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To note: Market mixed; select industrial leaders strong. New York: Stocks higher; trading expands on rise.

Montreal: Industrial higher; moderate trading.

Toronto Stocks

TORONTO (CP) — The stock market squeezed out a token advance Friday on the strength of a late rally. The industrial index finished higher and golds also scored their first index advance of the week following news that government subsidies to producers will be continued.

Higher priced mines continued yesterday's advance, though some yielded early gains. Volume was 3,550,000 shares against 8,891,000 yesterday.

Among industrials, Aluminum climbed to \$2.75. Stelco advanced \$2.25 and Empire Hill climbed \$7.50.

Ford A dropped \$3.50 but General Motors firmed a point. International Nickel gained \$1.75 to lead advancing mines. McIntyre firmed \$1. Headway added 22 cents and Conlee 12.

Lake Shore was a leader in the golds, moving up 65 cents. Consolidated West also advanced 50 cents in westerns with other changes: Industrial up \$6 to 467.04, golds up to 88.16, base metals down .03 to 245.69 and western oils up .03 to 154.82.

TORONTO CLOSING STOCKS

By The Canadian Press. Quoted in cents, 2-odd lot, x6—

Table of Toronto closing stocks including Alcan, Alcan-Steel, Alcan-Copper, etc.

Montreal Stocks

MONTREAL (CP) — Industrials scored gains ranging over three points to hold higher ground at the close of moderate trading Friday on the Montreal and Canadian stock exchanges.

Base metals showed the best improvement. Aluminum jumped 3 1/2 points, International Nickel 1 1/2 and Noranda a point. Stelco climbed 2 points in a stronger steel section.

Papers moved to higher levels as Price Brothers gained a point, Consolidated two and Howard Smith 1/2.

Montreal lost a point as banks gave narrowly. Refining oils were mixed. Prices were mixed as the mines traded briskly. Volume was about 400,000 shares less than the previous session.

In the penny issues, New Jack Lake, Arno, Cleveland and Westville were a few cents higher in active trading. New Jack Lake and Bouzan advanced in the juniors while Merrill Island, Canadian Lithium and Consolidated Halliwell were lower.

In the seniors, Hollinger climbed 3/4 and Campbell Chib 1/2. Industrial volume was 77,300 shares and mines 1,548,200.

The stock exchange's closing averages show banks off .08 at 56.38, utilities up .08 at 136.7, industrials up 2.9 at 319.8, combined up 2.3 at 258.8, papers up 26.56 at 1575.15 and golds up 1.43 at 88.85.

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Table of Montreal closing stocks including Abitibi, Abitibi-Can, Abitibi-Copper, etc.

Work Of Free Dispensary Outlined in Nurse's Report

"Our funds always have been small, so the past two years have been very difficult to cope with in regard to relief," reported Mrs. Dorothy Gordon Goldie, nurse in charge of the Charlottetown Free Dispensary, at the annual meeting of the organization last night.

"Besides the prescription medicines there are other kinds we are giving out continually such as, cod liver oil in capsules and plain form, tonics and builders, cough mixtures, liniments, frosts, insulin, baby powders, oils and soap, disinfectants and many other forms of medication which would make a very long list indeed if written down."

"We were even short for medicine, and had to give just emergencies, as insulin, prescription medicine for infants and children and for our serious adult illness."

"It was a bad time of the year to run short as there was almost a month and a half of winter left. As our Secretary-Treasurer's statement shows we have really no balance left to speak of. In fact some back bills will have to be paid with money collected this April."

Last year our financial drive, the best yet to date, was seven-hundred dollars. Considering the demands made on the public we were very lucky to get that much. Still it is not enough to give proper relief, only enough to cover medicine alone.

At Christmas there were almost two hundred children on our list, about fifty more than last year. We took care of them as well as we could with mitts, stockings, small articles of clothing, candy, fruit, toys (some new, most second-hand) and books. We had to buy most of the things and the rest were from kind friends. We helped a few aged people out with Christmas groceries.

