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STOCK QUOTATIONS

N. Y. Stock Exchange

(Canadian Press)

Stocks	Close
Am For Pr	3 1-8
Am Radiator	16
Am Tel Tel	150
Am Water	12 1-2
Anaconda	31
Atchison	37 1-4
Btl Refin	23
Balt Ohio	7 1-8
Baldwin Loco	14 3-4
Bendix Av	25 1-4
Beth Steel	72
Ches Ohio	34 7-8
Chrysler	74 1-2
Con Oil	8 3-4
Commonwealth So	1 5-8
Con Can	41
Con Edison	30 1-8
Col Gas Co	6 3-4
Corn Products	65
Curt Wright A	25 1-4
Dupont	146 3-4
Elec Auto Lite	31 3-8
Elec Pr Lite	11
Gen Elec	39 3-4
Gen Foods	37 3-4
Gen Motors	45 7-8
Goodrich	21 3-4
Goodyear Tire	33 1-8
Gt Nor Pfd	26 1-2
Hudson Mot Car	7 3-8
Int Harvester	54
Int Tel Tel	8 1-2
Kennecott	38 1-8
Mont Ward	46 1-2
Murray Corp	7 3-4
N Y Central	19 1-8
Natl Cash Reg	24 1-2
New York N H	1
Nor Am Co	22 3-8
Nor Pacific	12 3-8
Pack Motor	4 1-4
Paramount	12
Penn R R	21
Phil Morris	95
Phil Pet Co	40 1-2
Pub Ser N J	32
Pure Oil Co	9 7-8
Radio Corp	7 1-4
Radio K O	2 1-2
Sears Roe Co	71
South Pacific	18 1-4
Std Oil N J	49 3-4
Studc Corp	7 1-4
United Corp	3
United Air	37
United Drug	5 1-8
United Gas Imp	11 1-4
U S Rubber	44 1-4
U S St Co	63
U S Ind Al	21 3-4
Vanadium	27 1-8
Warner Bros	5 7-8
West Union	22 3-8
West Elec	109 1-2
Woolworth	49 1-4

New York Curb

(Canadian Press)

Stocks	Close
Am Cyan B	24 7-8
Am Gas Elec	33
Am Super Power	11-16
Assoc Gas El A	5-8
Brown Co Pfd	18 1-8
Cities Service	7 1-8
Creole Pet	23
El Bond Share	10 1-2
Gulf Oil Corp	38 5-8
Humble Oil	67 5-8
Lockheed Air	30 3-8
Niag Hudson	8 1-8
Pant Oil	—
Pierce Gov	—
Lone Star Gas	8 1-8

Montreal Curb

(Canadian Press)

Stocks	Close
Abitibi Com	2 3-8
Abitibi Pfd	18
Asbestos	105 1-8
B A Oil	22 3-8
Beauharnois	3
Bathurst A	8 1-2
Don A	5
Dome Oil	15 1-2
Home Oil	200
Imp Oil	16 5-8
Melchers A	—
Int Pete	26 1-2
Price Com	17 1-4
Price Pfd	—

Banks

(Canadian Press)

Stocks	Close
Canada	—
Commerce	170
Montreal	220 1-4
Nova Scotia	303
Royal Bk	187

Currencies

MONTREAL, Jan. 13 —(CP)— Pound Sterling advanced 3-32 of a cent on Montreal foreign exchanges today to 4.71 5-32 while the United States dollar advanced 1-32 to 7-8 premium. French francs declined slightly to 2.65 9-16.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 —(AP)— The Netherlands guilder closed .03 of a cent lower in terms of the United States dollar today as foreign exchange traders heard Germany had issued veiled threats against the traditionally-respected neutrality of Holland—an outgrowth of gunning of Nazi envoys' homes in the Netherlands by unknown assailants.

The guilder was off as much as .09 of a cent at one time during the session.

