rather dull and heavy but hardened up in the afternoon when quotations were mostly a small fraction above parity. Copper stocks showed some strength in later trading but mining dep't was inclined to sell off under the lead of De Beers, Bank of Germany did not reduce its rate which indicates continuance of continental demand for gold.

LAIDLAW CO.'S LETTER.

New York, May 18th.—That Saturday's level of prices discounts all present and future improvements in the situation at large admits of little doubt although it must be admitted that the strength of the market has given an impetus to certain lines of trade and that a sustainment of prices around the present level would make for a further increase of confidence. In many of the fundaments, however, can there be found reason for a cheerful view of the situation. The chief basis of the nation's wealth, the crops promise well for the harvest and the $65-million reserves of the banks cause the street to view with equanimity, the present heavy outflow of gold. There are as yet no convincing signs that the present bull movement has reached its culmination. On the other hand it is believed that thus far it has been impossible to distribute any great amount of stocks but the wider outside speculative interest has injected a new and unfavorable factor into the market situation and commission houses very properly are advising caution in buying stocks preferring to miss a few points in the advance to the risk of landing their clients at approximately top prices for the movement.

LAIDLAW & CO.

BACHE'S MORNING LETTER.

New York, May 18.—Reports from Western traffic officials show little improvement but a more hopeful feeling for the future. Crop conditions are still very promising. Copper people are pretty confident that low prices for the metal have been reached. The people behind this movement have the situation well in hand. Another active day with prices well sustained expected. Profit taking from this level will come from time to time but doubtful whether it will have any material effect.

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## N. Y. STOCK MARKET.

Monday, May 18, 1908.

New York Stock Quotations, Chicago Market report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker.

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

| | Saturday's Closing | To-day's Opening | Noon |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amalg. Copper | 68⅛ | 67⅞ | 68⅛ |
| Anaconda | 45¼ | 45 | 45 |
| Am. Sugar Rfrs. | 131½ | 131⅞ | 131 |
| Am. Smelt. & Rfg. | 77⅞ | 77¼ | 77⅞ |
| Am. Woolen | 22⅛ | 22½ | 22⅝ |
| Atchison | 83¼ | 83¾ | 84 |
| Am. Locomotive | 50⅞ | 51¼ | 51 |
| Brook. Rpd. Trst. | 52 | 52⅛ | 52⅜ |
| Balt. & Ohio | 93½ | 93¾ | 93 |
| Chesa. & Ohio | 44½ | 44⅞ | 44¼ |
| Canadian Pacific | 159 | 160¾ | 160¼ |
| Chi. & G. West. | 6¼ | 6¾ | 7¼ |
| Colo. F. & Iron | 28¾ | 29¼ | 28½ |
| Great Northern, pfd. | 132½ | 133 | 133 |
| Erie | 20⅝ | 21⅛ | 21⅝ |
| Erie, First pfd. | 38½ | 39¾ | 40¾ |
| Erie, Second pfd. | 27⅜ | 28 | 28 |
| Kansas & Texas | 28¾ | 28¾ | 29 |
| Louis. & Nashville | 110⅝ | 110¼ | 110¼ |
| Missouri Pacific | 52 | 52 | 52½ |
| Nor. & Western | 72⅜ | 72½ | 72⅝ |
| N. Y. Central | 106¼ | 106⅜ | 106⅞ |
| North West | 155¼ | 158½ | 157⅝ |
| Ont. & Western | 41⅞ | 41⅝ | 41½ |
| Pacific Mail | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| Reading | 117½ | 118¼ | 118½ |
| Republic Steel | 19¼ | 20⅛ | 20 |
| Pennsylvania | 121½ | 121⅞ | 121¾ |
| Rock Island | 18⅝ | 18⅝ | 18⅝ |
| St. Paul | 135¾ | 137 | 137⅛ |
| Southern Ry. | 17⅞ | 17¾ | 17¾ |
| Southern Pacific | 87⅛ | 87⅜ | 87⅝ |
| Northern Pacific | 137½ | 138⅝ | 138 |
| National Lead | 64 | 64¼ | 64¼ |
| Texas Pacific | 23½ | 23¾ | 24 |
| Union Pacific | 146¾ | 148 | 149 |
| U. S. Rubber | 25½ | 25⅝ | 26 |
| U. S. Steel | 38½ | 38⅞ | 38¾ |
| U. S. Steel, pfd. | 102⅝ | 103¼ | 103¼ |
| Wabash | 12⅞ | 13 | 13 |

