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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

By special wire to J. M. Robinson & Sons, brokers, St. John, N. B.

Dec. 10, 1909.

	Yesterday's Close	Today's Opening	Noon.
Amalgamated	87⅞	87⅞	87¼
Am. Car Foundry	73⅛	72	72
Am. Locomotive	61½	61⅞	61⅞
American Ice	28⅛	28½	28½
American Sugar	123½	123½	123¼
Atchison	122½	122½	121¾
American Smelters	100	100¼	100¼
Anaconda	49¼	49	48¾
Brooklyn Rap. Transit, ex div 1 p. c.	82¼	80⅞	80
Baltimore & Ohio	117¼	117¾	117
Canadian Pacific Ry	181½	181	180¾
N. Y. Central, ex div and ex rights	129¼	122¾	122⅞
Chicago & G. W.		20¼	20½
Chesa. & Ohio, ex div 1 p. c.	88⅜	87¼	87⅛
Colo. F. & Iron	51	51¼	50⅝
Den. & Rio G.	49¾	50	49½
Delaware & H. C.	182⅞	182⅞	182⅞
Erie	33⅝	33¾	33⅝
Erie, 1st pfd.	48¾	49⅛	49½
Consolidated Gas	151½	151¼	151
General Electric		160	160½
Gt. North. pfd.	143⅜	143⅜	143⅜
Illinois Central	146½	146½	146½
Kansas & Texas	49¾	49⅞	49¼
Lou. & Nashville	152½	152½	151¾
National Lead, ex div. 1¼ per cent.	88⅞	88	87⅝
Mackay Cos, ex div 1¼ per cent.	92⅞		
Mexican Central	23½		
Missouri Pacific	71	71	71
Northern Pacific	144¼	144¼	144½
Nor. & Western	101	101	100¼
Ontario & Western	49¾	49¾	49⅜
Pressed Steel Car	52⅛	52⅛	52⅛
Pennsylvania	134	134⅜	134¼
Reading	171⅛	171½	170¼
People's G L & Co		114⅞	114½
Rep. I. & S.	46⅜	46¾	46¾
Rock Island	41	41	40⅝
Rock Island, pfd.	89⅞		
U. S. Rubber	53		
Soo Railway	136	136¼	138
Southern Pacific	130½	130⅝	130⅞
St. Paul	155⅜	156½	156¾
Sloss Sheffield	88		
Southern Ry.	31⅞	31⅞	31⅝
Union Pacific	201⅞	202⅜	201⅞
U. S. Steel, ex div. 1 per cent.	91⅞	90⅞	90⅜
U. S. Steel, pfd.	125		
Western Union	78½	78½	78½
Wabash Ry.	21⅜	21⅜	21⅜
Wabash Ry., pfd.	58½	58½	57¼

Sales—12 o'clock, 531,600.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

January	14.80	14.85	14.82
March	15.15	15.19	15.18
May	15.38	15.41	15.43
July	15.38	15.39	15.42
October	13.13	13.15	13.05
December	14.66	14.72	14.69
Spot	14.95		

CHICAGO MARKET.

Wheat—			
December	109¾	110	110⅜
May	108¼	108⅝	109
July	98⅝	98⅝	98⅛
Corn—			
December	58⅞	58⅞	59½
May	62½	62¾	64
July	62	63	63
Oats—			
December	42⅛	42⅞	42¾
May	43¾	43¾	44⅛
July	41⅛	41⅝	41⅜
Pork—			
January	21.50		
May	20.95		

MORNING COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 10—At no time yesterday did the market show any sign of weakness. There was heavy realizing by the people who had been looked to as bull leaders, but the market took the cotton without any trouble and it is evidently anticipated that the report this afternoon will show average short crop. Prices are not now much higher than they were when the average opinion favored a yield of about 11,250,000 to 11,500,000 bales.

If the government report this afternoon justifies a reduction of 1,000,000 bales in average estimates it may create a sensational buying movement. The census report just published certainly pointed to such an estimate. The movement so far is showing a close relation to the ginning figures confirming them to that extent. The south has marketed a large percentage of its crop; the mills have yet to secure a large percentage of their requirements, even if curtailment becomes more pronounced.

