

MONTREAL MINING EXCHANGE.

VIRTUE REMAINS STRONG ALTHOUGH NOT QUITE SO ACTIVE — SLOCAN STOCKS IN GOOD DEMAND AT STEADY PRICES — DEER TRAIL DECLARES DIVIDEND.

Montreal, Feb. 21.

The temper of the room this morning was greatly relieved by the news from the seat of war. The long expected boom which has been awaited with such hopeful anticipations failed to be realized, a damper been cast by the long list of dead and wounded amongst our Canadian soldiers.

Trading was fairly generous, prices remaining steady to strong.

The Deer Trail Cons. Company have declared the March dividend of 1/4 per cent per share payable on March 10th to shareholders on record of March 1st. The stock sold to-day at 9 1/4 cents. Expect it to do better.

Big Three, although not active, was steady at 7c, and sold at that figure.

Decca, likewise, was firm at 7c, 1000 shares changing hands.

Virtue was quieter, although still being in fairly good demand, 5000 shares changing hands between 77 and 75 1/2. It closed at the lowest on a sale of 1000 shares at 75 1/2, the stock being offered at 76. It would be only natural should the stock react several points after its late rapid advance. On declines it is a purchase, as it will soon work to a much higher level.

Rathmullen sold at 5c and was offered at 5c on the last call, the feeling in this stock being not quite so strong.

Payne was quite active, opening at 120, and selling up to 122, 3000 shares being sold.

Slocan Sovereign remains steady, selling at 32 1/2, the demand being fairly good.

There is no change in Montreal London, sales were made at 27, with more stock offering at the same price.

Golden Star remains steady, 19 being offered, and 20 asked.

Republic and War Eagle are neglected. The result of the War Eagle meeting which is to take place is awaited with considerable interest.

MORNING SALES.

Montreal London—1700, 27.
Slocan Sov.—1500, 32 1/2.
Virtue—500, 77, 2500, 76 1/2, 100, 77, 700, 76, 1000, 75 1/2.
Decca—1000, 7.
Payne—1000, 120, 500, 121 1/2, 1500, 122.
Deer Trail Cons.—500, 9 1/4.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Payne—1000, 121 1/2.
Morrison—500, 3 1/2.
Virtue—500, 75 1/2, 500, 75, 1500, 74.

VIRTUE.

The wonderful showing in the Cumberland mine as reported by Mr. Obalski, who has just completed his inspection, must be very gratifying to the stockholders. Some months ago the statement was made that this mine alone could earn monthly dividends of 3 per cent on the total capitalization, and as to pay this dividend \$60,000 per month would be required, the statement was ridiculed by some.

Mr. Obalski's statement that at present ore is blocked out in the mine valued at \$2,500,000 would bring 8 per cent monthly dividends within the realm of possibility, although it is hardly likely that with the present conservative directorate, in charge, a larger dividend than one per cent monthly will be declared until a substantial cash surplus is put by.

The stock at present prices is a bargain, and should be bought; those buying around present figures will undoubtedly make handsome profits.

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	Askd.	Bid.	Askd.	Bid.	Askd.	Bid.	Askd.	Bid.
	Feb. 17.	Feb. 17.	Feb. 19.	Feb. 19.	Feb. 20.	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 21.
1.00 Payne	1.24	1.21	1.20	1.20	1.20	1.16	1.22	1.20
1.00 War Eagle xd	1.03	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
1.00 Republic xd	.93	.97	1.00	.95	1.00	.98	1.00	.95
1.00 Virtue	.68	.67	.71	.69	.75	.74	.74	.73
.24 Montreal-London xd	.27	.25	.27	.20	.27	.20	.27	.24
1.00 Big Three	.08	.08	.07	.08	.07	.08	.07	.07
1.00 Brandon & G'd'n Crown	.25	.15	.25	.15	.29	.8	.25	.10
1.00 California	.11	.10	.10	.09	.11	.9	.10	.8
.10 Canada Gold Fields Syn.	.07	.08	.07	.08	.07	.08	.07	.08
5.00 Cariboo Hydraulic	...	...	...	...	.97	...	...	...
1.00 Evening Star	.08	.07	.08	...	.08	.07	.09	.6
.25 Fern	.05	.02	.05	.02	.05	.2	.05	.02
1.00 Gold Hills Developing	.08	.04	.00	.04	.08	.04	.08	.04
1.00 Iron Colt	.10	...	.15	...	.15	...	...	...
1.00 Knob Hill	.80	...	.80	.40	.80	.40	.65	.40
1.00 Monte Christo Con	.04	.03	.05	.04	.04	.03	.04	.03
.25 Montreal Gold Fields	.07	.07	.07	.08	.07	.06	.07	.04
1.00 Noble Five	.10	.04	...	.08	.15	.9	...	...
1 Novelty	.02	.01	.3	.1	.2	.1	.3	.1
1.00 Old Ironsides	.97	.50	.97	.50	.97	.50	.97	.50
1.00 Virginia	.05	.02	.5	.2	.05	.02	.05	.02
1.00 Rambler Cariboo	.45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1.00 Bullion	.50	.45	.50	.31	.50	.44	.50	.45
1.00 Decca	.07	.08	.9	.04	.07	.04	.09	.08
1.00 Morrison	.04	.03	.5	.3	.04	.03	.04	.03
1.00 Golden Star	.20	.19	.20	.19	.21	.19	.19	.19
1.00 Slocan Sov	.35	.34	.32	.31	.33	.32	.33	.31
1.00 Fontenoy G. M. Co.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1.00 Rathmullen	.05	.05	.08	.04	.08	.04	.8	.4
1.00 Winnipeg	.24	.21	.23	.21	.23	.18	.19	.19
1.00 Dardanelles	.10	.05	.9	.4	.9	.4	...	...
1.00 Deer Trail Cons.	.09	.09	.10	.09	.09	.8	.9	.9
1.00 North Star	1.11	1.09	...	1.07	1.20	1.09	1.15	1.09
1.00 Kenneth

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