

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

War rumors continue to agitate the public mind. Attention has been transferred from Venezuela to the Transvaal, and the new troubles, unhappily, seem more serious than the first. The unsettled condition of international affairs has been reflected by the stock markets. Holders of Cable and several of the more speculative stocks have been uneasy and their desire to dispose of shares has had a depressing effect upon quotations. The currency problem of the United States has once more reached a critical stage and adds to the complexity of the financial situation. We append a list of the week's stock transactions on the Toronto Exchange: Ontario, 2 at 82; Toronto, 11 at 235; Commerce, 221 at 134 to 136; Imperial, 48 at 182; Dominion, 120 at 242; Standard, 80 at 162; British America Ass., 130 at 113 to 114½; Western Ass., 1,059 at 159½ to 162½; Consumers' Gas, 90 at 198 to 198½; C.P.R., 25 at 52½; Toronto Inc. E. L., 58 at 142½ to 143½; Cable at 154½ to 161; Bell Telephone, 25 at 156; Montreal Pass. Railway, 50 at 218; Toronto Railway, 765 at 73½ to 75½; Canada Landed and National, 20 at 103½; Farmers' Loan and Sav., 14 at 101; Freehold Loan, 20 at 112½; Union Loan, 10 at 145; West. Can. Loan, 2 at 130 (25 per cent.)

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan 8th, 1895.

Stocks.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average price 1895.
Montreal .....	218½	218	226	219	217	219½
Ontario .....						93
People's .....	3	1	55		2	112
Molson's .....	177	173	74	178	172½	
Toronto .....						235½
Jac. Cartier .....						
Merchants' .....	166	164	69	169	164	164
Commerce .....	135	133	54	135	133	137½
Union .....						100
M. Teleg. x'd. ....	162½	162½	10	164	160	157½
Rich. & Ont. ....				100	92½	92
Mont. St. R'y. ....	222	217½	2328	219	218½	171½
Gas .....	201	197	1549	197	196½	192½
C. Pacific Ry. ....	52	51½	100	52½	51½	57½
do land bonds .....					107	109½
N.W. Land p'd. ....				50		
Bell Tele. .... x'd	159	156	32	157½	156	150
Mont. 4% stock .....						

NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS.

Swear off drink—ca va sans dire — Whisky, brandy, gin and beer ! Swear off all equivocation ! Swear off all exaggeration ! Swear off talking politics ! Swear off gambling and card tricks ! Swear off smoking cigarettes ! Swear off having any debts ! And, if you keep these resolutions, There'll be some mighty revolutions !

—Evening World.

—There is a lady who is so particular about her daughter's morals that she allows her to play only upon an upright piano.—Household Words.

—A London editor offered a handsome prize for the best suggestion calculated to improve his newspaper property. The man that proposed that he should get more advertisements was the winner.—Boston Herald.

—Last week Mrs. John Greig sold her 200-acre farm on the 9th line of Ramsay to her neighbor, Mr. Thomas Arthur, for \$11,500. The Almonte Gazette says that in 1870 her late husband bought the same property from Mr. W. W. Wilkie for \$5,300.

—In the year ending December 1st, 1895, the Brooklyn Bridge Railroad carried 44,564,329 passengers. In the twelve years of its operation it has carried over 390,000,000 passengers, with but two fatalities, and those occurred in a collision in a fog not a month ago.

—Mr. Spriggins resented the inference drawn by a certain editor, and calling upon him, asked indignantly: "What did you mean, sir, by placing my name in the obituary column this morning?" The editor replied: "Well, sir, you'll remember you promised me last week if you lived till yesterday, you would pay me that bill you owe me."

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 8th Jan., 1896.

ASHES.—The receipts for 1895 were 1,818 brls. of pots, and 365 pearls, making a total of 2,183 brls., as against 1,936 pots and 224 pearls, or a total of 2,160 in the year 1894. Business has continued dull, the only recent transaction being a shipment of 20 brls. last week. We quote first quality pots \$3.60, seconds \$3 40, pearls \$4.75, with the probability of weaker values. Stocks in store Jan. 1st, 160 of pots, and 53 of pearls.

DRY GOODS.—Travelers are all out again with full lines of spring samples, but it will be a week or so before any judgment can be passed as to results of their efforts in the country. The lack of snow and very bad roads in the country will likely interfere more or less with business; for the same reason collections are poor. We do not hear of any changes in prices.

FISH.—The demand is not particularly active, but stocks are in moderate compass. We quote dry cod, \$4 25 to 4 50; green cod No. 1, \$4.25; No. 1, large, \$5.50; Labrador herring, \$4.25 to 4 50; shore, \$3.50 to 3 75; N. S. salmon, \$12 to 13 for No. 1; sea trout, \$5 to 6 for half barrels; fresh cod and haddock, 3 to 4c.; halibut, 10 to 11c. per lb.

FURS.—The demand for raw furs from local furriers is now over, and values seem more or less unsettled until the results of the London sales this month are known. Some seem to anticipate an advance in beaver, otter, etc., which are said to be in light supply owing to the dry summer, while others are inclined to look for low prices, on account of threatened political complications in Europe. In meantime, the below prices stand for first-class skins, the assorting being very close. We quote for prime pelts:—Beaver, \$3 to 3.50 per lb.; bear, \$10 to 20; cub, \$5 to 8; fox, red, \$1 to 1.50; cross, do., \$3 to 5; silver, do., \$20 to 75; fisher, \$5 to 6; marten, \$1 to 1.75; mink, \$1 to 1.50; lynx, \$1.50 to 2; coon, 50c. to 75c.; fall rats, 5 to 7c.; winter do., 10 to 12c.; otter, \$9 to 12; skunk, 40c. to \$1.

GROCERIES.—Business has hardly begun to "pick up" yet after the holiday quiet. Travelers are out, but in the West they report the general municipal elections as interfering with business, and in the East the lack of snow is being seriously felt. In the Ottawa section the same is true, and with some orders from lumbering firms a few days ago instructions were given that the goods should be strongly packed, as they would have to be sent into the woods in wagons instead of sleighs. Sugars are again a peg higher than at last writing. Factory prices for granulated are, for small lots, 4½c.; hundred barrel lots, 4 7-16c.; 250 barrels and upwards, 4½c. per lb., and from these figures refiners won't deviate; in yellows the lowest figure is 3½c. For Barbadoes and Porto Rico

molasses prices are unchanged; some very nice samples of New Orleans molasses are offering at 32 to 33c. per gal. in barrels. For teas there is a certain amount of enquiry, but the movement is yet light. Coffees are in light request, and quotations are, for Rio, 18 to 20c.; Maracaibo, 19 to 21c.; Java, 24 to 27c.; Mocha, 27 to 30c. There is a good demand at the moment for prunes, but currants and raisins are dull. Some moderate lots of Valencias and currants reached here from London during Christmas week, and were needed. Dried apples are pretty well

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