The main question in the market if the reduced view of the crop is warranted, is whether prices will advance suddenly as a result of speculative buying on the government report, or whether the advance will come gradually under the leadership of the spot situation. If speculative demand does not broaden very materially as a result of the government estimate, it would be logical to expect temporary reactions of some consequence, but reactions in speculative markets so far this season have failed to disturb southern values and there can be no permanent break under such conditions.

W. W. PRICE.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL BUREAU.

New York, Dec. 10—Further investigations by us of the manipulative policy seem to indicate that it is largely one of rotation, i. e., there is a transfer from one group to another by the bull control which raises prices by this specialty action in a way such as to prevent a confident general buying and also so as to encourage outstanding shorts to maintain their position. It evidently means that no following is yet desired and that the following will be wanted to take stocks at higher prices. This policy usually entails specific recessions rather than a broad general reaction, at least, until the movement upward shall have broadened materially.

The tactics of yesterday seem likely to be continued for today. Of course the market is highly professional and as such is subject to sudden superficial changes. There is, therefore, no reason why profits should not be taken on bulges on part of holdings and transfers made from time to time. The low priced list we think continues to offer the best buying opportunities. Developments over night do not seem to be of great financial or stock market importance and in the absence of adverse reports the confidence noted in stock exchange circles may expand today.

Market literature is a little more bullish though many skeptics still remain while press comment is grudgingly admitting that prices are going up. The two important bull levels seem to us to be, first, money, and second, the Taft conservative message. The action of the Bank of England in reducing the discount rate is of highest importance and as the Sun financial editorial says today, the return of currency from the interior with the London action, constitute factors of "immense encouragement in the financial situation."

WALL STREET NOTES.

New York, Dec. 10—Americans in London, firm, ⅛ to ⅛ above parity.

New York city bond sale today.

Government cotton report today with estimate of crop for 1909.

New York city sells ex-rights today.

Very low temperature prevailed throughout the west, but a break in the cold wave expected.

Mexican monetary commission reports against free coinage of silver.

American Ice case expected to conclude today.

Rumors of Lehigh Valley control of Wabash.

Firmer tone for copper due to checking of over-production.

Locomotive reports all plants running full with orders for some months ahead.

Copper stocks in London, firm.

Stock situation in northwest, unchanged.

Compromise expected on demand for increased wages on eastern roads.

Some prospects of New York saving banks reducing present four per cent. rate of interest.

Bradstreet's commodity prices index shows a further advance for December and is now close to the highest recorded figure.

London settlement concludes today.

Twelve industrials advanced .56; twenty active railroads advanced .80.

London, Dec 10, 2 p. m.—Anc., 49⅜; Ac., 88; Atch. 122⅞; Bo, 117¾; Co., 88¾; Ca., 181½; D., 49¾; Dx., 86¾; Erie, 34; Ef., 49¼; Ez., 40½; Kt., 50; Ln., 152¼; Nk., 100½; Np., 144½; Cen., 129½; Ow., 49½; Pa., 134¼; Rg., 171⅛; Ri., 41½; Sr., 32⅛; Sj., 71⅛; Sp., 131¼; St., 156½; Up., 202⅜; Us., 91⅞; Ux., 125⅜; Wz., 57⅝.

WINNIPEG WHEAT QUOTATIONS.

The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Limited, supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg Wheat Market, Dec. 9: December, 98⅜; May, 100⅝.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 10—Cotton futures opened steady. December, 14.72; January, 14.85; February, 15.05; March, 15.19; May, 15.40; July, 15.39; August, 14.97; October, 13.15.

WALL STREET TODAY.

New York, Dec. 10—Prices of stocks started upwards on active opening dealings. The large transactions in Pennsylvania were a feature of the market, that stock rising three-quarters. Norfolk & Western sold at an advance of three-quarters, and gained an additional point on the next transaction. New York Central sold at 122¾, with the subscription rights and the quarterly dividend deducted, compared with 129½ last night. Wabash Preferred and Western Maryland rose one, and American Smelting three-quarters.

It's surprising how quickly a woman puts on weight when she sits on her husband's lap.