Again this year we decided to give groceries through the winter instead of the dinners at Christmas. It was our intention to give orders out till the end of March but as I explained this had to be discontinued the middle of February. The generous cheque of one hundred and fifty dollars from the Rotary Club helped very much in covering some of our Christmas expenses. Several clubs of women and girls looked after entire families. Many busy ladies knitted up mitts for the children with wool supplied by us. We have almost the same faithful friends sending in donations from year to year.

Timely Notes on Fur Topics

A despatch from Ottawa states that Canadian production of furs during the 1954-55 season jumped 43 per cent of the total value against 49 per cent of the previous year. In value leading furs were, mink \$15,428,000, against \$11,279,000 in 1953-54; muskrat \$6,510,000, (\$3,150,000); beaver, \$4,767,000, (\$2,562,000); and squirrel \$1,287,000, (\$899,000), quantities wise some 796,000 mink pelts were taken compared with 704,000 during the previous period; 5,619,000 muskrat, compared with 3,362,000 and 6,670,796, valued at \$30,509,515.

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One lady, an invalid, not sick enough to be hospitalized but still unable to work with no means to speak of, was getting injections which cost us fourteen dollars. Another widow with an incurable disease who still goes out working three days a week had to have medicine which came to nine dollars. Under the circumstances it didn't feel I could refuse either case. The doctor had put free dispensary on the slips for each woman.

"One old-age pensioner with Asthma was getting his prescription filled frequently. I checked over a two-month period and was amazed and alarmed when it came up to thirteen dollars."

Another family we had been helping with medicine were in desperate circumstances in February. Our funds were very low then and all we could give was medicine. The father had a heart condition. He tried to earn some money shovelling snow but took a weak turn. The neighbors around were very good and kind in this case, as people usually are when they find out some one is really in need.

My sympathy was very much with one poor woman. Her husband had been in poor health for some time and unable to work. Although she was stone deaf almost and had only one arm she went out working. Her husband died in January. There was only canned milk and half a ton of coal and some wood to get them right away. We can't afford coal but in this case the circumstances seemed desperate. A doctor was contacted about the matter.

MANY PROBLEMS. We have one hundred and fifteen index cards on file. Most of these consist of families but a few are single cases. There are the usual problems to contend with you find in every charity organization such as drinking, illegitimate children, unemployment, sudden illness, chronic invalids, deserted wives and children, etc.

"Looking around I have noticed people in fairly comfortable circumstances with children to rear, finding it hard enough to get along, and if trouble comes in the form of a prolonged illness which requires hospital care, they practically have to mortgage everything they have to get going. I can't imagine how it is with the small wage earner under the same circumstances."

"Everyone was shocked when they learned about the accident to Miss Amy Earle and Mrs. Harry Miller, both of them connected with the Dispensary in years past. Mrs. Harry Miller had been on our Committee and was a good steady worker. We are glad she is coming along well. Miss Earle worked at the Dispensary for twenty-two years and was greatly beloved by all who came there for help. She certainly did not deserve such bad luck. It is nothing short of a miracle that she is still here."

Through the years we lost some good and faithful friends. Mrs. J.P. Gordon, for one, who was on our Committee for a good many years and was very conscientious. Mrs. Katherine Saunders, who every Spring went out collecting for us over a big area until the doctor forbid her to any longer. This greatly beloved lady helped many of the poor in her quiet way.

There were six deaths during the year. In closing, our Executive Committee, and myself, wish to thank each and all who have assisted and encouraged us in any way with our work.

Grain

WINNIPEG (CP) — Trading was quiet on the Winnipeg grain exchange Friday.

Closing prices: Oats: May 79 1/2; July 77 1/2. Barley: May 1.13 1/2; July 1.09 1/2. Rye: May 1.34 1/2; July 1.30 1/2.

Prices for class two wheat for export to countries outside IWA: 1 nor 1.75; 2 1.72; 3 1.62; 4 1.58; 5 1.37; 6 1.33; 1 durum 2.34; 2 2.52; 3 2.51; IWA and domestic prices: 1 nor 1.75; 2 1.72; 3 1.62; 4 1.58; 5 1.37; 6 1.33; 1 durum 2.03 1/2; 2 2.02; 3 2.01.

NEW YORK (AP) — Strong oil shares featured a substantially higher stock market Friday.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks was up \$1.40, best rise in more than a month. The industrial component added \$3.10, railroads were up 60 cents at a new high since 1929 of \$151.40, and utilities remained unchanged.

