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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

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December 8th, '09.

	Yesterday's Close	Today's Opening	Noon.
Amalgamated Copper	87⅝	87¾	87⅝
Am. Car & Foundry	72½	72½	72⅜
Am. Locomotive	61¼	61¾	61¾
American Ice	28⅝	29	28½
American Sugar	122¾	123⅛	124⅛
Atchison	121⅝	121½	121⅞
Am. Smelters	99	99⅜	99⅝
Anaconda	49⅛	49	49⅛
Baltimore & Ohio	116¾	116⅝	116½
C. P. R.	181¼	181	181½
New York Central	127⅝	127⅜	127⅜
Chi & G West		19⅝	20
Chesapeake & Ohio	87¼	87¼	87¼
Colorado F & Iron	51	51	50¾
Denver and Rio G.	50⅛	50	50⅛
Delaware and H C	184¼	184¼	184¼
Erie		33⅜	33¼
Erie 1st pfd.		48	48½
Consolidated Gas	150½	151	151½
General Electric		161	
Great North pfd	142¾	142¾	143⅛
Kansas Texas	48⅛	48⅛	48
Louisville & Nashville	151	151	151¾
National Lead	88¼	88½	88⅞
Mackay Cos.		93	93
Missouri Pacific	71¼	71	71
Northern Pacific	143⅞	143¾	144⅛
Pressed Steel Car	52⅜	52⅜	52⅝
Pennsylvania	130⅞	130⅞	131½
Reading	171⅛	171½	171⅜
Rep I & Steel	46¼	46¾	46⅜
Rock Island	40½	40½	40½
Rock Island pfd	88½	88¼	88¼
U S Rubber	52⅞	52¾	53¼
Soo Railway	135	135	135
Southern Pacific	129½	129⅞	130⅛
St. Paul	155	155¼	155⅞
Sloss Sheffield		88½	88½
Southern Railway	31¼	31⅜	31⅜
Union Pacific	201⅛	201⅛	201⅞
U. S. Steel	91	91⅛	91⅞
U S Steel pfd	124⅞	124⅞	125⅜
Western Union	79½	78¾	78¾
Wabash Railway	21¼	21⅛	21⅛
Wisconsin Central		49	49

Sales at 11 o'clock were 357,500 shares.
Sales at 12 o'clock were 394,600 shares.

MORNING COTTON LETTER

New York, Dec. 8—The market made a generally steady showing yesterday although business was not active. Smaller traders were evening up, larger operators showed their confidence in higher prices and in bullish government reports by supporting the market on dips. At the opening this market, the census figures will be available. It is probable that the trade is looking for a little under nine-million bales ginned to Dec. 1st on the average.

This is due to the report of the National Ginners' Association showing only 8,834,000 bales ginned to the date in question. If the official report should come as low as this forecast it would undoubtedly make a bullish impression on sentiment and might lead to a more general effort to discount an increasingly bullish idea of the government's estimate on Friday, but on any advance of consequence we shall expect heavy realizing. W. W. PRICE

NEW YORK FINANCIAL BUREAU

New York, Dec. 8—Bullish specialty operations are likely today. Irregular recovery operations of a quiet nature are noted. The low-priced and medium stocks including the generality of industrials continue to appeal to us as presenting good buying opportunities on recessions while the high priced rails give evidence of being oversold. The most important development in the last 48 hours is the crop outlook which is splendid and indicates a great harvest.

We recently called attention to the favorable circumstances under which the planting occurred. The president's message is well received in and out of Wall street and the business man may breathe freely on its sanity which presages well for future documents.

The trust talk may not go to congress as recently suggested until the supreme court acts on cases before it. Money still reflects a bettering position at home and abroad and while such action is not considered likely by bankers here on account of political reasons solely, if the Bank of England should reduce its discount rate tomorrow it would surprise nobody who has followed its rapidly increasing strength.

Press comment seems skeptical of improvement in stocks just now while market literature is divided, a situation that confirms the existence of a big outstanding short interest which has but little chance to cover to advantage and may be run in any time. The January disbursements are drawing near and we believe they will as usual be discounted by conservative improvement in stock prices.

WALL STREET NOTES.