Total sales in New York Saturday, 576,560 shares.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| July corn | 66 | 66¼ | 66⅜ |
| July wheat | 88⅞ | 88⅝ | 89 |
| July oats | 47 | 46¾ | 46¾ |
| July pork | 13.42½ | 13.50 | 13.50 |
| Sept. corn | 63¾ | 64¾ | 64⅞ |
| Sept. wheat | 85⅞ | 85½ | 85⅞ |

MONTREAL QUOTATIONS.

| | Saturday's Closing | To-day's Opening | Noon |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dom. Iron & Steel | 18 | 18⅛ | 18⅛ |
| Dom. I. & S., pfd. | 66½ | 66 | 66 |
| C. P. R. | 159¾ | 160 | 160 |
| Twin City | 90 | 90¼ | 91 |
| Montreal Power | 95⅝B | 95½ | 95⅞ |
| Detroit United | 37½ | 37¼ | 37¼ |
| Mackay Co. | 63¾ | 64 | 64 |
| Toronto St. Ry. | 99 | 99½ | 99 |
| Ills. Tract., pfd. | 87¾ | 87½ | 87½ |

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | 9.69 | 9.80 | 9.79 |
| October | 9.33 | 9.45 | 9.45 |
| December | 9.25 | 9.35 | 9.39 |
| January | 9.26 | 9.50 | 9.40 |

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL ISSUES NEW STOCK

### Stockholders Meeting Today to Approve of the Issue of $28,512,000 of New Capital Stock.

Chicago, May 18.—Stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad Company met today in special session to approve of the issue of $28,512,000 of new capital stock. Only one-half of this issue, or $14,256,000, will be offered for subscription at this time. The action taken at to-day's meeting increases the capital stock of the company from $95,040,000 to $123,552,000. At to-day's meeting the shareholders also acted upon a proposition to purchase the properties of the Kensington & Eastern Railroad Company and the Memphis & State Line Railroad Company.

Stockholders will be permitted to subscribe to the new issue to the extent of 15 per cent. of their holdings, the remaining 15 per cent. of new stock not now to be offered is to be issued and held in reserve, the directors being authorized from time to time to dispose of any part remaining at not less than par, or to issue bonds of the Illinois Central Railroad in fully paid shares. The right to subscribe to such additional shares or convertible bonds will be first offered to stockholders in proportion to their holdings.

Stockholders as registered on May 28 shall have until July 7 the privilege of subscribing at par for new stock to the amount of 15 per cent. of their holdings and for fractions of shares in like proportion. Payment is to be made in two instalments, 50 per cent. by July 7 and 50 per cent. by September 13. To such holders as shall pay both installments by July 7 there will be allowed a discount on the second installment at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum from that date to September 17.

Fully paid negotiable receipts for fractional shares will, when presented at the company's office, be exchanged for fractional non-dividend-bearing scrip receipts, which may be converted into fully paid shares when presented to the company's office, in sums of $100 or multiples thereof, on or before June 30, 1909, and if not then presented, will thereafter be redeemed by the company at part in cash.

Any proportion of the new stock issue which is not subscribed for by the shareholders may be disposed of at not less than par in such manner as may be approved by the board of directors.

The new shares, but not fractions thereof, shall be entitled to participate in all dividends which may be declared after September 17, 1908.