Cudahy Packing was the day's most active issue up 1 at 13 1/2 on 46,900 shares.

Canadian issues were mixed on the New York exchange. Canadian Pacific and Dome Mines both added. Granby Mining gained 1 1/2, and International Nickel moved 1/2.

Walker-Goodman lost 1/2 and Canadian stocks were unchanged to lower on the American exchange. Eureka and Jupiter Oil both fell 1/16. Scurry-Rainbow Oil lost and Shawingain dropped 1 1/2.

What stocks did: Advances: 635. Flour Declines: 336. Unchanged: 224. Total issues: 1195.

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MONTREAL (CP) — Agriculture department quotations:

Eggs: Small cases, extra - large 52; large 51; medium 50; small 47. B 46; C 40. Receipts: 84,000. Butter: Current receipts, 57 1/2, fresh grade creamery products, 57 1/2; fresh non - tenderable 58 1/2. Receipts: Nil.

Cheese: F.O.B. factory, Ontario white 30 1/2; colored 30 1/2; delivered Montreal, Quebec white 29 1/2; colored 30 1/2; wholesale Ontario white 31 1/2; colored 31 1/2; wholesale Quebec white 30 1/2; colored 31. Receipts: Nil.

Potatoes: Florida white 50s 3.75; No. 1 N.B. white 50s 3.75; 2.15-2.25; No. 1 N.B. 50s 1.40-1.50; No. 1 N.B. 10s 32-33; Quebec No. 1 7.5s 1.78-2.00; No. 1 50s 1.30-1.35; P.E.I. No. 1 7.5s 2.50-2.65.

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CUT OPERATIONS. Another despatch from Oslo on the fox auction states that 572 quality blue fox were 20 per cent sold at an average price of 96 kroner and a top price of 120 kroner. Silver fox moved somewhat better. Of a total of 1,081 skins offered 51 per cent were sold at an average of 60 kroner with a high of 115. Of 90 platinum fox offered, 91 per cent were sold at an average of 129 kroner and a high of 140. About 15,000 standard mink were selling at a 75 per cent clip. The average price for male skins was 111 kroner with a high of 170. The average for females was 60 kroner with a high of 90.

From the above it would appear that the fox breeders in Norway are cut down very much on their operations and the quantities being produced there now are relatively small. Of course there is more market in Europe for fox pelts than anywhere else, because people there in the long ago were many of them not in a position to buy silver fox or its mutations at the high prices that prevailed. Now that they can get their relatively small prices they are wearing them, unlike people in Canada and the United States. A kroner is worth about 21 cents in our money.

ELIMINATING THEFTS. A merchant has to be very smart to stay in business in New York. He must not only know his market thoroughly but also how to buy, how to display and how to sell but in addition he has to keep a wary eye to see that his furs are not spirited away. Here is a suggestion from Women's Wear Daily helpful in eliminating thefts. "Although fur thefts cannot be entirely eliminated they can be reduced by a daily check of inventory," says Irving Genfan, executive secretary of the Master Furriers Guild of New York, Inc. Mr. Genfan states that most members of his group who report losses admit negligence on their own part. Based on the lessons learned from the experience of his members, Mr. Genfan warns retailers to watch for women working in pairs; beware of customers who come into the department with large boxes; and watch those who ask to use a phone or to go to the rest room. Care should also be used in delivering the garment. Mr. Genfan delivered to a certain apartment, then went in the hall of the building and offered to take the coat to the alleged customer. "Know your stock," Mr. Genfan advises, "and check it every day before closing. Be careful, too, of very talkative young girls."

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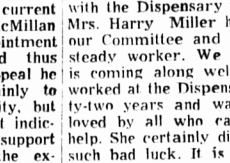
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A notice in Women's Wear Daily has the following: Danish Fur Sales, Copenhagen, Denmark, April 26, 1956, 55,000 standard ranch mink, 10,000 pastel mink, 5,000 silverblue mink. Evidently Denmark is progressing quite strongly in mink ranching. A despatch from Oslo, Norway, states that the last fur auction of the season was held during last weekend.

There was very little interest or competition for the silver and

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