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LIKELY INQUEST INTO DEATH OF HENRY F. HEENAN

In view of circumstances connected with the suicide of Henry F. Heenan, it is thought by many that an inquest should be held to determine what foundation there is for these reports.

Coroner Berryman, when asked this afternoon if he would hold an inquest, said he had not reached a definite decision, but in view of information that had come to him he believed an inquiry should be held. He added that if he decided, after looking further into the matter that an inquest was advisable, he would empanel a jury this afternoon and view the body this evening, in which case a hearing would be held on Saturday or Monday evening.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ACT

Melbourne, Dec. 10—(Special)—The federal cabinet has cabled asking that the admiralty immediately commence construction of the battleship cruiser which is to be the chief vessel of the Australian unit of the Pacific fleet. The government proposes to proceed with the construction of the remaining vessels of the unit so that all shall be completed simultaneously.

Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 10—(Special)—The naval defence programme provided for financing of the Dreadnought offer and New Zealand's contribution to the British navy, passed through all the stages of the house of representatives yesterday. The third reading was carried without division.

London, Dec. 10—Notices were posted today at the weaving mills in the Bolton, Wigan and Leigh districts, announcing that short time working schedules would go into effect next week owing to the prohibitive price of cotton." Many thousands of operatives will be affected.

Rome, Dec. 10—Baron Sidney Sonnino, the ex-premier, who was delegated to the task of forming a new cabinet in succession to that of the retiring Premier, Giolitti, has been unable to come to terms with Deputy Martini and ex-Minister of Justice Finnochiaro Aprile, whose association has been expected and accordingly has named the ministry.

ST. JOHN MAN WOULD MANAGE EXHIBITION

A meeting of the executive of the Exhibition Association will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon, when the question of a manager for the dominion fair will be discussed. No reply has yet been received from Mr. Tomilson of Sherbrooke, who was spoken of as a probable manager. The application from a St. John man has been received in response to the advertisement published by the association.

CHURCH ENTERTAINMENTS

What was pronounced as the most successful affair held in Exmouth street church for some time, was given last night by the members of the Sunday school in aid of the mission fund. The school room was crowded and the large number enjoyed an exceptionally fine programme. About forty members presented a cantata entitled "Santa's Reception," and they are deserving of great praise for the efficient manner in which they gave the performance.

The part of Santa Claus was taken with credit by R. D. Cogger and Miss Minnie Myles as Mrs. Santa Claus also came in for much applause. The other members of the cast: Miss Baskin, as the Song Queen, Gordon Stevens as Mr. Stingeyman, F. Withers as John Bull, and Miss Magee as Canada were all good. Much of the success of the cantata is due to the efforts of Missess Blanche Myles and Lilian Tait.

The North Pole fair, being given in Portland Methodist church Sunday School is meeting with promising success, and while a large crowd attended last night, there should be a record attendance again this evening, when a New England supper will be served by the ladies in the supper booth.

PLANT LOBSTERS IN THE PACIFIC

Another Shipment From Nova Scotia Likely—No Tests of Experiment Yet

It is expected that the Dominion government will make another shipment of live lobsters this spring from Nova Scotia and plant them in the Pacific coast waters. Three shipments of these live lobsters have already been made in the effort to get them to live in Pacific waters, which are considered by experts to be ideal for the purpose.

The latest shipment was made last spring, and until the present with one exception, none of the lobsters has been caught or seen after once being set free on the Pacific coast. It is not known whether they have lived or not. The government has not thought it advisable to make extensive tests of the results on the British Columbia coast until 1911, when about 1,000 traps will be placed where the lobsters were put into the sea and it will then be ascertained whether or not the experiment has been a success.

I. O. FORESTERS

At the meeting of Court Loyalist No. 121, I. O. F., last night the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—

C. R.—F. L. Corey.
V. C. R.—G. A. Perry.
R. S.—W. A. Erb.
F. S.—W. W. Hawker.
Treas.—M. J. Dorsey.
Orator—H. Craft.
S. W.—S. A. McKinney.
J. W.—G. London.
S. B.—F. L. Vincent.
J. B.—G. Dykeman.
Finance Committee—Geo. Mullin and J. Evans.
Trustees—B. Huestis and H. Kilpatrick.
Central Committee—W. A. Erb, F. L. Corey, S. Thorne, B. Huestis and H. B. Cunningham.
C. D. H. C. R.—S. Thorne.
Court Physician.—Dr. J. H. Grey.

