

will confer with representatives of the Industrial Exhibition in regard to improvement in buildings, etc., in connection with the proposed Dominion Exhibition to be held in Toronto during the Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo.

Trade returns were discussed at length by Dr. Wickett, and he was appointed chairman of a committee to impress on the Government the necessity of fuller returns, and certain additions to the schedule in the coming censuses. The association appears to be devoting itself to the prosecution of the aims outlined in the president's address.

A. Ross & Co. have opened a new dry goods store in Vancouver, B.C.—Carmichael & Dickey are a new grocery firm in the same city.

MR. D. McNICOLL states that the reason the C.P.R. has not entered into the agreement for the abolition of commissions, is that the other lines want to make so many exceptions to it, that it will be practically worthless.

THE Ottawa Board of Trade has appointed Sir Sandford Fleming and Messrs. John Coates, C. Ross, C. J. Smith, and Thomas McFarlane delegates to the Congress of Commerce, in London, England, next June.

THE seal hunt at Grindstone Island is reported the most successful in the last twenty years. In the course of a few days, the islanders have killed 15,000 seals, and the total result of the season's hunt will probably reach 25,000 to 40,000 seals.

THE total trade of Canada for the eight months terminating March 28th, was \$250,235,763, as against \$215,070,642 for the corresponding period of the preceding year. The total trade for February, 1900, was \$22,581,921, while that of February of last year was \$19,053,276.

A LARGE company, to transact a wholesale butter, cheese and general produce trade, has been organized to acquire the business of A. A. Ayer & Co., of Montreal. The incorporators are all residents of Montreal, in which city the head office of the company will be situated. The capital is to be \$750,000.

THE departmental store business of Charles Woodward, Vancouver, has been converted into a limited company, with a capital of \$100,000, of which \$300,000 is paid up. The new members of the company are Messrs. J. N. Woodward, E. J. Knowlton, John Little, J. Norris, Max Cameron, and A. Eckley.

SHIPBUILDING has been prosecuted to a great extent in the Northern outports this winter, says the St. John's, Newfoundland, News, and when the spring opens about thirty vessels, if not more, will be ready for launching. This means that so many more schooners will prosecute the fishery this year, and will be the means of employing about 250 men for the summer. It also proves that the cod fishery is not dying out as many people assert. We can only hope that all the builders will be successful in the new vessels.

The British Columbia salmon combine, according to the Vancouver Province, was not formed any too soon, as A. M. McGovern, a company promoter from New York, has almost succeeded in combining all the canneries on Puget Sound outside the two big concerns that are almost combines in themselves, viz., the Alaska Packing Company, which packs 1,000,000 cases a year, and the Pacific American Packing Co.

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

The past week has been a quiet one on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Canadian Pacific has been transferred rather freely, 1,550 shares changing hands at from 95¼ to 95½, one small lot selling as low as 95. Some rather large lots of Consumers' Gas changed hands at 210, one point below the price at the end of last week; total transactions in this stock were 654 shares. Mining stocks did not hold their strength of last week, the most noticeable weakness being in Republic, which receded from 114¼ to 104½. 19,200 shares changing hands. The other transactions for the week ending Thursday, noon, were:

Imperial Bank, 36 at 209½; Bank of Commerce, 55 at 147-147½; Traders' Bank, 7 at 113; Dominion Bank, 70 at 267½; Toronto Bank, 6 at 237; Standard, 62 at 200; General Electric, 27 at 177-178; do., pref., 47 at 106; Canada Permanent, 160 at 130; British America, 44 at 117; Western Assurance, 169 at 158½-159; Commercial Cable, 400 at 167-168¾; Toronto Railway, 699 at 100-101¼; Carter-Crume, 58 at 101½; Dunlop Tire, pref., 8 at 102½; Cycle and Motor, 42 at 86½-88; Richelieu & Ontario, 25 at 109¼; C.N.W. Land, 22 at 53; Toronto General Trusts, 46 at 141½; Bell Telephone, 11 at 181; Toronto Mortgage, 25 at 78-80; Twin City Railway, 50 at 64¾; Toronto Electric Light, 10 at 132¾; London Electric Light, 5 at 113¾; Cable, coupon bonds, ex-interest, \$10,000, at 103½; Virtue, 5,500 at 98¼-99; War Eagle, 18,325 at 133-136½; Payne Mining, 1,400 at 132; Cariboo (McKinney), 3,100 at 74-75; Golden Star, 11,000 at 16½-17¾.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, March 21st, 1900.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices.		Average same date 1899
				Sellers.	Buyers.	
Montreal	258	257	44	260	258	250
Ontario						
Molson						
Toronto						
J. Cartier						
Merchants	160½	160	84	148	147½	160
Commerce						
Union						
Hochelaga						
Nationale						
M. Telegraph	169	165	55	168		176½
R. & O. Nav. ...	110	105	60	111	109½	110
Street Ry.	305½	305	2006	299½	298	319
Gas	193	191	130	193	190½	212½
C.P.R.	96½	94½	1310	95½	90½	85
Land Grant bds ..						
Bell Tele. Co.	18½	180½	26	190	180	177½
N. W. Land						
Mont. 4% stock ..						

Debentures.

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