

MONTREAL MINING EXCHANGE.

VIRTUE STILL THE LEADER — LARGE SALES OF DECCA — MONTREAL-OREGAN IN DEMAND.

Montreal, April 5.

The market continued lively and broader today. There has evidently opened up a new era of activity and strength and those stocks which have for so many months past been slumping and sagging are daily becoming more active and in better demand. Virtue still leads as a speculative favorite and was again today in demand at advances of 7 and 8 per cent. for future delivery. It had not, however, the monopoly of the room today as yesterday, but had to divide its honors with Montreal-Oregon, one of the unlisted stocks which has lately become a speculative favorite and which will shortly join the ranks of the dividend payers.

Most of the sales in Virtue were time sales, 5,000 shares selling at 1.25 with the option of delivery any time in the next three weeks. Regular sales were made at 1.17½, 1.16½, and 1.17. The stock was offered at 1.17 at the close. The feeling still continues very bullish and much higher prices are constantly spoken of.

One of the features of the market this morning was the strength and growing demand for Montreal-Oregon. Sales were made to the amount of 20,000 shares at 30 and 31. The reports from the mine continue to be most satisfactory. We are told on the most reliable authority that dividends will shortly be paid at the rate of 20 per cent. or \$5,000 monthly. They will be regularly maintained.

Decca was traded in large blocks, 51,500 shares selling at 9½, 9 cents was bid at the close; the stock being offered at 9½ cents.

Californiasold at 10½. The demand for the stock being firmer.

Rathmullen was offered at 4 cents. No sales being recorded. A general meeting of the shareholders will be held on the 25th inst., to arrange for a subsidiary company to operate the Maple Leaf. Should this be acceptable to the majority of the shareholders the Rathmullen Company will immediately commence development work on the Ben Hur claim, one of the properties belonging to the Company.

MORNING SALES.

Decca—51,500, 9½.
California—1,000, 10½.
Virtue—1,000, 1.17½; 500, 1.16½; 500, 1.17.
Deer Trail Cons.—5,000, 9; 6,500, 9½.
Montreal-Oregon—2,000, 30; 7,000, 30½; 100, 35; 10,500, 31.
Republic—200, 104½; 500, 105.
Knob Hill—500, 68.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Virtue—1,000, 116½; 500, 115½.
Deer Trail Cons.—6,500, 9½.
Knob Hill—2,000, 75.
Montreal-Oregon—6,500, 31.
Republic—500, 105.

C. P. R. EARNINGS.

Week ending 31st Mar., 1900\$814,000
Week ending 31st Mar., 1899..... 678,000
Increase..... ..\$141,000

G. T. R. EARNINGS.

Week ending 31st Mar., 1900.....\$676,521
Week ending 31st Mar., 1899..... 595,272
Increase..... ..\$ 81,249

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	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.
	April 2.		April 3.		April 4.		April 5.	
1.00 Payne	1.30	1.29½	1.30	1.29	1.31	1.28	1.30	1.28
1.00 War Eagle xd.....	1.45	1.36½	1.42	1.36	1.50	1.42	1.55	1.49
1.00 Republic xd	1.05	1.03	1.07	1.03	1.06	1.04	1.06	1.04½
1.00 Virtue.....	1.05	1.04	1.09	1.07	1.12	1.10	1.17	1.15½
.24 Montreal-London xd.....	.30½	.30	.32	.30½	.32	.31	.32	.30½
1.00 Big Three.....	.09½	.08½	.09	.08½	.09½	.08	.9½	.08
1.00 Brandon & Gld'n Crown	.27½	.....	.27	.15	.23	.17½	.27	.15
1.00 California.....	.11	.10	.10½	.10	.10½	.09½	.10½	.10
.10 Canada Gold Fields Syn..	.07½	.07	.08	.06	.07½	.6½	.08	.06½
5.00 Cariboo Hydraulic.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.90	.95	.85
1.00 Evening Star.....	.10	.7	.10	.04	.10	.....	.10	.5
.25 Fern.....	.06	.02	.05	.2	.05	.2	.05	.02
1.00 Gold Hills Developing ...	.04½	.3	.04½	.03	.04½	.03	.04½	.03
1.00 Iron Colt .....	.12½	.....	.12½	.....	.12½	.....	.12½	.....
1.00 Knob Hill .....	.62	.59	.65	.60	.65	.59	.80	.65
1.00 Monte Christo Con.....	.04½	.03	.04½	.03½	.04	.03½	.05	.03½
.25 Montreal Gold Fields.....	.06½	.05	.06	.05	.06½	.05½	.06½	.03
1.00 Noble Five.....	.8	.03	.8	.2	.8	.2	.6	.2
1 Novelty.....	.3	.2	.3	.2	.3	.02	.3	.02
1.00 Old Ironsides.....	.75	.50	.....	.....	.78	.60	.....	.....
1.00 Virginia.....	.06	.02	.06	.2	.05	.02	.06	.02
1.00 Rambler Cariboo.....	.....	.....	.28½	.20	.27	.20	.29	.....
1.00 Bullion .....	.50	.25	.50	.25	.50	.25	.48	.25
1.00 Decca.....	.10	.9	.9½	.9	.10	.09	.9½	.09
1.00 Morrison .....	.3½	.3	.3½	.2½	.5	.2	.5	.2
1.00 Golden Star .....	.18	.15½	.18½	.16½	.18	.16	.18½	.16
1.00 Slocan Sov .....	.30	.29	.30	.28	.30	.27	.30	.29
1.00 Fontenoy G. M. Co.....	.16	.....	.16	.....	.....	.....	.13	.....
1.00 Rathmullen.....	.05	.03	.04	.03½	.4½	.3½	.4	.03½
1.00 Winnipeg.....	.....	.12½	.16½	.08	.15	.....	.15	.....
1.00 Dardanelles.....	.....	.2	.4	.2	.5	.2	.4	.2
1.00 Deer Trail Cons10	.9½	.9½	.8½	.9½	.8½	.10	.9
1.00 North Star.....	1.24	1.21	1.23	1.20	1.22	1.19	1.21	1.16
1.00 Kenneth

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