The British Pound Sterling remained at $4.67, unchanged from yesterday's close as results of the Chamberlain-Mussolini "appeasement" talks remained obscure.

The French franc lost .00 1-4 of a cent, to 2.63 3-8 but the belga gained .02 of a cent. The Swiss franc was unchanged. The Canadian dollar lost 1-32 to close at a discount of 7-8.

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MINING

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 13—

Stocks	Close
Acme Oil	9
Afton Oil	2
Aldermac	45
Amm	15
Ang Canadian	130
Ang Huron	300
Ashley	9
Astoria	4 1-2
Augite	63 1-4
Bagamac	19
Bankfield	31
Base Metal	26
Bear Ex	27
Beattie	133
Bidgood	26
Bobjo	17
Bralorne	11 1-8
Brit Dom	15
Broulan	71
Brown Oil	25
Bunk Hill	8
Buff Ank	15
Buff Can	2 3-4
Cal Edm	226
Calmont	48
Cdn Malrobic	100
Cariboo	231
Cas Treth	100
Cent Pat	255
Cen Porc	8
Chem Res	48
Chester	128
Chromium	57
Commoil	50
Comwealth	28
Coniarum	146
Con Smelt	57
Davies	46
Denison	13 1-2
Dome Oil	31 5-8
Dorval	6
East Crest	10
East Malrobic	245
Eldorado	216
Falcon	216
Falcon	530
Faulken	5 1-2
Fed Kirk	7 1-2
Fernland	10
Francoeur	22 1-2
Gillies Lake	9
Glenora	3 1-2
Gods Lake	25
Goldale	24
Gold Belt	62
Gold Eagle	10
Granada	10 1-4
Gunnar Gold	53
Halliwell	6
Hard Rock	175
Harker	10
Hedley	138
High Sar	25
Hollinger	14 3-4
Home Oil	290
Homestead	24
Howey	30
Hud Bay Min	34 1-2
Inspira	40
Nickel	52 1-4
Jacola	11
Jellicoe	11 1-2
J M Con	10
Kerr Add	190
Kirk Lake	131
Laguna	8 1-4
Lake Shore	49 5-8
Lam Cont	2 1-2
Lamaque	625
Lapa Cad	46
Lava Cap	80
Lebel Oro	8
Leitch	79
Little L L	330
Macassa	560
MacLeod	285
Madsen	50 3-4
Malartic	59 1-2
Man East	1
McIntyre	54
McKenzie	124
McWatters	65
Min Corp	181
Model	42
Moneta	136
Morris Kirk	18
Naybob	36 1-2
Newbec	7 3-4
Nipissing	175
Noranda	81
Nordon	8
Norgold	5 1-2
Normetal	60
Nor Can	46
OBrien XD	300
Okalta	128
Olga Oil	2
Omega	46
Pamour	465
Pacalta	8 1-2
Paymaster	55
Perron Gold	161
Peterson	3-4
Pick Crow	520
Pioneer	270
Powell	227
Premier	233
Preston	155
Reno Gold	23
Roche	10
Ronda	25
Royalite	42
St Anth	12 1-2
San Ant	128
Shawkey	3 3-4
Sheep Creek	94
Sherritt	126
Siscoe	149
Sladen	75
Slave Lake	11
S E Pete	10
Stadacona	59
Straw Lake	9 1-2
Sud Basin	275
Sud Cont	12 1-2
Sullivan	92
Sylvanite	345
Teck Hugh	420
Texas Corp	125
Towagmac	36
Uchi	147
Ventures	550
Waite Am	765
Wendigo	12 1-2
Waite Am Rts	16
West Turner	6 1-2
White Water	4
Wiltsey	8
Wood Cad	16
Wri Harg	840
Ymir Y G	8

UNLISTED

Brett Tr	1 5-8
Dal Oil	52
Foothills	100
Pawnee	1 1-2
Pend Or	171

MONTREAL CURB

(Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Jan. 13—Selected mining quotations on Montreal Curb market today were:—

Stocks	Close
Beaufor	14
Bouscad	10
Brownless	4
Cart Malrobic	6
Cent Cad	20
Duparq	7 3-4
Thomp Cad	26

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 —(AP)— Foreign exchange: Great Britain demand 4.67 1-8; 4.66 15-16; 4.-67; 60-day bills 4.66 5-16; demands; Canada .99 1-8; Belgium 16.91; France 2.63 3-8; Germany 40.15; Italy 5.26 1-4.