New York, Dec. 8—American stocks in London firm, ¼ to ¾ above parity.

Telephone and telegraph inquiry resume today.

London settlement began today and quotations are now for new account.

President's message generally favorably commented on by newspapers.

Reorganization committee buys Norfolk & Southern at foreclosure sale for $8,500,000.

Loaning rate in London five per cent on American stocks, same rate as last settlement.

Copper and mining stocks in London strong and general market sentiment there cheerful.

Crucible steel expected to begin payment of back dividends in near future.

Railroads continue to order new equipment in good quantity.

Atchison reports business well sustained and all equipment fully employed.

Twelve industrials advanced .76; twenty active railroads advanced .67.

London, Dec. 8—2 p. m.—Consols 82⅞; Anc 48¾; Acp 88⅜; Atch 121¾; Bo 116¾; Co 87⅛; Ca 181⅝; D 50¼; Dx 86¼; Erie 33⅜; Ef 47⅛; Ills 146¼; Kt 48¼; Ln 151¼; Nk 98½; Np 144; Con 127⅝; Ow 47¾; Pa 131; Rg 171⅝; Ri 40¾; Sr 31⅝; Sp 130; St 155¼; Up 201⅝; Us 91⅛; Wz 57⅛.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Dec. 8—(Special)—Stocks opened firm but afterwards showed an easier tone. Shawinigan advanced four points to 105, while Power strengthened to 129 1-8, but afterwards reacted fractionally. Other features were Richelieu 87 1-4, to 86 7-8, Soo 135, Detroit 64 3-4, Toronto Railway 126 to 125 3-4, Textile Preferred 105, Montreal Street Railway 215 1-4, Twin City 112 3-4, Quebec Railway 68, Dominion Steel 68, Pacific 181 1-4, Dominion Coal 91, Rubber 91 3-4.

WINNIPEG WHEAT QUOTATIONS.

The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Limited, supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg Wheat market, Dec. 7:—

December ... 96 1-3
May ... 99 1-2

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

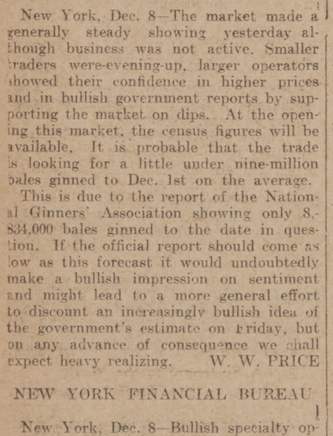
New York, Dec. 8—Cotton futures opened firm. Jan., 14.72; March, 15.07; May, 15.30; June, 15.18; July, 15.27; Aug., 14.55; Sept., 13.38-45; Oct., 13.00-01.

WALL STREET TODAY.

New York, Dec. 8—Prices of stocks advanced a fraction in the opening dealings, which are on a moderate scale. Gains were in excess of a half in Reading, American Smelting and Interboro-Metropolitan Pfd. Otherwise the upward movement was sluggish and unimportant.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Washington, Dec. 8—There were 8,872,277 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1909 to December 1, as compared with 11,008,661 for 1908, according to a bulletin of the census bureau issued today.



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VICTORIAN WILL TAKE AWAY 1,350 PASSENGERS

C. P. R. steamer Montrose which sailed for London via Halifax at 7 o'clock this morning took away the following cargo:—431 head of cattle, 20,000 bags of flour, 100 standards of deals, ninety-one standards of shooks, fifteen cars of perishable goods, fifty cars of non-perishable goods, including lumber, and eight loads of wheat. The steamer will take some apples at Halifax.

The Allan liner Hesperian is due at Halifax tomorrow and here on Friday.

The Allan liner Victorian will sail on Friday morning. She will take away seventy-five first, 400 second and 850 steerage passengers.

The Allan liner Corinthian of the London-Havre service is expected at Halifax bound for this port at any time now.

The C. P. R. liner Lake Michigan is expected from Antwerp on Monday or Tuesday next with 250 passengers.

The Donaldson liner Lakonia is expected during this afternoon or evening.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Francis Power was held from the home of his sister, Mrs. J. J. Mullin, 132 Waterloo street this morning at 9.30 to the Roman Catholic church at Black River where the burial service was read by Father Poirier. Interment was at Black River.