## BUSINESS SITUATION CONTINUES UNSATISFACTORY, BUT THE STOCK MARKET OUTLOOK IS NOT SO BAD

New York, May 18.—The business situation continues very unsatisfactory. On every side complaints are heard of the shrinkage in volume of trade, and facts are multiplying which prove the cause for complaint. It is all very well and even very proper to cultivate a cheerful spirit in the face of adversity. Certainly that will be vastly more helpful than lingering weakly upon the discouraging side of affairs. But facts cannot be ignored; business is exceedingly dull, and anywhere from 20 to 50 per cent. less than a year ago. Buyers cannot be induced to purchase merchandise, because they find consumption shrinking and prices falling. Under such circumstances they feel they are certainly not justified in carrying any larger stocks than absolutely necessary. When prices come down to a more tempting level; when it is demonstrated that production is being curtailed much more than consumption, and when demand begins to revive and confidence recovers, then we may find solid reason, and not mere imagination, on which to fix renewed faith in the future. If our good friends of the prosperity League will give the unemployed a job, and prove to buyers' own satisfaction that bottom has been reached, and that henceforth demand will improve, they will do vastly more toward bringing about recuperation than all the "sunshine" talk imaginable. Of course, the mental attitude in business, or what has always been styled "confidence," is an important factor in business; and without it progress is impossible. But, after all, prosperity will only return as the fruit of hard work, good sense and patience until conditions have worked out their own cure.

The outlook for the stock market is not without some very encouraging features. The monetary future, for instance, is clear of all important trouble for some months to come. Funds are superabundant, and likely to so remain owing to our imperfect system for contraction of the currency. Rates of interest are low in consequence, and will probably remain low until crop-moving begins in August. Such conditions are inflationary and, of course, stimulate gold shipments; $20,000,000 having already gone back since the panic. This movement causes no uneasiness in monetary circles; in fact, we could easily spare the $100,000,000 imported here during the panic without disturbance. Perhaps the most unpleasant feature in the money market is the rapidly growing government deficit, which will compel a large withdrawal of public funds in depository banks.

However, as already stated, the money market has a clearer outlook than usual for three months ahead; and this is the most stimulating factor in stock market operations. The next bullish element is the crop situation. We are practically sure of a big winter wheat crop, probably the second best on record; for the harvest is only about two months distant, and recent abundant rains have well soaked the soil, leaving the plant in high condition and comparatively free of danger from drouth. The condition of winter wheat is now so fine that a drop of 3 or 4 points in June or July would still give promise for a big crop. Conditions for planting spring wheat and corn are also very satisfactory, the soil being in excellent condition and favorable to a good start. Cotton, too, is beginning well, with the prospect of no reduction in acreage. All indications thus far have been on the side of a good harvest, although occasionally temperature has been too low and precipitation too great. The chief drawback to the stock market is that free realization may take place unexpectedly at any time, prices having undergone a big advance. Railroad traffic is exceedingly dull, over 413,000 idle cars being reported at the close of April, which was the largest total on record. This means large decreases in gross earnings; but the railroads are making heavy cuts in expenses, and postponing improvements, so that net results, while poor, are less so than was at one time expected. There are indications that the worst has been seen in general business and that improvement will follow good crops and satisfactory nominations. Among the good features in business was the open reduction of prices in the iron trade. Secret cuts have been made for some time past, and the lower prices now established will probably result in stimulating orders. Some improvement can also be noticed in the cotton goods trade in consequence of the readjustment which has taken place in that industry. The stock market has thoroughly discounted all bad elements, and is now anticipating these better features. Operations in the stock market, however, must be conducted hereafter with increasing caution on top of present advanced prices. Owing to the reasons first stated there has been powerful manipulation; and while the market is under strong and capable management it is also specially exposed to unexpected drawbacks, because of its artificial character. As long as stocks remain in the present strong hands, however, no serious reaction is to be expected, but when they unload on weaker shoulders then look out.

Henry Clews.

## MONTREAL REVIEW OF THE STOCK MARKET

(Montreal Witness.)

