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Montreal Stock Market.

BUSY DAY ON 'CHANGE — ALL STOCKS RECOVER EXCEPT MONTREAL-LONDON AND TWIN CITY.

Montreal, Aug. 2.

If not a most important session in point of values traded in, to-day's was a very busy one. In Montreal St. Ry. alone there were 17 transactions; and in six of the stocks were 4 or 5 deals. These all with the exception of Montreal-London which dropped 1 point rose from yesterday's level to something like Monday's standard. The squeeze is over and is being followed by expansion of values to their natural condition. Twin City has not recuperated. C. P. R.'s reaction followed on favorable London quotations as well as on the improved local situation.

Canadian Pacific—560 shares sold at from 97½ to 97¼ which is ½ higher. 97¼ offered 98 wanted.

Montreal Street—941 sold at from 320½ to 319 that is about 5 higher. Wanted 320½ offered 320.

Montreal Gas—At 203 for highest and 202½ as lowest price, between 2 and 3 points higher than yesterday, 228 shares were sold. Closing 203½ was wanted and 202 offered.

Toronto Ry—With ¼ advance on yesterday's highest to 116½; 273 shares were sold, the lowest price being 145½. Demand 115½, offer 115.

Payne rose 2½ points and sold 1000 shares. 140 and 135 were the demand and offer.

Montreal-London fell 1 point and sold 100. 43 was wanted. No offer.

Dominion Cotton advanced from par to 105. 175 shares were sold. Demand and offer 105 and 104.

Richelieu & Ont. recovered 1 point and rose to 108, 150 shares were sold. 103 and 107½ were the demand and offer.

Halifax reacted sharply from par to 104½. Shares to the amount of 100 were traded in. Wanted 110, offered 104½.

Royal Electric gained another point or two rising at highest to 178½. 700 shares traded in. Wanted 178, offered 176½.

War Eagle was sold to the extent of 500 shares at 367 its highest price of this week. Wanted 368, offered 363.

Twin City had no change in price. Wanted 66, offered 65½.

Republic recovered 2 and sold to the amount of 1500. Wanted 120½, offered 118.

MORNING SALES.

Canadian Pacific—500, 97½. 10, 97½. 25, 97½. 25, 97½.
 Mont. Street—100, 319. 25, 320. 25, 319½. 100, 319½. 100, 319½. 50, 320. 50, 319½.

6, 320. 25, 319½. 10, 320. 25, 319½. 175, 320. 25, 319½. 75, 319½. 25, 319½. 100, 320. 25, 320½.

Mont. Gas—75, 202. 3, 203. 50, 202½. 100, 202½.

Toronto Ry—115, 116½. 50, 116. 8, 116½. 25, 116. 75, 115½.

Payne Mining Co. sd—500, 137. 500, 137½. Dom. Cotton—25, 105. 70, 105. 25, 104½. 50, 104½. 5, 105.

Rich. & Ontario—100, 108. 50, 107½. Montreal-London—1000, 42.

Halifax Ry.—50, 103½. 25, 104. 25, 104½. Royal Electric—200, 178. 25, 178½. 375, 178. 25, 177½. 75, 177.

War Eagle sd—500, 367. Twin City—50, 66.

Republic sd—1500, 120. Loan & Mortgagee—73, 140.

LONDON AND PARIS.

Aug. 1, 1899.

Bank of England rate.....	3½
Open discount rate	3½
Paris Rentes.....	100-27½
French Exchange.....	25f. 24
Consols, money	105½
Canadian Pacific.....	100
New York Central.....	143½
St. Paul.....	133½
Union Pacific.....	80

STRAWES.

In South Dakota, 70 square miles of crops were destroyed by hail and in North Dakota the loss amounts to \$250,000.

No change has taken place in the Gas war. A large consumer got a contract for two years giving him all the gas he wanted at 60 per 1000 feet.

Seven new cases of yellow fever and three deaths making a total of 37 cases and 7 deaths are reported from The Soldiers' Home, Hampton.

The Portland, Oregon says that though the crop is smaller than that of the year previous, the Pacific Northwest will have something over 30,000,000 bushels on hand at harvest.

There was realized the sum of \$2,000 by an auction sale of the first bale of the 1899-1900 cotton crop. The sale took place in front of the Cotton Exchange New York, and the money goes to relieve the sufferers from the Texas flood.

What will the State Department at Washington do about the claims against the Canadian Government brought by 1000 American miners who were prohibited by the British Columbia Legislature from locating placer claims in Atlin district? These claims amount to \$3,000,000.

Shipments of coal by Dominion Coal Co. in July were 183,400 tons being 8000 tons more than last year. The increasing volume of output is seen by the following table, beginning at March which opens the fiscal year.

	1899.	1896.
March.....	22,300	9,171
April.....	50,600	30,315
May.....	165,300	112,544
June.....	193,900	152,409
July.....	183,400	168,339
	615,500	564,278