MONTREAL MINING EXCHANGE.

MINING CONDITIONS UNCHANGED — VIRTUE OPENS STRONG, BUT SELLS OFF — REPUBLIC DIVIDEND LIKELY TO BE QUARTERLY.

Montreal, Feb. 14.

There was a continuance of the firmer tone which started yesterday. Stocks were in some instances quite strong. Although the market still remains two-sided and has also its weak feature. Among the stronger stocks was Virtue, which sold as high as 67¾, but closed a trifle weaker, being offered at 66½ with the last sale being recorded at 66½. 3800 shares changed hands. It seems only natural that it should have a reaction after its late advance.

Among the weaker features were Big Three and Deer Trail Cons. The former sold repeatedly at 6½, and also at 6 cts. The stock was offered at 6½ at the close.

Deer Trail Cons. was also weaker and sold at 9 and 8¾ cents, the pressure to sell was quite noticeable, buyers were offering 8 cents on the last call.

The Payne mine is now said to be working 90 men. The Miners' Union throughout the Slocan district is receiving a black eye on account of the release of men in other parts of British Columbia. The stock was offered at 104, buyers offering 101.

War Eagle was nominal at 180 to 165.

The Rossland situation remains unchanged. There are said to be nearly 2000 miners recently laid off from work, these men will likely be able to find ample work elsewhere.

All the machinery required for the various mines of Republic is on the road. Four carloads have already arrived for the Republic reduction works. The machinery yet to arrive for the Republic mine will occupy 50 cars. The stock sold freely this morning at 93, 3000 shares changing hands. There is plenty of speculation as regards the March dividend, which is to be declared to-day. We are of the opinion that in future the dividend will be paid quarterly instead of monthly until all improvements have been successfully accomplished. It will be some time in July before the work on the new mill, etc., will be finished.

There was an improvement in the demand for Slocan Sovereign, 26 was freely bid. Sales amounting to 1,400 shares were made at 26.

Golden Star was inclined to be firmer, no sales taking place.

MORNING SALES.

Slocan Sov.—500, 9. 2500, 8½.
Big Three—1500, 6½. 500, 6.
Republic—3000, 93.
Virtue — 500, 67½. 2800, 67. 500, 66½

AFTERNOON SALES.

California—500, 10.
North Star—500, 106½.
Deer Trail Cons.—1000, 8½. 2000, 9.
Republic—500, 94½. 500, 95. 500, 96.
Decca—3000, 6½.
Virtue—1000, 63¾.

CAN. PACIFIC EARNINGS.

Week ending Feb. 7, 1900	$486,000
Week ending Feb. 7, 1899	428,000
Increase	$ 58,000

DULUTH S. S. & ATLANTIC EARNINGS.

Week ending Jan. 31 1900	$58,998
Week ending Jan. 31 1899	48,982
Increase	$ 10,016
From Jan. 1	$167,147
Increase	15,091

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		Asked. Feb. 10.	Bid. Feb. 10.	Asked. Feb. 12.	Bid. Feb. 12.	Asked. Feb. 13.	Bid. Feb. 13.	Asked. Feb. 14.	Bid. Feb. 14.
1.00	Payne	1.06	1.02	1.02	1.00	1.03	1.00	1.05	1.00
1.00	War Eagle xd	1.70	1.66	1.85	1.70	1.85	1.70	1.80	1.65
1.00	Republic xd	.94	.91½	.93	.91	.95	.93	.96½	.95
1.00	Virtue	.69	.64	.60	.68½	.64	.61½	.65	.63½
.24	Montreal-London xd	.28	.27½	.27½	.27	.27½	.24	.07	.06
1.00	Big Three	.08	.07½	.06½	.05½	.07	.06½	.06½	.06
1.00	Brandon & G'ld'n Crown	.28	....	.28	.16	.28	.16	.25	.16
1.00	California	.11½	.10	.11	.10½	.11	.10½	.10½	.10
.10	Canada Gold Fields Syn.	8½	.06	.07	.06	.07	.06	.07	.06
5.00	Cariboo Hydraulic	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1.00	Evening Star	.09	.05	.08	.6	.09	.08	.09½	.07½
.25	Fern	.05	.03	.04½	.02	....	....	.06	.02
1.00	Gold Hills Developing	.05	.04½	.05	.04½	.06	.04½	.06	.04½
1.00	Iron Colt	.10	....	....	....	.10	....	.10	....
1.00	Knob Hill	.60	.60	.65	.45	.65	....	.65	.60
1.00	Monte Christo Con	.04½	.03	.05	.03½	.05	.03	.04½	.03
.25	Montreal Gold Fields	.08	.07	.10	.7	.08½	.07	.08	.07
1.00	Noble Five	.09	....	.9	.4	....	....	.10	....
1	Novelty	.2	.1½	.2½	.1	.03	.01	.2	.1
1.00	Old Ironsides	1.00	....	.97½	.67½	1.10	....	....	....
1.00	Virginia	.05	.03	.3	.1	.5	.02	.6	.2
1.00	Rambler Cariboo	....	....	.50	.30	....	....	....	....
1.00	Bullion	.50	.30	.50	.20	[illegible]	.29	.60	....
1.00	Decca	.09	.08½	.9	.8	.07	.06	.6½	.6
1.00	Morrison	.03	.02	.3	.2	.05	.02	.3½	.3
1.00	Golden Star	.23½	.21	.21½	.20	.22	.20	.21	.19½
1.00	Slocan Sov	.30	.25	.26½	.25	.30	.25½	.27	.26
1.00	Fontenoy G. M. Co.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
1.00	Rathmullen	.06	.03½	.5	.3	.06	.03	.05	.03
1.00	Winnipeg	.25	.20	.24	.22	.26	.20	.23	.17½
1.00	Dardanelles	.08	.04	.8	.3	....	....	.8	.3
1.00	Deer Trail Cons	.10	.9	.9½	.9	.09½	.09	.09	.08½
1.00	North Star	1.15	1.05	1.08	1.04	1.08	1.04	1.07	1.06
1.00	Kenneth	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....