Montreal Stock Exchange

(Canadian Press)

Stocks	Close
Bell Tel	168
Brazilian	8 3-4
B C Power A	24
Bldg Products	15 7-8
Can Cement	9
Can Car Found	16 3-4
Can Car Found	16 3-4
Can Car Pfd	33
Can Ind Al A	2 1-2
Can Pacific	5 1-2
Can Steamship	2 1-2
Celanese	13 1-2
Cock Flow	7 3-4
Cons Smelt	57
Dist Seag	18 3-4
Dom Bridge	34 1-2
Dom Steel B	11 5-8
Foundation Co	11
Gen Steel Wares	7 3-4
Gypsum	5 7-8
How Smith	13
Imp Oil	—
Imp Tob	16
Int Nickel	52 3-4
Lake of Woods	52 3-4
Massey Harris	6 3-4
McColl Front	—
Mtl Power	30 1-4
Nat Brew	41 1-2
Nat Steel Car	56 1-2
Noranda	81 1-2
Power Corp	11 1-2
Shawinigan	21 1-2
St Law Com	4
Sou Can Pow	—
St Law Pfd	14
Steel of Can	73
Steel of Can Pfd	71
Win Elec A	175
Win Elec B	9

Grain

WINNIPEG, Jan. 13 —(CP)— Closing future quotations wheat—May 62 1-4, July 62 7-8, Oct. 63 1-8.

Oats —May 29 7-8b, July 29 5-8a, Oct. 29.

Barley —May 38 1-2, July 37 7-8b.

Cash prices:

Wheat —No. 1 hard 59; No. 1 nor 59 1-4; No. 2 nor 56 1-4; No. 3 nor 51 1-4; No. 4 nor 46 1-4; No. 5 wheat 39 3-4; No. 6 wheat 36 3-4; feed wheat 35 1-4; No. 1 garnet 52 1-4; No. 2 garnet 49 1-4; No. 3 garnet 43 1-4.

Amber durum 48 1-4; No. 4 spec 41 3-4; No. 5 spec 38 3-4; No. 6 spec 36 3-4; No. 1 mixed wheat 42 3-4; track, basis No. 1 nor 59 1-4.

Oats —No. 2 cw 29 7-8; No. 3 cw 26 5-8; ex 1 feed 26 5-8; No. 1 feed 26 1-8; No. 2 feed 24 7-8; No. 3 feed 22 3-8; track 28 7-8.

Barley —No. 3 cw 36 1-2; No. 4 cw 35, No. 5 cw 34; No. 6 cw 33; track 37 1-2.

Produce Prices

MONTREAL, Jan. 13 —(CP)— Egg prices ruled steady on the commodity exchange today while butter took fractional steps upward.

Butter spot: Que. (92 score) 23 1-4-1-2; Que. (38 score) 22 1-4-1-2; western regraded 23 1-8b; Que. fresh (93 score) 23 1-2a; western thirds 21a. No sales.

Cheese spot —Unquoted.

Eggs spot: Ont. A-large 24a, A-medium 23a, A-pullets 22a.

To arrive: Butter and cheese unquoted.

Butter futures: Butter.

Butter futures: Jan. 23 1-8-1-2, Feb. 23 1-4t; March 23t; sales: One Feb. contract at 23 1-4; One March contract at 23.

MONTREAL, Jan 13 —(CP)— Butter prices firmed fractionally in fairly active trading on open produce markets here today, the Dominion Department of Agriculture reported. Cheese held steady and most other offerings remained unchanged.