The new officers will be permanently installed in January by officers of the high court. They will be escorted by a Royal Chapter guard.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Dec. 10—Stocks were mostly firm today. Steel was again the leader, with an advance to 70½; Pacific was easier at 180¾; other features were: Street Railway, 215¾; Soo, 137½; Richelieu, 89½; Detroit, 65; Coal, 92; Duluth Superior, 68; Power, 129; Scotia, 82½.

SALUTE THE FLAG

Board of Education to Take Up Matter This Afternoon—Government Meets.

At a meeting of the local government this morning the report of J. N. W. Winslow, commissioner in the Grand Falls Power Co. inquiry, was submitted. It is necessary that the company pay the expenses of the commissioner and when they have done so, the premier said, the report would be made public.

Letters patent were granted to the Gideon Hevenor Co., Ltd., a number of minor appointments were made and satisfactory reports received regarding potato shipments.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon a meeting of the board of education will be held to consider the proposition of saluting the flag in the public schools. Those attending the meeting will be:—Premier Hazen, Chief Superintendent Carter, Chancellor Jones of the U. N. B.; Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of St. John schools and R. B. Emerson, chairman of the city school oard.

At 3.30 o'clock the government will meet again to hear a delegation from Coldbrook and Lilley Brook regarding an amalgamation of the schools in that district.

ASK $2,000,000 FOR SELKIRK EXHIBITION

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10—(Special)—A large delegation from Winnipeg and Manitoba waited upon the government this morning and asked for $2,000,000 to assist the big Selkirk exposition in 1912.

Sir Wilfrid and Messrs. Fielding, Graham, Oliver and Patterson received the delegation, which was composed of prominent men of the west. Sir Wilfrid's reply was non-committal, but he said he was strongly impressed by their arguments and would give them careful consideration.

LOCAL NEWS

The Times has for sale an oak counter suitable for an office, which can be had at a very reasonable figure.

If you wish to save money buy at The 2 Barkers, Ltd.

Apples from $1.00 barrel up. Canadian Northern Spy Apples from $2.50 per bbl. up. At The 2 Barkers, Ltd.

Toys, dolls, games, books and fancy crockery at less than wholesale prices, at The 2 Barkers, Ltd.

The tea and sale held last evening in the Seamen's Mission will not be continued tonight.

The family wash bundle will return to you sweet, fresh, and spotless if sent to Ungar's Laundry. Tel. 58.

Attention is called to advertisement of diamond ring lost; advertisement in this issue.

Turkey supper tomorrow (Saturday), from 5 to 8 p.m—Wanamaker's, 101 Charlotte street.

Read the full page advertisement of M. R. A. today, page 7. It will suggest innumerable appropriate things for Christmas gifts. Come to the big store and view the great assortment of holiday goods in all departments.

Nothing ever like it before, and to bank on the future is dangerous. Therefore it is wise economy to visit the greatest clearance sale at C. B. Pidgeon's, corner Main and Bridge streets. The bargains are the greatest ever know.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Irvine was held from the home of her son-in-law, H. H. McAvity, Coburg street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. G. A. Kuhring and interment was in Fernhill.

Fire early this morning completely destroyed the Yorkshire Tavern on Mohogany Road. The house was about 90 years old. It was occupied by John McConnemy and family and Miss Campbell, who lost all their effects.

About 1 o'clock today the fire department was called out in answer to a call from box 17. The cause of the alarm was a slight fire in the premises of R. Pitts, Brunswick street. There was but little damage. The blaze resulted from a tar pot which was upset.

There is property awaiting the relatives of James T. Hicks, in Freeport, U. S., formerly of St. John, and a letter to Postmaster Sears from Fred E. Thompson, of Freeport, asks for information concerning him. His father was Isaac Hicks and he had sisters and uncles.

SUCCESSFUL FAIR.

