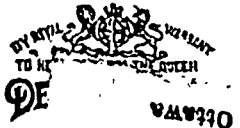


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## Montreal Stock Market.

**MUCH STRONGER AND MORE ACTIVE MARKET—VIRTUE RISES 10 POINTS ON OUTSIDE BUYING — ELECTRIC ALSO A LEADER — LONDON MARKET WAS STRONG BUT IRREGULAR**

Montreal, April 3.

A decided current of buying orders made the forenoon's market a strong and active one. There was said to be an outside order for 25,000 or more shares of Virtue. Large orders from outside interests were also on hand for Royal Electric. These produced sharp advances in both. Virtue at 117 being 9 points ahead of yesterday's closing and Electric at 207½ being higher 5½ points. The session was very active and owed the most of its activity to the strong buying demand for Electric and Virtue. Reports are still being given out that Virtue mine is standing very well the repeated tests of disinterested examiners. These reports confirm previous statements that the richness of the mine is beyond expectation.

Medium sized business was also put through in Street at an advance of 1 point on previous close. Activity in Street was not so pronounced as in Electric and Virtue.

At ¼ advance Pacific stock to the amount of 600 shares changed hands at 97½. This was bid for more but sellers demanded 97½, which closing looks like advance.

Payno about 130 was not different from previous price.

The closing sale of War Eagle at 142 made a gain of 2 points on the opening sale which was on the same level as last transaction.

Republic, sympathetically with Virtue's advance which also improved the position of War Eagle, advanced 1 point to 108.

On some little activity Gas advanced ¼ to 188½.

Other business showed strength. Commercial Cable gained 1 point. R. & O. gained ¼. Canadian Col. Cot. Bds. at par were what they have been now for some time. At 66 Twin City was neither so high nor so low as it has been since Fri-

day. At 99½ Toronto closed ¼ lower than it did yesterday.

The somewhat irregular strength of the London market indicated greater public interest in stocks but not in all stocks alike. Medium priced railroads giving full details of their business were the special favorites in London and in Wall Street. Industrials owing to the unnecessary secrecy with which their dividend account is shrouded for the great part of the year are drawing less attention than perhaps their real merits deserve.

### MORNING SALES.

Can. Pac.—600, 97½.  
Mont. St. Ry.—25, 299½. 1, 299, 150, 300  
80, 300¼; 3, 301.  
Royal Electric—25, 204; 25, 205; 470,  
205½, 25, 206½, 350, 208, 50, 207; 25,  
208, 150, 207½.  
Com. Cable—17, 178.  
Virtue—10,000, 108; 1,600, 109; 3,500, 110,  
1,500, 111; 1,500, 114; 20,500, 115;  
2,000 116; 1,000, 117.  
Payne Co.—1,000, 131; 5000, 130.  
Tor. Ry.—50, 99¾; 150, 99¼  
Twin City—127, 66.  
War Eagle—1,500, 140; 500, 142.  
R. & O.—50, 109¾.  
Republic—1,000, 108.  
Can. Col. Cot Bds—51,000, 100.  
Montreal Gas—50, 187½; 50, 187¼; 75,  
188; 50, 188¼.

### AFTERNOON SALES.

Can. Pac.—100, 97¾; 5, 97; 250 97¾; 2½,  
37½.  
Twin City—25, 66¾; 75, 66.  
Mont. St. Ry.—5, 301; 50, 300½  
Tor. Ry.—25, 99¾; 925, 99¼.  
Virtue—1,500, 116; 7,600, 117, 1,000  
116½; 1,000, 114; 2,100, 115.  
Montreal-London—1,000, 111  
R. & O. New—3, 109  
P & O. x n.s.—50, 110, 50, 10¾, 25,  
111.  
Montreal Gas—25, 88½.  
Royal Electric—25, 208, 75, 207½, 50, 207 1-2,  
25, 207½, 180, 207, 5, 206 1-2.  
Montreal Telegraph—50, 161, 50, 161 1-2.  
War Eagle—1,300, 143, 1,000 145.  
Dom. Cotton—5, 100.

### STRAWS.

The phenomenal advance in the price of Virtue was due to large buying orders the attempt to fill which advanced the

price. The public are just beginning to realize what the Exchange News has been telling them for some months past, that Virtue is a veritable bonanza.

Royal Electric was very strong on good buying for investment account. Electric will sell at 250 before the close of the year.

The present Government have expended in completion of the canal system of Canada \$11,050,128.37.

Total cost of taking the plebiscite on prohibition amounted to \$189,827.72.

## LONDON AND PARIS.

April 4, 1900.

Bank of England rate .....	4
Open discount rate.....	3½
Paris Rentes .....	101—42½
French Exchange.....	25f. 21
Consols, money .....	101½
Canadian Pacific .....	99½
New York Central.....	143
St. Paul .....	129½
Union Pacific.....	61½

## LONDON CABLE.

O. Meredith & Co.'s Cable give the following London quotations:

Grand Trunk, guaranteed 4 p.c.....	94
" 1st preference.....	98½
" 2nd " .....	71½
" 3rd .....	29½
G. T. R. Com.....	100
O. P. R. rd.....	100

## MONTREAL STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Feb.....	\$122,509.64	Ino. \$3,671.62
Mar. 27, 4,494.47 .....	"	138.96
" 28, 4,276.1 .....	"	422.16
" 29, 4,379.84 .....	"	118.54
" 30, 4,298.81.....	"	1,061.82
" 31, 4,671.75.....	dec.	31.70
Apr 1, 3,621.11.....	"	164.89
" 2, 4,580.48.....	"	331.77
" 3, 4,366.42.....	Ino.	216.12