Optimism reigned on the local stock exchange this week and the business done indicates a broadening tendency and even greater confidence in the future than has been expressed hitherto. Stocks which up to the present time have been neglected are now attracting attention, and securities are not criticised with as much peracketiness. In all avenues of business, both financial and commercial, it is pleasing to note a more hopeful feeling, and the recovery, although gradual, appears sure.

What was announced as an "official" statement, that the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, through its counsel, had asked for a postponement before the privy council of its case with the coal company, was met with incredulous smiles, especially on the floor of the local business exchange, and was accepted more or less as a joke. The effect of the rumor was reflected in the immediate rise in iron stocks, which reached the highest level of the year. The strength in Power and its sudden recovery from the recent sharp decline shows that the "street" is not afraid of possible competition by the Robert syndicate. After declining to 93, the stock gradually rose to 95 1-4 ex-dividend, and looks better now for a steady advance than at any time during the past month. Montreal Street, after a prolonged depression, has advanced under very few buying orders to 184, and few sellers are in evidence, even on this substantial rise. Richelieu and Ontario has also participated in the general advance and as high as 78 was paid for this stock. The prospects for the present season were never better, and the predictions are that the summer of 1908 will prove the most successful financially in the history of the company.

Textiles have been somewhat neglected because of the strike troubles, but owing to the splendid all round market these issues have remained firm. Iron stocks have developed strength, especially the preferred, which touched 68, on a steady demand. The manner in which this security has responded even to the barest rumors of a settlement shows the confidence of the public in its cause. Coal stock also enjoyed substantial gains, but the buying was largely in the hands of friends of the company. The output from the mines, according to reports issued by the management up to date, will show a fair increase over the same period last year, and altogether the present season should prove a good one. Canadian Pacific was one of the big leaders of the past few days. This issue is exceptionally strong, and is in good favor both on this side of the Atlantic and abroad. The all-red route is, of course, in view, and it is said that, should the Canadian Pacific secure the contract, the stock would immediately assume a world-wide prestige.

International stocks and securities listed on the local exchange are strong. They are, to all appearances, keeping pace with the New York and foreign markets. Mexicans were in demand all the week and there appeared to be a foreign demand. Detroit United has advanced, owing largely to covering of shorts, and to the reported possibilities of the company making a satisfactory arrangement with the city authorities for an extension of the different franchises it holds. Illinois Traction is being well supported, but notwithstanding the prices offered, few sellers are evident. As the net earnings of this company have continued to increase throughout the depression the stock at a price which yields about seven per cent. looks like a good investment.

Mackays were steady and in fair demand. This stock is in favor as an investment. Rio showed slight gains and considerable enquiry was made throughout the week by intending purchasers. "Soo" continues to show advances, notwithstanding the continued decreases in earnings of the different railways, and on an active market this stock reached 112 1-2. The bond market has been active. The demand has been extensive for good bonds, and in consequence the supply appears to be rapidly diminishing. On the other hand, nearly all the leading bank stocks have been neglected, but the prices held firm, and what few purchases were made were put through at slightly advanced quotations over previous weeks.

## OBITUARY

### Patrick McNeil

Word has been received in Fredericton of the death in Maine of Mr. Patrick McNeil, of Durham Bridge, Nashwaak, who took cold while working on the stream drives, with the result that pneumonia set in and became fatal. The deceased, was aged about 28 years, well known, and his death has been a great shock to his relatives and many friends.

Evangelists Mitchell and Bilby will conduct a service tomorrow at the Douglas avenue Christian church, 11 o'clock, 2.30, 4 o'clock and 7 in the evening. The 2.30 and 4 o'clock meetings are special addresses. The first for the children, when Mr. Mitchell will give an illustrated lecture by dressing a boy in a "Roman coat of mail." The 4 o'clock meeting is for women and girls only, on the theme "The Best Woman in St. John." Professor Bilby will give a series of cartoon sketches on the effect of sin and Christianity on the woman's face at this service. There were two more confessions at last night's meeting.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.