The funeral of John Gillis was held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. James Morris, Randolph, this afternoon at 2.30 to St. Rose's church where the burial service was read by Rev. Charles Collins. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery at Sand Cove.

JUDGMENT IN CURREY CASE MAY BE SATURDAY

Judge McKeown will hold a sitting of the divorce court in Fredericton on Saturday morning and deliver judgment in a number of cases now pending.

It is possible that judgement in the Currey case may be delivered.

LOCAL NEWS

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

Joseph London has been reported by the police for damaging the sidewalk in Bridge street by driving a sloven on it.

Thomas Haley is reported for selling liquor to a minor in his premises in Charlotte street.

Even grandmother in her easy chair acknowledges that Ungar's modern method beats the old fashioned way of laundering. Tel. 58.

The funeral of James Donohue will take take place tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, Brussels street.

A special despatch says that a college hockey team, made up of sons of United States millionaires, will come to Canada this winter.

Twelve good photographs make twelve good Xmas presents; something that will last and is always appreciated. See our free offer—The Conlon Studio, King street.

Kenneth Brown will leave tonight for Peterboro, Ont., where he has been transferred as secretary to the general sale's manager in the head office of the Quaker Oats Company.

There are now more than 600,000 bushels of grain in the I. C. R. elevator and in the yard. There are more than 400,000 bushels in the elevator and 200 cars are stored in the yard waiting to be unloaded.

Rev. Craig Nichols entered upon his duties as rector of Trinity church, St. Stephen, on Sunday, Dec. 5, delivering an able sermon. Rev. Mr. Nichols was formerly rector of the church in St. Marys, and before entering the ministry lived in St. John.

Michael Crowley appeared in the police court today ad told his honor that he had no visible means of support and that he would like to be kept for a time where it would not cost him anything. He was told to consult the Alms House commissioners and perhaps they would do something for him.

The case of John McCarthy, charged with assaulting Wm. Macaulay in Acadia street on Saturday night, was taken up in the police court this afternoon; Scott E. E. Morrell, for the defence, and J. B. M. Baxter and G. Earle Logan for the plaintiff.

In the Catholic churches of the city today the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was observed with special services. In the cathedral pontifical high mass was celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Casey, with Rev. Wm. Duke, high priest; Rev. A. W. Meahan, deacon; Rev. D. S. O'Keefe, sub-deacon, and Rev. M. O'Brien, master of ceremonies. There were low masses at 7 and 9 o'clock.

The St. John Art Club will hold their monthly meeting tomorrow evening in the studio, Union street, when W. Brodie will read an original paper on William Morris, Poet and Handicraftsman, and Miss Winnifred Fairweather will have an exhibition of students' work in decorative design and costume illustrating. There will also be a programme of music and refreshments will be saved.

At the annual meeting of Verner Lodge, L. O. L., No. 1, held last evening, the following officers were elected: D. D. McArthur, master; James Dryden, D. M.; A. Clifford, secretary; A. E. Hamilton, F. S.; C. B. Ward, treasurer; D. C. Fisher, chaplain; H. Wittrican, D. of C.; Wm. Grant, lecturer; S. Bustin, foreman of committee; D. McArthur, Wm. Tait, Wm. M. Campbell, Wm. McColgan, I. T. The reports showed the lodge to be in a good financial condition.

In the probate court today, in the matter of the estate of Mary Mount White, widow of Andrew White and daughter of the late Rev. Abraham Wood, the will was proved. She gives all her property to her sister, Elizabeth Valeria Woodforde, and nominates her as executrix. The other next of kin are John Wishart Peters, of the Tobique, and George Mountain O'Dell Peters, of St. John, children of her deceased sister, Annie Petard Peters. Real estate, $400; personal estate of nominal value; Dr. L. A. Currey, K .C., proctor.

The weather since yesterday has been very changeable. A little before midnight snow began to fall and for a time, between 1 and 3 o'clock this morning there was quite a heavy fall, about 1 1-2 inches being recorded. About 3 o'clock a drizzling rain set in and continued all morning until about noon, when there was another flurry of snow. About 1.30 the sun came out and gave promise of a fine day. The temperature has been high, and the indications are that it will remain about the same tomorrow.