The floral fair at Calvin church schoolroom, Carleton street, drew a large audience last evening, who were pleased with the attractive booths and display of useful and fancy articles. This fair will be continued this evening, and anyone looking for bargains had better attend.

The appeals in the case of George Cusack, George Flood and the bartender for Mrs. Catherine Bradley, which were to have been heard this morning before Judge Forbes in county court chambers, were postponed until tomorrow morning. Each of these cases is an appeal from the decision of Judge Ritchie in the police court, who imposed a fine of $50 on each of the appellants for selling liquor to an intoxicated man.

The case against Harry Short, charged with interfering with Policeman McFarlane in the pursuit of his duties was heard in the police court this afternoon and Short was fined $16. Henry Graham, charged with fighting on Brussels street, was fined $10 or 30 days. Thomas Dobson, who was reported by Buildings Inspector Thompson for making repairs to his building on Wentworth street in October last, without a permit, was told to see the city engineer concerning the matter.

ASSESSORS MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL TODAY

The meeting of the common council this afternoon to consider the appointment of assessors for the ensuing year promises to be unusually interesting. Judging from the sentiment expressed by a majority of the aldermen, the recommendation of the treasury board, which represents four votes out of the seven members composing the board, will be unrecognizable when the council gets through with it.

The probability of H. Adam Glasgow and possibly others being put forward, leaves the issue very much in doubt but it is practically certain that the membership will remain as at present—five members.

PASSENGER HEADS OF C. P. R. AND I. C. R. HERE

The heads of the C. P. R. and I. C. R. passenger departments were in the city today and each reported business large on their respective lines. Both asserted that the general prosperity of the country was responsible for the favorable conditions.

To a Times reporter, Mr. Wells, of the C. P. R., said that he was down this way to look over matters in this division. "Passenger business with us is very large, much larger than for the corresponding period last year," said Mr. Wells. "More people are traveling east from the west than for some time, which indicates that the country is in good shape and there is more money to spend. The number of people going across the water this year, too, is large."

When it was suggested to him that the acquiring of the Allan line by his company would materially help matters, he replied that it most assuredly would, but added, "if the newspapers are correct." He said that there were no changes contemplated in his department on this division.

On the state of the passenger business on the I. C. R., John M. Lyons said, "The business on the whole is very good, though at the present moment a little quiet. I expect, however, that it will become brisk with the approach of Christmas season. Trade generally, I think, has been good which, of course, makes travel good." Mr. Lyons has been on a business trip to Boston, Toronto and Montreal.

DOG FISH EGGS

Goverment May Utilize Product Now Wasted

The officials of the fisheries department at Ottawa, are taking a great deal of interest in the recent announcement made by an American scientist that eggs of the sea dog-fish contain an unusual amount of protein. About eight years ago the government erected three reduction plants on the Atlantic coast for converting dog-fish the great pest of the fishermen, into fertilizer. However, the plant cannot reduce the eggs of this fish into a fertilizer and as they are about as large as hen's eggs tons and tons of these are thrown away each year. However, since it has been proven that they contain such an abundance of protein they will become, it is expected, almost as valuable as hen's eggs and thus will give thousands of dollars formerly thrown back into the sea.

Last year Prof. E. E. Prince, dominion commissioner and general inspector of fisheries, in his report commented on the nutritious value of these eggs and the great amount that was thrown into the sea. Protein is much used in the tanning process of the most valuable leathers.

COL. DENISON GETS AS GOOD AS HE GIVES

(Toronto Telegram)

A rapid passage-at-arms took place between the colonel and Frederick Thompson.

"They say you are a vagrant," began the beak.

"No sir!" declared the man in the dock, with a bang on the rail. "What I want is steady work."

"Have you any home?"

"No."

"Are you hard up?"

"Got 15 cents and I've had my breakfast."

"That's not much. According to the law, you are a vagrant; you are without visible means of support."

"Where do you come from?"

"Leeds—been here a year."

"What's your occupation?"

"A tanner."

"No work of that sort here for you."

"I could get it at Leeds."

"They don't do any of that work in Leeds now—they get it all done in Germany by cheap labor. There are thousands upon thousands of idle men in Leeds today."

"I paid a second-class passage out here, and have been in the Northwest. I have a wife and children in England."

