

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Oct. 3rd, 1900.

Stocks.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices.		Average, same date 1899.
				Sellers.	Buyers.	
Montreal	256½	256	4	259	256	.....
Ontario	121½	180	96	185	184	.....
Molson	121½	180	96	185	180	.....
Toronto .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Cartier	158	156	62	158	155	.....
Merchants	152	152	20	.....	151	.....
Commerce	108	106	1	.....	.....	.....
Union .....	.....	.....	.....	140	.....	.....
Hochelaga .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135	.....
Nationale	167	166½	50	170	163	170
M. Telegraph	107	107	12	110	107½	108
R. & O. Nav.	266	254½	2101	271	270	309½
Street Ry.	290	286	225	265	261	3 8½
do New Stock	188½	187½	216	187	183½	191
Gas	87	86½	2425	88½	86½	87½
C.P.R. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Land Grant bds	170	170	12	175	169	189
Bell Tele Co. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mont. 4½ stock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. W. Land .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

THE ERRATIC EXPERIENCE IN WOOL.

The sales of wool in Boston the past week were about 1,400,000 pounds, as compared with nearly 10,000,000 pounds for the same period in 1899. The transactions last year were, as everyone knows, abnormally large, but it is equally true that those recorded so far in 1900 have been unduly small. It is getting to be quite the rule for a good-sized year in the wool market to be followed by a small year. This has been the case ever since 1897, and can be accounted for by the introduction of the speculative mania.

The sales in the Boston wool market, from January 1st, 1900, to date, amount to 96,038,000 pounds, as compared with 219,611,100 pounds for the same period last year. . . . The following table shows the sales to date each year since January 1st, 1888:

	Pounds.
1900	96,038,000
1890	219,611,100
1898	85,379,010
1897	325,571,100
1896	104,168,800
1895	144,799,770
1894	108,948,885
1893	88,319,450
1892	130,222,976
1891	103,205,400
1890	104,036,400
1889	87,239,400
1888	113,412,200

These figures, when studied carefully enough, show some very interesting results. They show that in the long run speculation in a commodity does not cause more of it to be used than would otherwise be the case.—American Wool Reporter, Sept. 27th.

MANUAL TRAINING IN GERMANY.

There exists at present in Germany, distributed in 605 places, says Mr. Guenther, who writes to the American Government from Frankfort, 861 schools and institutes wherein manual training is carried on in 1,514 workshops. Of this number, 836 schools and institutes conduct training on a pedagogical basis. Prussia has 570 manual-training schools. The 1,514 pupils' workshops comprise 286 independent manual-training schools, and 238 public schools, of which 16 are auxiliary schools, where the work is obligatory, 17 are middle-class schools, 41 are high schools (made up of eight gymnasiums, six technical gymnasiums, 12 technical high schools, and 15 boarding-schools), seven are preparatory institutes,

26 are teachers' seminaries, and 93 are boys' asylums; while the remainder consists of various kinds of private educational establishments.

Five hundred and thirty-five workshops are devoted to wood carving, 527 to working in cardboard, and 356 to the carpenter's bench. Of these, 68 are closely connected with wood-carving, 77 with preparatory roughing-out work, 35 with metal work, 28 with country timbering, 11 with wood and metal turning, and 11 with modeling in clay.

Over 2,200 German teachers have been taught to become instructors in manual training. Of these, 954 were taught in Leipzig, and 1,250 acquired training in 33 places in other parts of Germany.

—The Great Northern Railway, from Quebec to Parry Sound, is now complete, and will be formally opened some time this month.

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2. That the respective local examiners will fix the places and hours of the Examinations, and inform the Candidates thereof.

3. That Candidates must give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretaries in London (England), and pay the prescribed fee of one guinea, not later than 31st January, 1901.

4. That Candidates must pay their current annual subscriptions prior to 31st December, 1900.

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