Creamery butter prints to retailers sold for 24-25 cents a pound and solids for 23 1-2-24 1-2. Western butter delivered in Montreal was offered at 23 1-4-1-2 for regraded. Que. No. 1 pasteurized regraded was 23 3-8-1-2.

Ont. white and colored cheese sold for 12 cents a pound.

Graded egg shipments in used free cases were offered at 24 cents a dozen for A-large, 23 for A-medium and 22 for A-pullets.

Potatoes: Que. No. 1 80's 75-85; No. 1 N. B. 80's 1.10-1.15; No. 1 N. B. mts 50's 70-75; No. 1 P. E. I. whites 90's 1.20-1.25.

Mixed Trend On Montreal Stock Market

MONTREAL, Jan. 13 —(CP)— Prices presented a mixed front at the close of an erratic stock market session today.

Declines of a point each for Algoma Steel at 12 1-2 and Dominion Bridge at 34 1-2 marked the shaky construction division. Canada Cement worked narrowly higher but fractional backsets came out in building products, Foundation and Steel of Canada.

In metals, steady selling cut Smelters down a point to 57 while nickel and Hudson Bay sold off fractionally. Oils, however, did better and Imperial and International Pete firmed 1-8 each. In utilities, Brazilian and Gatineau gave up small amounts.

Late demand brought strength to Price Brothers, Dosco and C. P. R., but Canadian Car, St. Lawrence paper preferred and National Steel Car failed to rally from early weakness.

Total sales: 75,000 shares; mines 65,200; industrials, 19,800. Bonds $1,100.

UNDATED MONEY BOX

(By The Canadian Press)

Closing exchange rates

At Montreal —Pound 4.71 5-32; U. S. dlr 1.00 7-8; franc 2.63 9-16.

At New York —Pound 4.67 1-8; Canadian dlr .99 1-8; franc 2.63 3-8.

At Paris —Pound 17.40 fr; U. S. dlr 37.99 fr; Canadian dlr 37.66 1-2 fr.

In Gold —Pound 11s, 5d; U. S. dlr 59.43; Canadian dlr 56.92.

- NEWSY NOTES -

By AGRICOLA

A RARE MAMMAL

On Dec. 18th, 1938, our cat, who is a "go-getter" of a very active type, came to the door, crying in a tone of voice which she uses when she has made a capture and expects to be praised for it. I went to investigate and found she had a mouse, the like of which I'd never seen during my sojourn in P. E. Island. It was clothed with dense and rather long silky hair, the color of which was uncommon. The sides and underparts were of a delicate grey, but down the back ran a band of a fine rufous color, not unlike that of our common squirrel. In build it was rather like the common field or Meadow Mouse but the ears were somewhat larger. Its measurements were: total length 125 mm., tail 31 mm., and hind foot 17 mm. (Total length is from end of muzzle to tip of tail).

To make sure of its identification I mailed the mouse to the Royal Ontario Museum of Zoology, Toronto, and received this reply:—

"Dear Sir' Your identification of the mouse as a Red-backed Mouse (Clethrionomys gapperi) is quite correct. The rather unwieldly name Clethrionomys has now superseded the older Evotomys as the generic name of this group.

We have specimens of this from Bideford, Prince County, P.E.I. in our collection. The Bideford record when taken with your recent find makes it look as if the "Red-back" may be found in suitable habitat throughout the Island

These animals superficially resemble the Nova Scotia form, so may be tentatively assigned to that subspecies (C. gapperi ochraceus).

However, I should like to examine a series from P.E.I. before being dogmatic about the identification of the Island red-back as insular forms are often found on close examination to differ from those of the mainland.

If you could arrange with anyone to collect a series of these mice in the locality in which you found the specimen, I should appreciate it. Yours very truly, E. C. Cross, Acting Curator of Mammals."