FLORAL FAIR

What promises to be one of the most successful fairs held this fall will open in Calvin church schoolroom tomorrow, Thursday, afternoon at 3 o'clock. Booths representing different flowers have been tastefully decorated and the effect presented is a very pretty one. All the booths will have on sale useful and fancy articles suitable for Christmas, at very moderate prices. During Thursday evening a choice programme will be carried out. The fair will be continued on Friday afternoon and evening.

SELF-SACRIFICING WOMEN.

(From the Lady's Pictorial)

It is said there is nothing that is not purchasable nowadays, but it is certain that a vast number of women give such devotion and energy and sympathy to thankless relatives as could never be obtained at any price.

TAILORS' DESPAIR

(From Men's Wear)

Mechanical means of correcting deformities of mind do not exist; and, although it is possible to provide that a man shall carry his coat well, it is not easy to insure that he shall have a nice taste in ties.

Actress—"Ah, I know you never flatter. Come, tell me, did you think my 'Juliet' good?"

Dramatic Critic—"Good—my dear lady, good's not the word!"

DON'T WANT ANY BUSINESS DONE

Boston Creditors of Francis Kerr Company Make Application to Judge McKeown

In supreme court chambers this morning the application was made to have an ammendment made to an order previously granted by Judge McKeown appointing Edward N. Harrington provisional liquidator of the Francis Kerr Company. The application was made to change the order so as to prevent the provisional liquidator from carrying on the business in the way of buying and selling coal and wood, until a permanent liquidator was appointed.

His honor said that he would hear the parties further this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when he would render a decision. The application is made by Darrow-Mann and Whitney and Kemmerer, coal merchants of Boston, whose claim is understood to be $4,000. The local creditors' claims are not supposed to be large.

M. G. Teed and L. P. D. Tilley are for the applicants and J. King Kelley for the provisional liquidator.

M. R. A. LTD. NOW ENLARGE MARKET SQUARE PREMISES

Quietly but steadily the firm of Manchester Robertson Allison Ltd, are enlarging their already immense establishment. A few months ago they opened their big new annex in King street, and now an addition to the furniture warerooms on Market Square has been completed and by it the firm has increased their floor space by about 15,000 square feet. The five story building on market square and the four-story building in Prince William street have been joined together by the erection of a four story building in the rear. As a result a much larger space is obtained for showing their immense line of household and office furniture.

The work has been going on for some time, though few people outside of the establishment knew anything about it, owing to the work being all concealed behind the former structures.

There is now an uninterrupted passageway between the two buildings. They will be devoted exclusively to furniture warerooms, the wholesale dry goods stock from the Prince William street building having been moved to the main buildings in King and Germain streets.

The Market Square building now extends back some distance farther in the rear and the showrooms continue off to the right in the Prince William street building. The top floor will be devoted to the purposes of a stock room, and for showing office furniture. The 4th floor contains everything needful for furnishing the dining room. The 3rd floor is given up to bedroom requisites and on the 2nd floor parlor goods are shown, while the Prince Wm. street floor will be used as a shipping room.

The ground floor facing Market Square is occupied with miscellaneous goods, such as brass beds, hall furniture and children's goods, etc. Christmas goods are now coming in and will be opened up in a day or two, when seekers after appropriate articles for presents will have no difficulty in getting suited.

The upholstering department has been moved to a separate brick building across the street in Prince William street, and will be in charge of the present foreman, William Lordly, with a capable staff of workmen.

MARTIAL LAW IN HONDURAS

A New Phase of the Southern Troubles—France Will Not Send Warships

Porto Cortez, Honduras, Dec. 8—Martial law in Honduras was proclaimed yesterday. A state of expectancy exists.

The proclamation of martial law is the result probably of a suspicion that General Manuel Bonilla will take advantage of the situation in Nicaragua to invade Honduras with a rebel band and regain the presidency from which he was deposed by President Davila, with the aid of President Zelaya of Nicaragua.

Paris, Dec. 8—France will not send a warship to Nicaragua. This was decided today following the receipt by the foreign office of advices from M. Marlot, French charge d'affaires in Central America.

