

ACTIVE SECURITIES

SPECULATION OF TWO KINDS IN LA ROSE.

Trading on Exchanges Quiet—Rio Active—Vancouver Exchange Meeting.

Toronto, Friday, June 5th.

Trading on the Toronto and Montreal Exchanges has been rather quieter this week, and characterized by no special features. Rio has been the stock most actively dealt in and has risen three points since last Thursday. At 43, the closing price yesterday, the stock is 16 points higher than the lowest price of last year, having fallen to 27 in November; and 5½ points below the highest, 48½ being reached in January, 1907. Since March, the shares have gradually recovered from their former depression and further improvement is likely. Sao Paulo, the other prominent issue of a similar character is also better on the week's trading. During the autumn slump this stock fell to as low as 94. That was the rock-bottom price since the early part of 1904. The fluctuations of these two issues during the past two or three years are shown in the following table:—

Rio de Janeiro.

	1906.		1907.		This week.	
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
July	47	44½	47½	43½	43½	43
October . .	43	38½	42½	26½		
Novem. . .	48	39	34	26½		
Decem. . .	46½	44	34	32½		

During the first three months of the present year the highest point reached was 37½. This was in January. In March, the highest was 36½. The total sales last year were about 99,500, and for the first quarter of this year, 17,500.

Sao Paulo.

	1905.		1906.		1907.		This week.	
	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.
January . .	117	106½	145½	137½	138½	134	129½	129½
April	133½	123	145	137½	127	121½		
September .	142½	136½	137½	132½	115½	106½		
December .	141	137½	142½	131	119	104½		

Sales last year aggregated close upon 40,000, less than 1,500 of which were transacted at Montreal.

If it were thought that trading in the La Rose Consolidated would give a spurt to the Cobalt market, there must have been disappointment. At any other time, perhaps, the advent of a strong consolidation such as the La Rose would have helped to send prices skywards. Several things were against this. First, Cobalt has had one boom, and usually many years elapse before a mining camp gets a second one, even though the camp is in splendid condition. Again, had the La Rose stock been bounced upon the curb, without any warning, it might have created a big impression. But the news was well-known many weeks before it was officially supposed to be. The company's property is one of the best in the Cobalt field. The La Rose mine alone is worth anything up to \$15,000,000. That it should now be capitalized at \$6,000,000, with half a dozen other properties thrown in, is much of a mystery. Speculation in the matter has been greater than in the stock itself. Financial embarrassment on the part of the La Rose proprietors is the theory suggested to explain the deal. Anyway, as to the success of the new company, there seems little room for doubt.

Nipissing has sold higher this week, and several thousand shares have changed hands at from seven to fractions above eight. This stock will probably rise several points higher within the next few weeks.

The declaration by the Crown Reserve Mining Company of dividend number one, amounting to 4 per cent. for the half year ending June 30th, which is at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, was no surprise. Toronto has not taken any special interest in this stock, but Montreal has heard in the local press and other places almost everything there is to know concerning the Crown Reserve property. Some criticism has been levelled at the management concerning what is considered the premature payment of a dividend. The directors have as substantial reasons for declaring a dividend at this period of the mine's history as have those of several other companies, whose position, financial and otherwise, is no better than that of the Crown Reserve.

The Vancouver Stock Exchange held an executive meeting a few days ago and considered many matters of importance. First, they desired to increase the membership of the

Exchange. At present there are less than twenty members. After some discussion, it was resolved to increase the membership to thirty, at the same time cutting down the fees to \$250 per seat. Applications for new members will be received until July 1st. It is thought that with the increase of membership the dullness which has marked business on the Exchange will be at an end. Probably before July many more applications than the desired number will have been received. Naturally, a young Exchange cannot expect to demand high figures for its seats. The record price for a seat on the Montreal Exchange is \$27,500, while the last bid was \$16,000.

The London Financial News prints the following letter received from a reader:—"I intend to keep a chart of American, Canadian and English rails, in the hope of always getting in at the bottom and out at the top. Is there any money to be made by following double bottoms and double tops, do you think?" We offer this interrogative as a puzzle to our readers, says the News, but we do not offer a prize, for a correct solution should be its own reward.

The Toronto and York Radial bonds were listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange on Thursday.

Notwithstanding the somewhat adverse reports regarding Soo Railway earnings, the market price continues around the former level, at 112. A statement has just been published by a New York paper to the effect that the road will only earn about \$130,000 more than the amount required to pay interest and dividends at the present rate. The earnings of Canadian Pacific are also of a rather discouraging nature, gross earnings for May showing a shrinkage of no less than \$1,551,000, equal to a decline of 22½ per cent., as against a decline of 14 per cent. in April. For the first five months of the year the earnings amounted to \$24,576,000, a decrease of \$3,111,000. The market is, however, around the same as a week ago, at 158, having meantime been a couple points higher. It is quite encouraging to the holders of Scotia to learn that, for the month of May, the output of coal was about the same as in April, being 53,588, while the output of pig iron at the blast furnaces was 6,064 tons, probably the largest in the company's existence. The effect of this news was to put the price of Scotia up two points, to 52, it having sagged a fraction under 50 the previous day. Although the general opinion appears to be that Scotia will reduce its dividend, there is nothing in the news from the works or in the general financial condition of the company, so far as can be ascertained, to justify the view. On Thursday, a demand for Lake of the Woods, common, developed; and prices advanced to 87½. It was reported that a syndicate of Americans were purchasing a few blocks of the stock. Rio Bonds sold at practically record price, during the week, climbing past 82, while the stock enjoyed something approaching a boom. Buying for the latter was said to be coming from Toronto.

BRANDON IS ALL RIGHT.

London Financial Journal Raises Ghost—Farcical Effort to Discount Municipal Credit.

A few weeks ago the London Financial News printed a letter stating that a Canadian city had defaulted in its bond payments. Two such instances were referred to in the Monetary Times and shown to have occurred many years since, and to have been trifling occurrences. Everybody had forgotten these incidents, except those whose especial pleasure appears to be injuring Canadian municipal credit. The Financial News now states that Brandon was the city to which it referred. In 1898, some trouble arose in that municipality, largely owing, we believe to the absurd tactics of two or three of the city council members. The repudiation of interest payment to which the London journal refers was practically a farce. Brandon is one of the most progressive, sound and wealthy cities in the Canadian West. Its municipal debentures are held by almost every substantial financial institution in Canada. Its credit is indisputable.

Brandon, Man., Friday Afternoon.

Special to the Monetary Times.—Brandon met all obligations. There never was any default through inability to pay. Payment of coupon in question was withheld until name of holder of debenture to which it was attached, was ascertained.—Harry Brown, City Clerk.

Mr. J. Munro, of the staff of the Winnipeg branch of the Bank of Ottawa, has been transferred to Virden, Man.