Demand, 487.10 a 10; 60 days, 485. a 10; cables, 487.35 a 40.

May 18th.

"So you are going to run a strictly partisan publication?" "I am." "What will its motto be?" "All the news printed to fit."—Washington Star.

A man who can stay out all night playing poker and grow fat at simply ruins his health being kept awake fifteen minutes by the baby.

## MARINE NOTES

Nova Scotia brigantine Marconi, Captain Gerland, arrived yesterday from Barbaros with molasses.

British stmr. Sobraon, which arrived at Sydney, C. B., May 11 accompanied by tenders Lyna and Tuma, had on board 157 whales of the finback, humpback and blue variety.

West India stmr. Ocamo, Captain Buchanan, arrived yesterday from Bermuda and Demerara and landed 32 passengers. The steamer had a fine trip coming north.

ANOTHER POSITION.

Miss Bessie L. Compton, of Milford, has been selected by the employment bureau of the Currie Business University, Ltd., to fill the position of stenographer for the provincial government at Fredericton.

JUVENILE BASEBALL.

The Rosebuds defeated the Trojans at the Weldon lot Saturday morning. The score being 5 to 1. The batteries for the winners were A. McLeod and G. O'Neil; for the Trojans J. McGowan and W. McGowan.

## DEATHS

RYAN.—At the Hawthorne House on the 17th inst., Thomas H. Ryan, in the 71st year of his age, leaving two daughters and one son to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday at 11 o'clock from his late residence. Burial at Ryan Settlement.

HATHEWAY—On Sunday, May 17, at 39 Adelaide street, of heart failure, G. L. Hatheway, aged 58 years.

The remains will be conveyed to Highfield on Tuesday morning, where the funeral will take place at 11 o'clock.

# SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

| May, 1908. | Sun Rises. | Sets. | Tide High | Low. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 18 Mon. | 4.55 | 7.45 | 0.45 | 7.19 |
| 19 Tues. | 4.55 | 7.46 | 1.28 | 8.08 |
| 20 Wed. | 4.54 | 7.47 | 2.17 | 9.03 |
| 21 Thurs. | 4.53 | 7.48 | 3.12 | 10.04 |
| 22 Fri. | 4.53 | 7.48 | 4.14 | 11.09 |
| 23 Sat. | 4.52 | 7.49 | 5.21 | 12.00 |

The time used is Atlantic Standard.

VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

Steamers.

Shenandoah, sld London, May 6.
Dora, sld West Hartlepool, May 7.

Barks.

Anello, sld Trapani, Apr 21.
Nostra Signora Delle Grazie, 1,086, Las Palmas, Apr 25.

ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Schr. Walter Miller, 117, Sabean, Boston, N. C. Scott, ballast.
Schr. Oriole, 124, McLean, Boston, J. Splane & Co., ballast.
Schr. Lotus, 98, Granville, Boston, A. W. Adams, ballast.
Schr. R. D. Spear (Am.), 299, Belyea, Salem, Mass., J. A. Gregory, ballast.
Schr. Tay, 124, Cook, Boston, P. McIntyre, ballast.
Coastwise.—Tug Springhill, 96, Cook, St. Stephens; stmr. Aurora, 182, Ingersoll, Campobello; schrs. Ethel, 22, Wilson, St. Andrews; New Home, 31, Comeau, Salmon River; Georgie Linwood, 25, Theriault, North Head; Beulah Benton, 36, Guthrie, Sandy Cove; Eveline, 22, Trahan, North Head; Frances, 68, Gesner, Bridgetown; Viola Pearl, 23, Wadlin, Wilsons Beach; Ida M., 77, Moffat, River Hebert; Mayflower, 25, Chute, Hampton, N. S.

ARRIVED SUNDAY.

Stmr. Ocamo, 1,228, Buchanan, from Bermuda, Windward Islands and Demerara, Wm. Thomson & Co., pass. and mdse.
Brigt. Marconi, 199, Gerhardt, from St. Thomas, Barbados, J. W. Smith, molasses.