The charge reported that the sole basis of the rumors that French citizens had been mistreated in Nicaragua was the arrest and sentence to a year's imprisonment of a Frenchman who was alleged to have fought in the ranks of the insurgents. Upon M. Marlot's representations to the Nicaraguan government, the Frenchman was released.

General Toledo is besieged at Greytown, which is surrounded on land and sea by the insurgents. General Vasquez, commander of the government forces at the last battle near Rama, was courtmartialled because of the defeat suffered by the government troops. This battle is said to have been a desperate one. A government column which entered the fight with 150 soldiers, left all but four of them on the field.

HOLD-UP AND ROBBERY IN HAMPTON STORE

The Times learned to day that the report to the effect that two men entered a store at Hampton and held up the owner at the point of a revolver relieving him of several articles of value and some money is correct.

The robbers entered the store as if to make a purchase and one of them drew a revolver covering the proprietor and his brother-in-law who also was in the store, while the other helped himself to goods and what cash was in the till. The men then disappeared and no trace of them has since been discovered.

PERSONALS

Geo. V. Cooke came in on the Montreal train today.

Percy W. Thomson and James H. Doody came in from New York this morning.

Miss Margaret Donohue, of Malden, Mass., and Miss Nellie Donohue, of Boston, arrived in the city today to attend the funeral of their father, James Donohue. The funeral will take place tomorrow.

John MacRae, of Quebec, arrived in the city today to attend the funeral of his father, which is to be held on Friday afternoon.

THE ASSESSORS

Lively Time Likely to Follow Private Meeting Held Yesterday

At a private meeting of the treasury board yesterday the matter of appointment of assessors was taken up and a recommendation sent to the council that the board shall consist of three:—A. W. Sharp, chairman; John C. Chesley chief clerk and secretary and John Ross. This would mean that Uriah Drake, T. T. Lantalum and Hartley Vanwart would be dropped.

The members of the board are not however, unanimous in their choice, four voting for the recommendation two refusing to vote and one voting for Mr. Drake. A caucus is reported to have been held before the meeting and the action of the four agreed upon. It is expected there will be a lively discussion over the matter in the council.

It is said a new element will be introduced on Friday when H. Adam Glasgow will resign as superintendent of the ferry service and will be nominated as an assessor.

STEEL FIRMS ARE FOUND NOT GUILTY

Boston, Dec. 8—Thirty-three American steel firms and individual agents for steel companies were found not guilty of collusive bidding for city steel contracts in the superior court today, after eleven weeks trial. Sixteen of the defendants were found not guilty by order of the court and the verdict on the remainder was rendered by the jury today. The case was the outcome of a report of the finance commission two years ago.

During its investigation of the business affairs of the city, the finance commission reported that many steel companies had combined to submit bids for steel work for the City of Boston. The report created a sensation and was quoted by President Roosevelt in a message to congress in April 1908. The court decided before the jury retired that there had been no monopoly and also that the defendants had the right to combine to advance their own interests.

JONESCO HAS A NEW YORK RIVAL

(New York American.)

The surgeons of the Har Morish Hospital, No. 138 East Second street, are elated over the success of a new anaesthetic which they call novacaine, which permits serious operations without the patient feeling pain or losing consciousness. They declare it will rival stovaine, the European discovery, which Dr. Thomas Jonnesco, Dean of the University of Bucharest, recently came to New York to demonstrate.

Novocaine was used successfully early yesterday afternoon upon Mrs. Ida Moskowitz, a widow, seventy-eight years old, of No. 152 Second street, who was suffering from strangulation of the intestines. The operation was a serious one, involving the opening of the abdomen. It is believed to have been successful.

Mrs. Moskowitz was brought into the operating room shortly after noon, and as soon as she realized that she was about to be operated upon she asked for a Hebrew prayer book. Superintendent Abraham Spector, of the hospital board, saw that her wish was complied with. She was treated with a hypodermic injection of novocaine, and Dr. Leo Berger, assisted by Dr. Benjamin Jablons, house physician, went on with the operation.

During the entire three-quarters of an hour the aged woman was on the operating table she chatted and laughed with the attendants or read aloud from the prayer book.