"Why don't you go back there and vote?" asked Mr. Corley.

"I've lost my vote now."

"How did you vote?" went on the colonel.

"Good old Liberal," declared Thompson with an emphatic ring in his voice.

"No wonder you're hard up if you vote Liberal."

"We get nothing for our votes in the old country the same as you do here," shot back the accused.

The court fined him $1 without costs or 60 days, but after the controversy he was remanded for a week, during which an effort will be made to find him work. He had never been in a dock before.

VICTORIAN SAILS

The Allan liner Victorian, which sailed at 10 o'clock this morning, for Liverpool via Halifax, took from this port 950 passengers, as follows:—Twenty-one saloon, 286 second cabin and 643 steerage. About 300 will join the steamer at Halifax.

About 250 passengers arrived today for the C. P. R. liner Lake Manitoba, which will sail tomorrow evening. She will take away about 1,000.

The Allan liner Hesperian is expected here Sunday.

When peeling onions some people suffer A Kettle Holder—To which is attached about one yard of tape is most useful when in the kitchen. Pin the tape to your belt and you have always at hand a holder to lift anything hot from the stove.

A fortune awaits the genius who can invent a mirror that will convince a woman she is as pretty as she thinks she is.

The Ohio girl who sold ten pounds of love letters to the ragman for a nickel probably got the best of the bargain.



"Eastern Representative, R. R. Rankine, St. John."

WORLD OF SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC

1909 December	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Tides High	Tides Low
10—Fri	7.59	4.37	10.06	4.26
11—Sat	8.00	4.37	10.47	5.04

The time used is Atlantic Standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN

Arrived Today.

Stmr Lakonia, 3046, Fraser, from Glasgow, R Reford & Co, general cargo.

Schr Laura C Hall, 90, Rockwell, from Boston, C M Kerrison, ballast, and cleared for Maitland, NS.

Chr Margaret May Riley, 240, Granville, from New York, A W Adams, 349 tons hard coal, R P & W F Starr.

Schr H J Logan, 772, Howard, from New York J H Scammel & Co, ballast.

Schr Moama, 384, Williams, from New York, P McIntyre, 631 tons hard coal, R P & W F Starr.

Coastwise—Bear River, 70, Woodworth, Bear River, and cleared; Westport III, 49, Cogins, Westport, and cleared.

Cleared Today.

Stmr Lake Manitoba, 6275, Evans, for Liverpool, C P R Co, pass and mdse.

Stmr Cassandra, 5228, Mitchell, for Glasgow, R Reford Co, pass and mdse.

Coastwise—Schr Cora May, Finnegan, fishing; Sea Flower, Thompson, Chance Harbor, Lena, Faulkner, Noel.

Sailed Today.

Stmr Victorian, 6,743, Outram, for Liverpool via Halifax, Wm Thomson & Co, pass and mdse.

DOMINION PORTS.

Halifax, Dec 9—Ard, stmrs Almeriana, from St John for West Indies; Montrose, St John for London; Tabasco, St John.

Hawkesbury, Dec 8—Ard, tug D H Thomas, with dredge Bruiser, and barges in tow, from Fourchu, where she was dredging all summer, having made a channel 120 feet wide with 90 feet of water at low tide.

Ard—Tug Acadia, towing other parts of the plant.

In port—Schrs Atheling and Elva D H. Tug D H Thomas cleared for Sydney.

BRITISH PORTS.

Dublin, Dec 7—Ard, stmr Inishowen Head, Pickford, Montreal.

FOREIGN PORTS.

New York, Dec 9—Cld, stmr Cape Breton, Warden, Sydney, C B.

Sld—Bark Annie Smith, for Cayenne.

Norfolk, Dec 8—Sld, schr Helen H Benedict, Rogers, Cheverie.

Tacoma, Wash, Dec 8—Ard, ship Riverside, Jenkins, Seattle.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS.

London, Dec 8—Ship J D Everett (Br), Bowers, from Gulfport Nov 2 for Rio Janeiro, has put into St Thomas leaking and with 15 feet of water in the hold.