Bain, in his useful little "Natural History of Prince Edward Island," says "We have three field mice"—besides the imported house mouse. This, then, makes the fourth native mouse, but the discovery cannot be put to the writer's credit. Over twenty years ago, "when we were boys together," as the old song says, Mr. Robert Mutch, Mr. William Monaghan and the present writer used to foregather at Mount Herbert, to talk Natural History, and Mr. Mutch told me that the Red-back had been found here. I made a note of the conversation for future use, and now have pleasure in verifying it.

The Red-back, I should think, is the rarest of the native mice and the ordinary Field Mouse the commonest. It is the latter that is so destructive to fruit trees. The Red-back is harmless, having a preference for the solitude of the woodlands, where it makes chambers for the storage of seeds or roots, not much is known of its home life, though it is said to be prolific.

Zoologists dealing with vast countries like Canada find that the animals and birds have small, but well-defined, differences in the different regions. These differences give rise to subspecies, forms or varieties. Our Red-back is suspected to be the variety ochraceus, which occurs in Nova Scotia, but may be slightly different. This could only be ascertained by studying a number of specimens, so if my readers should happen to come across a Red-back they can help by forwarding the specimen to the Royal Museum.

NOTES ON ISLAND PLANTS

The Sparganiaceae

By some botanists this family is included in the Typhaceae, but we follow Asa Gray in separating the two. The fertile heads, more or less globular instead of cylindrical — as in Typha — become beaked ("spiky") at maturity and have earned the plant the name of Burr-reed. There are several species found here, all growing in shallow water, ponds, and slow streams. In France, according to the Treasury of Botany, the Burr-reed is called "Plantaire", "Rubanier" or "Ruban d'eau."

In Europe the roots of Sparganium simplex were formerly sold as Radix spargani, and warranted to cure snake bites! The stems were once used in making paper, but have long been superseded by other, more plentiful, materials.

The Najadaccae

These again are moisture-loving plants, often submerged, and floating in ponds and streams, but anchored by creeping rootstocks. The largest group in this family is the genus Potamogeton of which eight species are now known to grow in P.E.I. The common name of this plant is the "Pondweed."

My first acquaintance with the Pondweed began many years ago when I observed the gardeners gathering it from the lake in the Leazes Park, Newcastle on Tyne. They went out in rowboats, and armed with huge rakes, fished it up; and when they had filled the boat, brought the pondweed ashore to be composted. This they were obliged to do every other year they said, or it filled the lake and stopped the operation of the pleasure boats. They could not account for it being there, unless a sprig had been entangled in the feet of the waterfowl which visited the lake. I took some of the weed home and after some trouble defined it as Potamogeton crispus, Curled Pondweed. As far as I could learn it had no industrial or medicinal use.

But the Pondweed is far from useless in the general scheme of things. It is a very important duck food, perhaps the most important on the Island. I have a list of sixteen of our water fowl that feed on it; and as many as 350 tubers and no fewer than 560 seeds, have been found in single stomachs.

Among the plants found at Brackley Beach, by Prof. John Adams, of Ottawa, in 1937, was the Ditch Grass or Wigeon-grass, Ruppia maritima, another Najad. It has many other popular names as it is of very wide distribution on all shores, temperate and tropical. It is a brackish water plant, and probably never grows in water of full ocean saltiness. The seeds are a favorite food of "visiting vegetarian ducks," and seven or eight of our ducks (including our black duck) feed on them.

The last of our Najads is the Eelgrass, or as we mistakenly call it the "Seaweed," Zostera marina; but as its habitat and uses are pretty well known I will not enlarge upon them here.