On being taken back to the ward she asked for a drink of water, which was given her. On an adjoining cot was a woman who had been operated on twenty-four hours before, who was still suffering the after effects of ether. Mrs. Moskowitz felt absolutely no after-effects from the new anaesthetic.

The hospital authorities would not say last night just what was the composition of novocaine beyond the general statement that it was a coal tar product and administered locally by hypodermic injection. They expect a visit the latter part of the week from Dr. Jonnesco, the visiting foreign authority on anaesthetics.

Mrs. Moskowitz was able to talk with an American reporter last night, and seemed bright and cheerful.

"I give thanks," she said, "first to God, then to the good doctors."

DYNAMITE IS USED IN STRIKE

Struthers, O., Dec. 8—A large house occupied by imported tin workers, brought here to break the strike at the local plant of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, was dynamited early today. The house was wrecked and a number of persons are reported seriously injured.

JOHN DREW, ACTOR, THROWN BY HORSE

New York, Dec. 8—Favorable reports concerning John Drew came today from the Presbyterian hospital where the actor was taken yesterday with a broken collar bone and other injuries after a fall from his horse. His rapid recovery is expected.

ZION CHURCH SALE

The annual sale of useful and fancy articles by the Ladies' Aid Society of Zion Methodist church was well attended last evening. Supper was served and ice-cream and candy were sold.

The supper table was under the direction of Mrs. Fred Young, Mrs. G. Purdy, and Miss Carrie Irwin. The apron table was under the management of Mrs. Henry Carr, Mrs. John Cosman and Mrs. W. C. Patterson. The candy table was looked after by Miss Alice Crisp, Miss E. Turner, Miss S. Burns, Miss Lulu Cosman and Miss Gladys Carr. The fancy table was in charge of Mrs. S. Pendleton, Mrs. S. Logan, Mrs. Belyea, and Mrs. Watt. Ice cream was served by Mrs. George Keithlan, Mrs. F. Keithlan, Mrs. John Patterson, Miss Maisie Patchell, Miss Mildred Cameron and Miss Annie Logan. The doll booth was in charge of Mrs. Walter Potts, and Mrs. Thomas McFarlane. The variety table was in charge of Miss Elsie Bradley, Miss Alberta McMurray, Miss Annie Simpson, Miss Bessie Pike, Miss Alma Pike, and Miss Marion Duncan. Thomas McFarlane sold tickets at the door.

During the evening the following programme was carried out:

Chorus, Our Home Land, by Epworth League, reading by Miss Bessie Pike, solo by Miss Vera Wilson, recitation by Miss Helen Pendleton, duet, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Purdy; chorus, The Shephard's Story, Epworth League. The sale will be continued this afternoon and evening, no admission fee.

WORLD OF SHIPPING

MINIATURE ALMANAC

1909	Sun		Tides	
December	Rises	Sets	High	Low
8—Wed	7.57	4.36	8.29	2.56
9—Thurs	7.58	4.37	9.23	3.44
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.

Coastwise:—Stmr Harbinger, 46, Rockwell, Riverside and cleared.

CLEARED TODAY.

Stmr Dominion, 2581, Norcott for Sydney, C. B. R P & W F Starr, ballast.

SAILED TODAY.

Stmr Montrose, 3,938, Perry, for London and Antwerp via Halifax, C. P. R. general cargo.

Stmr Tabasco, 1,913, Yeoman, for London via Halifax, Wm Thomson & Co, general cargo.

Stmr Almeriana, 1,824, Hanks, for Halifax and West Indies, Wm. Thomson & Co, general cargo.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY

Stmr Lake Manitoba, 6,275, Evans, from Liverpool, C. P. R. Co. pass and mdse.

Stmr Manchester Shipper, 2,542, Perry, from Manchester via Halifax, Wm. Thomson & Co., general cargo.

Stmr Governor Dingley, 2,853, Allen, from Boston via Maine ports, W. G. Lee, pass and mdse.

DOMINION PORTS

River Hebert, N. S. Dec. 7—Sld schr Charles C Lister (Am) for New York with piling.

Liverpool, N. S. Dec. 6—Ard schrs Arkona, Wharton, Lena and Maud, Hamor, Gloucester; Blanche, Smith, Gloucester.

Cld. schrs Arkona, Wharton; Lena and Maud, Harmor; Blanche, Smith, Bay of Islands, Nfld.

