The stock quotations as compared with a week ago are as follows :---

A w	eek ago.	To-day.
First Preference.	895/8	885/8
Second Preference	6338	6238
Third Preference	231/2	23

Montreal Street closed at 276½, a loss of 6½ points over last week's close. The stock sold as low as 274¼ during the week, but has since sold as high as 278. Trading was a little above the ordinary, and 4.789 shares were disposed of during the week. The increase in earnings for the week ending 5th inst. amounted to \$2,329.10 as follows :--

		Increase.
Sunday	\$3,170.42	\$ 49.71
Monday	5.996.35	9-4.17
Tuesday	5,254.12	267.10
Wednesday	5,389.13	652.61
Thursday	4,995.53	248.50
Friday	4,713.74	304.65
Saturday	4,847.93	• 107.64
*Decrease.		

Toronto Railway closed at $108\frac{3}{4}$, being a loss of $2\frac{1}{4}$ points over last week's figures. The number of shares disposed of amounted to 3,221, and there is good enquiry for this stock. The increase in earnings for the week ending 5th' inst. amounted to \$1,857.16 as follows:---

		Increase.
Sunday	\$1,638.21	\$163.20
Monday	4.772.04	398.05
Tuesday	4,197.02	* 35.28
Wednesday	4.537.95	658.71
Thursday	4.077.48	257.63
Friday	3,993.94	153.47
Saturday	4,485.05	261.38
*Decrease.		

Twin City has sagged off and closed with 69 bid, a loss of a point over last week's close. The increase in earnings for the last ten days of December amounted to \$6,977.30. The following memorandum regarding this Company may prove interesting :-

Years.	Gross earnings.	Operating expenses.	Net earnings.	Surplus over divds.
	2.189,157	\$1,264,408	\$ 924.749	No Div.
1804	2,003,678	1,044,547	959,131	No Div.
1895	1,988,803	979,485	1,009,319	No Div.
1896	2,059,218	995,158	1,064,059	\$299,998
	2,009,121	1,002,080	1,007,041	235,124
	2,170,716	1,019.392	1,151,324	373,656
	2,522,792	1,156,972	1,365,821	•174,656
	2,880,117	1,287,052	1,573,055	242,677
	mon stock		ividend in	1899 for

first time.

Mileage, 260 miles.

Montreal Gas has again advanced and closed at 219 5-8, an increase over last week's figures of 3 5-8 points. Trading in this stock has shown a falling off, and only 8,775 shares changed hands during the week, as compared with 22,568 shares disposed of a week ago. It is reported that application will be made to the Legislature for some important amendments to the Charter of this Company. The proposed alterations relate to the voting power, and are supposed to be intended to pave the way for a change of the controlling interest, looking to amalgamation with other lighting corporations.

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Royal Electric closed at 209, a loss on quotation of a full point for the week. The last sale was made at 209 1-2 and the number of shares which changed hands totalled 569. Notice has been given that the Chambly Company will apply to the Legislature for large powers, looking to amalgamation or other connection with outside companies.

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Richelieu & Ontario is decidedly easier and closed with 107 1-2 bid, a loss on quotation of 2 1-2 points.

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Dominion Cotton shows a loss of two points for the week and closed at 90, at which price the last sale was made.

	Per cent.
Call money in Montreal	5 to 51/2
Call money in London	3
Bank of England rate	5
Call money in New York	31/2
Consols	97 1/4
Demand Sterling	95/8
60 days' Sight Sterling	83/4
Manager Manager	

MINING MATTERS.

The shipments from the mines of the Rossland Camp for the week ending 5th inst. were as follows:-

Le Roi.	2,808 tons
Centre Star	1,080 "
War Eagle	210 "
Le Roi, No. 2	157 "
Iron Mask	130 "
Total	4.385 tons

The closing prices of the listed stocks and sales for the week were as follows :--

Today.	Sales.
100	4,000
63	10,500
59	5,100
1	500
27	5,000
88	3,500
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