CLEARED TO-DAY.

Coastwise.—Tug Springhill, Cook, Parrsboro, with barge No. 5 in tow. Schrs. Viola Pearl, Wadden, Beaver Harbor; Beulah Benton, 36, Guthrie, Sandy Cove.

DOMINION PORTS.

St. George, May 9.—Cld., schr. Ruth Robinson, Theal, Nodwalk.
Yarmouth, N. S., May 15.—Ard., bark Fehr Ugland (Nor.), Jensen, Sandy Hook, N. Y.
Montreal, May 15.—Ard., stmr. Nordtsfernen, Hamburg.
Sld., stmr. Tunisian, Liverpool.
Cld., stmrs. Ionian, Glasgow; Milwaukee, London; Monmouth, Bristol; Iona, London; Herm, Leghorn and Palermo; Kensington, Liverpool.
Montreal, May 17—Ard, stmrs Canada, Liverpool; Victorian, Liverpool.
Halifax, May 17—Ard 16th, stmr Sokoto, Montreal, via Gaspe.
Ard 17th—Stmrs Boston (Nor), Jamaica; A W Perry, Boston; Senlac, St John via ports; Minia (Br cable), sea.
Sld 16—Stmrs Dahome, Bermuda, West Indies and Demerara; Rosalind, St. Johns.
Newcastle, N. B., May 14—Ard, stmr Bangor, Brown, Liverpool.
Chatham—Ard, May 14, stmr Marken, Kant, St Johns (Nfld.)
Cld 14th, stmr Russ, Peterson, Cardiff.

BRITISH PORTS.

Hull, May 14.—Sld., stmr. Canada Cape (Br.), Symons, Montreal.
Delagoa Bay, May 15.—Ard., previously, stmr. Memnon (Br.), Purdon, St. John, N. B., via Cape Town, etc.
Liverpool, May 15.—Sld., Empress of Ireland, Forster, Quebec.
Turks Island, May 11.—Sld., stmr. Boston (Nor.), Hoelstad, Halifax. 8th, brig Sceptre, Lunenburg.
Liverpool, May 16—Ard, stmr Virginian, Montreal.

FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, May 15.—Cld., stmr. Pola, Bennett, Montreal; schrs. Scotia Queen, McLeod, Digby, Abbie & Eva Hooper, Holmes, St. John.
Dunkirk, May 14.—Sld., bark Cambusdoon (Br.), Roberts, New York.
St. Lucia, May 12.—Sld., stmr. Eretria (Br), Mulcahy (from Norfolk), Buenos Ayres.
Boston, May 16—Ard, schr Golden Rule, Nickerson, Tusket (N S)
Sld—Schrs Cora May, St John; Oriole, do; Otis Miller, do; Ida M Barton, do; Jennie C, do; Walter Miller, do.
New London, May 16—Ard, schr Margaret E Schwartz, from New York for Halifax.
Vineyard Haven, May 16—Sld, schrs Genevieve, from New York for St. John; Florence E Melanson, from Providence for Weymouth.
City Island, May 16—Bound south, schrs Addie Fuller, St Martins for New York; Sussie P Oliver, St John for New York.
New York, May 16—Sld, stmr Pygland, West Bay.
Portsmouth, May 17—Ard, schrs Vere B Roberts, Weymouth for New York; Hastings, Rockland for Boston.
Sld—Schr Three Sisters, St. John.
City Island, May 17—Bound south, schr Garfield White, Apple River via Mystic.
Vineyard Haven, May 17—Ard, schrs Alcaea, Liverpool (N S) for New York.
Passed—Schrs Abbie & Eva Hooper, New York for St John; Wawenock, Norfolk for Amherst.
Calais, Me., May 17—Ard, bktn Mary Barry, Philadelphia; schrs Madeleine, New York; Flyaway, do.
Sld—Tug Springhill, towing barge No 5, Parrsboro.
Salem, May 17—Sld, schrs G M Porter, Calais; Mercedes, Clementsport.
Boothbay Harbor, May 17—Ard, schr G Walter Scott, Boston.
Boston May 17—Ard, stmr Boston, Yarmouth.
Sld—Schrs Audacieux, Churchill (N S); Grace Darling, Kingsport; Canning Packet, Port Gilbert.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Boston, Mass., May 14.—Notice is given by the lighthouse board that Southeast Breakers buoy No. 2, a second-class nun, Salem Harbor entrance, Boston Bay, is reported missing from its station and will be replaced as soon as practicable.