Halifax Dec. 7—Ard stmr Mina (cable) sea; schrs H. Kitchener, New York; Grace Darling, Boston.

Sld—Stmr Grampian, Liverpool.

BRITISH PORTS

Liverpool, Dec. 5—Ard stmr Bohemian, Boston.

Southampton, Dec. 5—Ard stmr Philadelphia, New York.

FOREIGN PORTS

Portland, Me., Dec. 4—Sch Lavonia, Atkinson, Sherbrooke, N. S. for New York.

Sch McClure, Sabean, Windsor, N. S. for New York.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS

Honolulu, Dec. 6—The British ship Celtic Chief, bound from Hamburg to this port, went ashore off the harbor entrance today. A number of tugs are making efforts to pull her from her dangerous position.

The Celtic Chief is an iron ship of 1798 tons and belongs to the Celtic Chief shipping company of Liverpool.

MARINE NEWS

The steamer Governor Cobb was floated into the dry dock at East Boston last Monday for repairs, preparatory to proceeding to southern waters for the winter. The City of Bangor was towed to Lockwood's yesterday to have new boilers installed and will not be ready for service again until April.

Yesterday's Portland Argus says: The steamer Camden arrived from Boston yesterday morning, taking the place of the Governor Dingley on the Boston-Portland route. The Dingley will go on the St. John route, relieving the steamer Governor Cobb, which after making some repairs at Boston will be run the coming winter between Florida and the West Indies. The Dingley will continue on the St. John route until the repairs are completed on the steamer Calvin Austin, which will be in about a fortnight, when the latter will take the Dingley's place.

The Boston bark, Boylston, Captain A. W. Warner, arrived below late last night, terminating one of the most adventuresome voyages in her career. She loaded a cargo of 23,000 bushels of salt at Carbarjo, Porto Rico, leaving Oct. 10. She met severe weather on the passage north, and and was forced into Norfolk, with loss of sails, etc., and in a damaged condition. She resumed her passage on ..ov. 17 and when off New York ran into the Norwegian steamer Diana. The bark had her starboard bow stove in, knightheads broken, jibboom sprung, planks started, and was leaking. She effected temporary repairs at New York. Tug Orion was engaged to bring her around from New York. The vessel will make permanent repairs here after discharging. Boston Post, Dec. 7.

EXPORTS.

For Glasgow per stmr Salacia:—

Canadian goods.—40,000 busels wheat, 16 990 bushels barley, 12,050 bags flour, 1093 barrels and 20 boxes apples, 645 cattle, 1701 bales hay, 100 bales straw, 143 bags meal, 2,100 boxes smoked herrings, 420 bags linseed oil cakes, 219,305 feet spruce deals, 506 boxes cheese, 1 barrel oysters, 1 trunk effects. Value $158,001.

Foreign goods: 177 pcs oak, 1510 boxes meats, 1290 boxes plums, 250 boxes prunes, 16 cattle, 510 bdls bags coal bags. Value, $18,684.

Total value of cargo, $176,685.

(Additional shipping Page 6.)

FRANCE WOULD SEE POPULATION GROW

Old Law is Revived to Aid Motherhood — Protection of Children

Paris, Dec. 7—The problem of checking the steady decline in the population of France is closely linked in the minds of many of the best thinkers with that of protecting motherhood and infancy. Much has been written and published on both these topics of late.

A law long disused, which allows working women at critical periods to a certain number of weeks of repose without forfeiture of situation, has just been proclaimed as operative, and it meets with universal applause. But it seems evident that public opinion is being prepared for other measures of a more comprehensive character.

Meanwhile, Henry Rollet, the director of a charitable organization for the benefit of children, has introduced into France the sale of artistic stamps—a means already in use in America and some European countries—the proceeds of which will go into its relief fund, and a large revenue is thus likely to be obtained for this charity.

The affixing of these so-called benevolence stamps as seals to close wraps and envelops is already becoming something of a fad. The stamps are sold in small shops everywhere at one cent each, one-fifth of a cent—a centime—being retained by the merchant for his trouble.

Since the policy of the suppression of lotteries was inaugurated the charities of France have suffered a lamentable diminution of resources, and many other societies may be expected to adopt this method of raising revenue.

