

THE NATIONAL BOARD OF FIRE UNDERWRITERS ELECTRICAL BUREAU of 10th ultimo, contains a list of thirty fires where the origin was directly traced to electricity. The losses in these known fires aggregated about \$100,000. A note is made of the fact that reports were received from inspection departments of fires aggregating \$970,507 supposed to be due to electricity, but they were not included in the report, as the causes were not conclusively electrical, the fires themselves having destroyed evidences of their origin. Thirty-seven fires reported due to electricity upon further investigation were found to be due to other causes.

STOCK EXCHANGE NOTES.

WEDNESDAY, p.m., April 30, 1902.

There has been a decided halt in the trading this week and the volume of business has fallen off. Prices in general show a decline from the highest and there is a sagging tendency evident. It is thought, however, that this is merely a natural and temporary reaction and that there will be a further period of activity before the summer dullness sets in for good. In fact many expect that we will have a fairly good market right along. C. P. R. has been the chief feature of this week's business, and although the price shows a decided decline from the week's highest, it is still favourably looked upon for a future advance. Montreal Street as usual, lately has been little traded in and Toronto Railway and Twin City are not so active, about the same volume of business in each security being transacted. Montreal Power was in good demand and the price has held steady despite a large number of liquidating sales. The business in Steel Common shows an uncertain tone, but it is expected that a decided move will be made in this stock after tomorrow's meeting. Dominion Coal has been little traded in and has fluctuated between 138 and 143. Nova Scotia Steel Common was quite strong and rumours of a further advance are current. Some of the buying comes from what should be well informed quarters. A decided drop took place in the price of Virtue and this was the only notable feature of the mining list.

The week's market in New York has had somewhat of a downward trend and the market there continues to be largely manipulative, but with large possibilities for higher figures, and there is a firm tone noticed. The money situation is encouraging to stock dealers. C.P.R. has been largely dealt in there and the stock is commencing to attract its fair share of attention in that market.

The London market continues to struggle against the shadow that the war throws over the business there, and the periodical spurts on peace news shows that a sharp advance may be looked for as soon as the war is concluded.

Call money in New York to-day was quoted at $3\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 p.c. and the London rate is $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 p.c. Locally money remains unchanged at 5 p.c. though

some large blocks have been placed at $4\frac{1}{2}$ p. c. during the past week.

The quotations for money at continental points are as follows:

	Market.	Bank
Paris.....	2	3
Berlin.....	$1\frac{3}{4}$	3
Hamburg.....	$1\frac{7}{8}$	3
Frankfort.....	$1\frac{7}{8}$	3
Amsterdam.....	$2\frac{3}{4}$	3
Vienna.....	$2\frac{5}{8}$	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Brussels.....	$2\frac{3}{8}$	3

There was quite a large volume of trading in C. P. R. this week and 14,984 shares changed hands. The closing bid was $125\frac{3}{4}$, a net advance of $\frac{5}{8}$ points over last week's quotation. Some 3,030 shares of the new issue were traded in, the opening sales being made at 123, but the last sales were at $121\frac{1}{2}$. The earnings for the third week of April show an increase of \$133,000.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company's earnings for the third week of April show an increase of \$38,079. The stock quotations as compared with a week ago are as follows:

	A week ago.	To-day.
First Preference.....	100 $\frac{3}{8}$	100 $\frac{3}{4}$
Second Preference.....	$83\frac{5}{8}$	$85\frac{3}{4}$
Third Preference.....	$35\frac{5}{8}$	$38\frac{3}{4}$

The business in Montreal Street totalled 232 shares and the stock closed with 265 bid, a decline of $2\frac{1}{4}$ points from last week's figures. The issue of the new $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Bonds is being made tomorrow, on which date the payments are due and payable. The earnings for the week ending 26th inst. show an increase of \$2,573.84 as follows:

		Increase.
Sunday	\$4,553.28	\$806.37
Monday.....	5,415.65	382.99
Tuesday.....	5,112.21	133.32
Wednesday.....	5,132.17	402.92
Thursday.....	5,106.78	147.08
Friday.....	5,196.54	524.82
Saturday.....	5,504.63	176.34

Toronto Railway closed with 120 $\frac{5}{8}$ bid, an advance of $\frac{5}{8}$ points for the week on transactions of 1,416 shares. The earnings for the week ending 26th inst. show an increase of \$1,885.31 as follows:

		Increase.
Sunday.....	\$2,527.23	\$826.79
Monday.....	4,339.77	*208.54
Tuesday.....	4,394.41	*53.84
Wednesday.....	4,307.95	*39.86
Thursday.....	4,234.12	100.59
Friday.....	4,819.47	735.22
Saturday.....	5,491.52	524.95
* Decrease.		