15th—Captain Howard, of stmr. Nacoochee, from Savannah, reports that the buoy is gone from the northeasterly end of Stone Horse Shoal.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS.

Montreal, May 15.—A Quebec despatch states that stmr. Montcalm (before reported) was floated yesterday and was to be put in the graving dock at St. Joseph de Levis.

St. Johns, N.F., May 9.—Schr. Winnie Lily arrived this afternoon with about 20,000 feet of deals salved from stmr. Micmac, wrecked August 14 at Cape St. Marys, on the passage from St. John, N. B., for Brow Head.

Sydney, C. B., May 15.—Stmr. Sandsend (Br.), Clarke, from Teneriffe, reports passed a derelict schooner of about 200 tons on May 5 (no position mentioned). Only stump of foremast standing. Was unable to decipher name of vessel.

Portsmouth, N. H., May 17.—Schr. Vere B. Roberts (Br.), Weymouth, N. S., for New York, with laths, fouled barge Brunette, from Perth Amboy, in the harbor this morning and had martingale and other headgear carried away. The barge was undamaged.

RECENT CHARTERS.

Schr. Helen Montague, 344 tons, from Philadelphia to Rockland, coal, $1; Norwegian stmr. Ravn, 620 tons, from Miramichi to Belfast, with deals, at or about 35s., May; Italian bark Gregorio, 890 tons, from Campbellton to Montevideo, $8.50; brig Motley, 531 tons, from Moss Point to Trinidad and Dominique, lumber, $8.25, vessel paying extra insurance; schr. Jas. Slater, 266 tons, from Moss Point to Colon, p. t.; British schr. Lady of Avon, 249 tons, from Bridgewater, N. S., to New York, lumber, p. t.

LIST OF VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Indrania, 2,339, R Reford & Co.
Ocamo, 1,228, Wm Thomson & Co.
Roseneath, 1,123, Wm Thomson & Co.

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## THE WAY OF A KING

On sitting down to breakfast one morning the King discovered that there was no claret on the table, and throwing his robe of state around him he walked into the room of his Prime Minister and thundered:

"By the great hornspoon, Mustapha



Discovered that there was no claret.

Mulholland, but who is King of this country, if you please?"

"You are, Oh, Sire," was the reply.

"Then I want things my way. Where's my morning claret?"

"We have no claret in the cellar, Your Majesty, and no money to buy with."

"Zounds! Take 12 men with you and visit the banker Jimroz and bring back six bags of gold. Tell him it's a little loan."

"I'd be glad to do so, Oh, King, but old Jimroz is on to your game bigger'n a house and has put his gold where we can't get it."

"Then order the army to make a foray into the domains of King Ashar and bring back a wagonload of champagne."

"Alas, you have no army, gracious Sire."

"What! Has it come to this! Then I bid thee go out and sell a part of the royal stud."

"But you have none to sell."

"Then I command that all taxes be doubled for a year."

"Alas, Noble Ruler, it would do no good. The people are so hard up that there can be no more squeezing."

"But the crown jewels?"

"They were pawned three months ago."

"Mulholland, does what I say go?" asked the King after thinking the situation over a bit.

"Sure, Your Majesty."

"Then you tell the cook to have string beans and buttermilk for dinner, and fail not on his life!" JOE KERR.



KIND OF HIM.

The Lady—All the big strawberries are on the top of this box. I can see that.

The Peddler—Well, ma'am, if yer'd rather have de little ones on top I'll just turn de box upside down.