Vineyard Haven, Dec 8—The schooner Mary I. Crosby had all her headgear swept off last night in a collision with the schooner Ella L Davenport. Today she was found to be in fairly good shape and shipped a temporary bowsprit, preparatory to proceeding to New York. The Crosby had a cargo of dressed stone from Stonington, Me.

MARINE NEW

Steamer Governor Cobb, now being repaired at Boston, will be fitted with wireless. She is going south Dec. 15.

Schooner Ladysmith, which arrived at Halifax from New York with a cargo of coal, will load a return cargo of lumber at Richmond.

The large three masted Bristol schooner Ronald, Captain Wagner, arrived yesterday from New York with 20 tons of moulding sand for T. McAvity & Sons.

Schr Norman Smith, Capt. William, has arrived from Gloucester at Louisburg en route to St. Pierre, where she is to be delivered having been purchased by parties there.

The turret steamship Good Hope of London arrived at Boston Wednesday after a 58-days passage from Calcutta with a 6590 ton cargo, part of which will be taken to New York.

Chatham, Mass, Dec. 8—An unknown three masted lumber loaded schooner went ashore on Handkerchief Shoal at daylight, but floated at high water and proceeded west.

The schooner Hazel R. Hines, recently driven ashore at Newfoundland, is a total wreck, her insurance having run out Nov. 1 and was not renewed owing to the increased rate. The loss falls on Capt. Lovett Hines skipper and owner of the craft.

Alex. MacGregor, Marine Superintendent of the D. A. R., who has for a year or two contemplated a trip to his home in Scotland, left last evening for that country, going via New York. During his absence he will visit several points in the land of his birth, also in England, his trip extending to early March.

The exports to Havana from this port, on the first trip of the new Thomson line steamer, the Felix, was as follows:—Four hundred bags bran, 4,660 bales hay, 2 bags carrots, 5,084 barrels and 978 bags potatoes, 33 drums dry fish, 00 sacks oats, and 50,778 feet spruce boards. The total value of her cargo is about $25,000.

A naval court of inquiry was held in Portland Wednesday, Dec. 8, relative to the collision between the British steamships Devona and Ripon off Half Way rock, a few miles off Portland harbor at 1.30 o'clock Saturday morning, Dec. 4. The court was composed of British Vice Consul John B. Keating, Capt. Ingham of the steamship Englishman and Capt. A. W. Fleming of the British bark Snowden and Capt. Deane of the steamship Ottoman with Atty W. H. Gulliver as adviser for the court. After hearing the evidence the court found that the master of the Devona did everything possible to avoid the collision. The court also found that the master of the steamship Ripon erred in judgment in supposing he was in danger of sinking the pilot boat and that he failed to reduce the speed of the vessel in order to keep the stern well clear and go clear of the Devona, and this with his action in putting the helm hard a port was responsible for the accident and consequent damage. The court ordered that his certificate as master be suspended for one calendar month from date.

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WORSE THAN BATTLE

Ottawa Papers Observation on Football and the Deaths Caused

(Ottawa Journal)

Football, the one remaining amateur American sport, will have to very considerably amend its rules, or fall out of that public favor which it has so signally gained during the past few years.

That this is a general verdict throughout the United States is shown at the present time by the widespread newspaper comments, the magazine articles, and the individual interviews, all agreeing upon the necessity for some considerable amendment either in the football rules, or in their present interpretation, in order that the game shall not sink into disfavor and disrepute with the American people.

The following football statistics for the past seven months are given in the Literary Digest:

"Thirty deaths, 216 players injured, 12 broken collar-bones, 8 broken noses, 12 broken legs, 19 broken ribs, 9 broken arms, 19 broken ankles, 13 broken shoulders, 8 broken wrists, 8 broken fingers, 6 broken hands and 3 broken jaws."

Something is decidedly wrong with the rules of the game that permit such annual slaughter. Over half the battles of the Spanish-American war could not show any such record of fatalities as this seven-month attempt of young America to obtain exercise, relaxation and amusement.

Only those wholly out of touch with the problem wish to entirely abolish football because of these fatalities. The big place the game fills in lighter phases of American life is shown by the fact that this last summer Yale alone obtained a revenue of over $80,000 from the football game.