SUNSPOTS AND WEATHER

A paragraph recently appeared in The Guardian, in which an Italian astrologer is said to have claimed that sunspots were responsible for the queer weather in Europe and elsewhere. The McGill University Meteorological authorities in reply said "The only thing affected by sunspots is the radio." Let me see: ever since the year 1706 it has been shown that sunspots and the aurora are closely connected. The sunspot, as far as my observation goes, must be central on the sun's disc, to produce the aurora. Its influence is then aimed directly at the earth. Streams of electrically charged particles enter our atmosphere and produce the aurora (which are most vivid at the magnetic poles) and also magnetic storms which at times are powerful enough to disrupt the telegraph service for hours at a time. The Guardian under date April 28, 1937, recorded such a storm, and said that it was the worst in ten years. The lines were "out" from Halifax to the Prairie country. (Oddly enough, Mars and the Moon were in conjunction that day; and the wind shifted to the SE and blew a gale at night). Wires running east and west generally bear the brunt of such storms, but so great was the excess current radiating from the magnetic pole that north-south wires also suffered on this occasion.

In a weather journal, of many year's record, there appears to be a connection between displays of aurora and the weather: the wind shifts, becomes strong, and often rain follows. I am always suspicious of our weather when I see vivid aurora!

I have here a little booklet by Dr. Ralph E. DeLury, of the Dominion Observatory, Ottawa, which should be read by all who desire to know what sunspots are responsible for. Dr. DeLury has packed an enormous amount of research into this interesting little pamphlet which is entitled "Sunspot Influences," and may possibly be had on application to the Observatory.

THE B.B.C. AND ITS CRITICS

The B.B.C. musical broadcasts are often subjected to criticism and to use a Scottician the critics are "no blate." Here is a rather mild specimen from an English newspaper:

"Should it not be a qualification for a B.B.C. broadcaster that the compositions transmitted should conform to what the educated world regards as music, something comprising melody, harmony, and beauty?

"Millions who have been listening to the broadcasts of a modern French composer must have found much of the work tuneless, harsh, and discordant, lacking in all the loveliness which distinguishes music from noise; instrumental music which seemed to have neither beginning, middle, nor end, but might with equal effect have been played backward; songs like the dismal utterances of a man laboring under the terrors of nightmare."

The critic concludes by pointing out that great, and true, musicians teach the English schoolchildren every week by broadcast, to enable them to learn and love the beautiful: and that it must be an astonishing experience for the young folk if they listen in the evening to some of the noise transmitted to the world under the title of a musical programme!

THE WANDERING JEW

The present persecution of the Jews in the totalitarian States of Europe, brings to mind one of the strangest legends of history, the legend of the Wondering Jew, who was supposed to personify or typify the curse that the Israelites called down upon their children at the Crucifixion.

Before relating the leng one might recall that the British race was once as relentless as any other in persecuting this unhappy people. During the reigns of Henry II, Richard I, John, Henry III and Edward I, hundreds of Jews were hanged by the judiciary or slain by the populace, and hundreds more in despair took their own lives. The last-named King arrested in one day all the Jews in the realm, and although they redeemed themselves by paying 12,000 pounds of silver, he banished them out of England, penniless. We are told that they numbered 15,060 persons (A.D. 1288).

While the King and Nobility were actuated by greed of money, the populace was always stirred to violence against the Jews by tales that they crucified Christian children at their religious festivals. So hapless at this time seemed the plight of the children of Israel, that one of the Popes—as I have read somewhere—gave refuge to a Jewish family under the walls of the Vatican the idea being to preserve specimens of a race mentioned in Scripture, but about to disappear.

To get back to our title. The earliest reports of the mysterious Wandering Jew seem to have been brought to England by warriors returning from the Crusades. Some of them claimed to have seen in the course of their journey, an old man with a long white beard, who bore himself in a grave and melancholy way, passing on without stopping to speak to anybody, and seldom raising his eyes from the ground.

It was Matthew Paris, in the thirteenth century, who gave the first connected account of the famous wanderer, and the story survived past the age of the Reformation. Paris's version was said to have been told to monks of St. Albans, in 1228, by an Armenian Archbishop then visiting England. When asked about the famous Joseph, "whose fame was bruited among men," he declared that he knew him and had received him at his table.

