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Living an who owns anything in Canada at the present time should hold some food. It has been the chief brain and muscle producer of the greatest race of all the British peoples. Most of us have been living on tenderion steaks and canvasback duck until our taste is a little vitiated. A few months on porridge will bring back that ancient zest for good food.

Canada has had one innings, and another is sure to come. Don't sell anything at a sacrifice. Cache it and get a bag of oatmeal. All these stocks and bonds and "inside" real estate and other good properties are just as valuable to-day as they ever were. Our "unbounded natural resources" are just as unbounded as they were a year ago. The soil and the waterpowers and the forests and the mines haven't moved away. And these are the basis of prosperity. The population alone is needed to create wealth and the population grows bigger day by day.

Yes, hang on. Don't let the bank manager scare you. Don't listen to the broker who advises you to sell because "the market will go lower." Grip the saddle with both knees and sit tight.

There is a man in Guelph who had a couple of streets of town lots in Winnipeg, bought somewhere about 1890. The price of real estate went down and down until people said the property would be farmed some day. But he sat tight and lived on oatmeal. For ten years he waited and then it began to come. He started to sell little by little, and finally cleaned up a good half million. To-day he 4s a millionaire living in an Ontario city—not Toronto. If you want his address in order to confirm the story, drop a post-card to the Editor of this column and you can have it. He will confirm the story. And there are hundreds of others who have lived on oatmeal for a few years and then got back to tenderloin steak with mushrooms.

Don't be stampeded. The only people who will suffer are those who bought outside subdivisions and mining stocks. And they ought to suffer. About a million town lo

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A WELL defined difference exists between a mining stock and an industrial stock from the standpoint of the investor. This may be illustrated. Supposing a man pays \$100 for one hundred shares of Bullfinch silver mines at \$1 a share, paying twenty per cent. dividend, and also \$100 for one share of the Plymouth Knitting Company stock at par, paying eight per cent.—which will be the best investment?

Bullfinch silver mines pay twenty per cent. for five years, ten per cent. for three years, five per cent. for five years, and then stops dividends. The investor gets \$20×5; \$10×5; and \$5×5=total \$175. If his original shares are now worth nothing, that is all he gets.

Compare this with Plymouth Knitting Company stock. In the same fifteen years he gets \$120 in interest, and his stock is still worth \$100. If he sells he has therefore \$220.

In short, under these suppositious circumstances, the investor makes \$45 more out of his industrial investment than out of his mining investment. The mine peters out; the industry goes on and on and on. Indeed, one may safely generalize and say that mines grow less valuable each year, while manufacturing businesses grow more valuable.

When estimating the revenue from a mine, the dividend must be divided into two parts—the real dividend and the portion of capital which is paid back each year. If a mine pays twenty per cent., the wise investor will credit 10 per cent. to interest and the other 10 per cent, the wise investor will credit 10 per cent. to interest and the other 10 per cent, the wise investor will credit 10 per cent. to interest and the other 10 per cent, and a further reduction is only a matter of time. The Nipissing investor who has been classing his dividends all as income and spending them as such, may some day find himself without capital. Yet Nipissing has been one of the few big payers.

Briefly, an industrial stock may be an investment; a mining stock is always a speculation.

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During the whole of last week there was considerable liquidation in Brazilian, which is the popular name for Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Company, incorporated under the laws of the Dominion of Canada, with head office in Toronto. This company was formed to bring together three other companies, popularly known as Sao Paulo Tramway, Sao Paulo Electric, and Rio de Janeiro Tramway, Light and Power Company. The amalgamation of these companies occurred in 1912, and the stock was listed for the first time in October of that year. During that month about seventy thousand shares were bought and sold at a high price of 99%, and a low price of 85. A was touched in January, 1913, when 101 was paid by some enthusiasts. Since then the general tendency has been downward.

In looking about for an explanation, one must admit that it is not to be found in the earnings of the company. These have been very satisfactory. The answer must be sought in another direction. Brazil has had an industrial year very similar to that of Canada. If anything her commerce has suffered more than Canada's. The countries are somewhat similar in regard to commercial conditions. The price of wheat has been low in Canada and money has been equally scarce. The Brazil Railway stock has declined in Canada or the United States, if we except New Haven stock. Brazil does its are selling at a very low price in those two great financial centres. Indeed, almost unsaleable.

This explains fairly well why Brazilian dropped from 85 to 82 on March

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