If the game is to continue to receive support from the best element in the United States there must be, in effect, a radical change. Whether, as some state, a more rigid enforcement of present rules would prevent this heavy list of deaths and injuries, or whether some vital changes have to be made in the governing rules, remain for the experts to decide.

American football players and managers realize the big asset they have in the public's ever-growing interest in the game, and it is gratifying that already steps are being taken to obtain a symposium of the best American expert opinion upon the changes required from which the less deadly, but equally interesting, game of the future will be evolved.

C. P. R. TALKING OF MONTREAL TUNNEL

(Montreal Herald)

The Canadian Pacific Railway is now giving serious consideration to the question of the construction of an electric tunnel or subway between Windsor street and Place Viger stations.

This important enterprise, which is rendered possible by the new and improved devices used in tunnel driving, which greatly reduce the cost of construction, would create a revolution in the principal traffic arteries between the east and west ends of the city, as well as prove an immense saving in the cost of haulage between the company's two city stations, which although separated by little more than a mile, necessitates, when it is necessary to make connection, a five-mile train journey.

PERSONALS

A. R. Wetmore, government engineer, Fredericton, is at the Dufferin.

J. F. Calder, fisheries inspector of Campobello, is at the Victoria.

W. C. Clarke, St. John, is staying at the Queen's.—Montreal Herald.

MRS. FIELDING RECEIVES

(Ottawa Journal, Dec. 27.)

Mrs. W. S. Fielding received yesterday afternoon at her residence, 216 Metcalfe street, and was assisted by Lady Borden, Lady Cartwright, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Pugsley, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. Graham and Miss Murphy. The hostess was handsomely gowned in black satin. The spacious drawing room was lavishly decorated with white mums and the orchestra, stationed in the hall, could be heard throughout the house. In the tea room, the tea table was lovely with pink carnations and ferns arranged with pink shaded lights. During the afternoon Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Pugsley, Mrs. Templeman and Miss Murphy presided at either end, the guests being waited on by the hostess' daughters, Miss Jane and Miss Florence Fielding in white gowns, Miss Edith in mauve crepe de chine and Miss Claire and Miss Anna Oliver.

Four pkgs. Currants for 25c.; 3 pkgs. best seeded raisins for 25c. citron peel 14c. lb., lemon and orange peel, 13c. lb. At The 2 Barkers, Ltd., North, South, East and West end stores.

DEATHS

NIXON—In this city, on the 10th inst., Elizabeth Rutherford Nixon, widow of William Nixon, in the 78th year of her age, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn. (Boston papers please copy).

Funeral on Sunday at 3.30 from her late residence, 101 Queen street. Friends are invited to attend.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

Too Late for Classification.

TO LET—A few pleasant rooms, with or without board. Apply to Mrs. John L. Wilson, 351 Union street. 2349-12-17

MAID WANTED—For general housework. References required. Apply Mrs. Wardroper, 169 Wentworth street. 2345-12-14

LOST—On Thursday evening, at Calvin Church Fair, or on Carleton street, Wellington Row or Union street, a lady's diamond ring. Reward by returning same to Times office. 2349-12-13

WANTED—Male and female canvassers for laundry work, for the city and suburbs. Apply to Ungar Laundry and Dye Works, 28 to 34 Waterloo street. 2346-12-14

FOR SALE—By auction, on Market square, Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock, French-Canadian Horse aged nine years, weight about 980 pounds. F. L. Potts, Auctioneer.

WANTED—Traveller Jan 1st, to sell business calendars and post cards on commission in New Brunswick. Native of St. John preferred. Apply, stating experience and give references, to box 212, Digby, Nova Scotia. 2348-12-13

NEW HOME and New Domestic Machines from $9. Buy in my shop and save $10. I employ no agents. Genuine needles and oil, all kinds. Sewing Machines and Phonographs repaired. William Crawford, 105 Princess street, opposite White Store.

THE QUESTION—The question now is, what shall we give our son or daughter for a Xmas. present. We have solved the difficulty. A scholarship in the International Correspondence Schools, something that will be of lasting benefit to them. They will highly appreciate this in future years. Address I. C. S., 102 Prince William street, city.