The story goes on to say that this "Joseph" was named Cartaphilus, and that he had been a porter in the praetorium of Pontius Pilate. When Jesus was being led to His Crucifixion, He rested for a moment on the doorstep of the praetorium, and Cartaphilus, who had come to the door to see the procession go by, struck Him, and cried in a sneering tone, "Hurry up, Jesus. Move on. What are you stopping for?" Whereupon, says the narrator, Jesus turned to His persecutor, with a look of sorrow on his face and said: "I am going, but you will wait till I come."

And so Cartaphilus, who was only thirty years old, continued to await Christ's second coming: renewing his youth whenever he reached his hundredth year. He bore the reputation of a man of great piety, and saintly conversation, who spoke but little, ate frugally, often wept and never smiled. In his wanderings he always warned his hearers that the day of judgment was at hand, and prayed for God's mercy on himself.

In a credulous age such a tale was bound to excite the imagination of the populace, and before long the legend was embellished with a multitude of weird but vivid details. One can imagine, too that many impostors would arise, some designedly so, and others "with a bee in their bonnet," as the Scottish saying goes. In the 16th century countless towns and villages could boast that they had extended hospitality to the unfortunate porter of Pontius Pilate, and in a letter dated 29th June, 1564, Paulus de Eitzen, a German bishop, told of meeting the Wandering Jew at Hambuttu. This man called himself Ahasverus, and appeared to be about fifty years old. The bishop describes him as being of dignified stature, with long hair falling down over his shoulders. We can picture him in his outlandish garments, wide breeches, a short skirt descending to his knee, (probably a long tunic) and over all, a cloak which fell to his heels. Always he went barefoot.

Jew though he was, he assisted in the service in the Catholic Church, prostrating himself and with tears beating his breast whenever the name of Christ was pronounced. His conversation was edifying, though his manner was taciturn; and his history as related by himself, was much like that of the former porter. But it was 1500 years since he last saw Jerusalem!

A great many fanciful details were added to the original story of the Wandering Jew, by the ingenious minds of those early times. For example that dread scourge, the cholera, was supposed to dog his footsteps. It would visit one side of a street, leaving the other unharmed. This was because the Jew had passed along that side!—although it may have been the side of the street that got no share of the great germicide—the sunlight. But enough of the individual let us look at the race.

The Jewish race has had a very remarkable influence on civilization. Other races have left their mark on the thoughts of men and passed away; but the Jewish race persists after more than 3000 years, and after unimaginable persecutions. The more versatile Greek failed, the more energetic Roman degenerated in luxury. The survival of the Jew was a survival of the fittest, and the fitness was based on morality, and not on physical force. As a people they have been welded together by an idea which they themselves conceived and have held unshakenly the idea of the Supreme God. Their forefather Abraham it was, who instilled into their minds the great idea that spiritual power had one sole source.

We first encounter the Jews as an organized race about the year 1300 B.C., in bondage to the Pharaoh of that day. Then arose a statesman, Moses, who consolidated the race, made it self-conscious, recorded its religion, and organized its social laws, and even its sanitation. It is doubtful if any other statesman has ever influenced a nation so intensely for so many generations after his death. Moses instilled into the Jewish mind that they were "a peculiar people, a chosen race."

The story of the Jews for three hundred years after the death of Moses is rather obscure, but at length Saul brought some cohesion to the twelve tribes scattered throughout Palestine. David, by capturing Jerusalem, and establishing himself as King, gave the country a strong central capital and a centre for worship. It was only during David's reign, and part of Solomon's, that there ever was any real unity in the Jewish nation.

Then came estrangement between the tribes, and the northern group, who had fallen away from their ideal, were deported by the Assyrians. The Kingdom of Judah, however, with the Temple at Jerusalem as a rallying point, was independent for 136 years longer. At length in 586 B.C. it was captured and its leading men were carried away as captives to Babylon. (It is hoped to caplete this sketch in a future issue.)

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

(By The Canadian Press)

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