CHANGES IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ARE ANNOUNCED

In consequence of the death of Joseph Davidson, driver of No. 3 engine, Chief Kerr has made several changes in the department.

Charles Conway, at his own request, has been transferred from No. 2 station to be driver of No. 1 engine, and Herbert Alward driver of No. 1 engine will hold the reins over No. 3 engine team. Joseph Redmond has been appointed senior driver in No. 2 hose company, and Harry Donohue, who was acting as substitute during Mr. Davidson's illness, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in No. 2.

While a new boiler is being built for No. 5 engine, the spare engine is being used.

ROYAL FORESTERS

The at-home given last evening by St. John Encampment, Royal Foresters, was largely attended by members of companion and subordinate courts. A most pleasing entertainment had been arranged. J. A. Brooks presided and welcomed the visitors in a short address. The following programme was carried out:—Piano duet, Miss E. Drake and Mrs. E. J. Todd; solo, Miss Colwell; selection, quartette; reading, S. Willis; song, J. McEachern; address, D. G. Lingley, P. H. C. R.; selection, Alexandra trio; solo, J. Marley; reading, A. W. Baird; solo, W. J. Bambury; reading, Miss Bessie Pike; Piano duet, Miss Bauer and Mrs. E. J. Todd. Light refreshments were served at the close.

INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE

London, Dec. 8—Caroline, daughter of Mrs. Frederic Debillier of New York, and Ernest Victor Gibson, third son of Lord Asbourne, were married today in St. Peter's church in Eaton square.

The bride was given away by her brother, W. B. Debillier. The nuptials were witnessed by a large assemblage of society folks.

QUEEN'S RINK WILL BE OPENED TO SKATING PUBLIC

The Queen's rink is to be opened this winter to the skating public. It will have its own band and many improvements are now being made.

A large lobby has been built, the dressing rooms have been remodelled, the promenade has received much attention and the whole building has been repainted.

This ever popular rink is centrally located and, under the new arrangements, will, no doubt, be the resort of all both old and young who enjoy this kind of amusement and exercise.

The manager, R. J. Armstrong, is determined to put forth every effort to make "The Queen's" the most attractive place of amusement during the winter.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS

Before his honor Judge Forbes in county court chambers this morning in the matter of Hartt vs Cyr, judgment was granted to L. P. D. Tilley for the plaintiff. This is an action to recover money due on a debt.

In the matter of Burley v. Holmes, an action for disclosure, judgment was awarded the plaintiff, represented by G. Earle Logan.

In the case of Hamilton vs Seymour, and Whitneck, the matter was set down for hearing at a later date, when it will come up on attachment proceedings. S. B. Bustin appears for the plaintiffs and G. H. V. Belyea for the defendants.

NEW YORK POLICE LEAVE MULBERRY

New York, Dec. 8—"No. 300 Mulberry Street" has officially passed into history, as the police department has deserted the famous old building to occupy its new $3,000,000 home in Centre street.

With the exception of Scotland Yard, "No. 300 Mulberry Street," was the pulsating centre of more great crime mysteries than any other spot in the world. For half a century its ceaseless day and night energies has ferreted out intricate crimes and conspiracies, and through it passed as prisoners many notorious criminals.

DEATHS

DONOHUE—Suddenly, in this city, aged 62 years, James Donohue, at his home, Brussels street, at an early hour this morning, leaving a wife, five sons and seven daughters.

Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, Brussels street.

MACRAE—At Calgary, on the 30th of November, Rev. Donald MacRae, aged 76 years.

Funeral on Friday afternoon from St Stephen's church. Service at 2.30.

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CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

Too Late for Classification.

WANTED—At once, strong boy for cake bakery; day work. Apply Robinson's Bakery, Celebration street. 2337-t.f.

WANTED—To purchase a horse about 1100 pounds weight. Apply by letter "L" Times office. 2334-12-11.

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MEN WANTED in every locality in Canada to make $20 per week and $3 per day expenses advertising our goods, posting up showcards in all conspicuous places and generally representing us. Steady work to right men . No experience required. Write for particulars. ROYAL REMEDY CO., London, Ont., Canada.