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## Montreal Stock Market.

DULL AND INACTIVE MARKET— NO BREAK IN PRICES HOWEVER— OFFER FOR STREET 285— CON-SOIS LOWER.

Montreal, Jan. 29.

Compared with provious markets the morning session was weak, there being no stock taken at an advance, but compared with other such markets as London and New York, it might be held as fairly steady. South African circumstances are not any worse than they were on Saturday, but they are not any better, and they ought to be improving. Most people are disappointed and are not inclined to trade on the hopes of success. Hence there was but little of a market this forenoon. Stocks were for sale and were offered at no great decline. Orders to buy were however not on hand. What bidding was made for stocks other than those offered was not of a kind to draw much stock out.

Canadian Pacific quoted in London at 95% sold to-day at 93%, which is not far from equivalent. Amount sold was comparatively small, but the stock closed strong with 93% wanted. To-day's price was ½ lower than that got on Saturday.

Twin City at 63 was ½ lower. The company is thrivior this year, as the third week of January carnings show a great increase over the earnings of the same week last year. The closing demand and offer were regulated more by the depressing news from the seat of war than by the bullish nature of the reports about the read

Royal Electric at 191 lost 1 point and was somewhat inactive. Demand was made for 194%, proving that holders are not weakening in their claims for advance while the offer of 190 makes evident that buyers are not so confident. They will scarcely be confident about Electric or any stock until British energy forces a road out of the present maze. Entanglements and difficulties seem as great as ever and the road to victory is not discovered yet.

Toronto Railway at 10214 was depressed 14. At 10214 the price is keeping firmly up. The four stocks just mentioned are steady and give no signs of the break, bears have been expecting.

War Eagle around 264 dropped 6 points.
Payne sold at the previous price, as did
Republic also, while Virtue at 54 registered 1 point lower than its price of Friday.

day.

Holders are waiting to sell, and yet they may in a day or two be glad that buyers were not ready to take at their prices. The tide in the affairs of Transvaal will be taken at the flood and lead on perhaps soon to the success which all security markets are needing.

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Dominion Ceiton at 93 was 1 point lower, and Bank of Montreal at 260 was weaker than before by 2 points.

#### MORNING SALES.

Can. Pac.—16, 92½, 50, 93¼.
Twin City—50, 64.
Roy. Elec—8, 190½, 25, 192.
Tor. Ry—75, 102½.
War Eagle—1000, 265, 1000, 268.
Payne—300, 100, 3500, 99.
Republic—500, 98, 6000, 99.
Virtue—5000, 54.
Dom. Cotton—15, 98.
Merch. Bank—25, 161, 1, 160.
B. of Mont.—12, 260.

#### AFTERNOON SALES.

Can. Pac.—10, 94.
Twin City—25, 64.
Mont. St.—100, 288. 25, 2874.
Tor. Ry—50, 1024.
War Eagle—1000, 263. 500, 267.
Roy. Elec.—100, 1914. 25, 1914. 50, 92.
Halifax Ry—10, 96.
Bank of Mont—2, 262.

#### STRAWS.

Sault Ste. Marie Canal.— The volume of traffic which passed through this canal in 1899 is given by the Marine Review as 22,255,810 tons, being four times as large as the trake was twelve years ago. The tornage has been doubled the last five years. Principal freight was iron, ore and bituminous coal. The former reached 15,

828,240 tons, showing an increase in tonnage of 8,621,280 over 1898. The latter reached 3,099,608 showing a decrease of 136,001 tons.

#### BULLION NO. 2.

The company to sink to the 300-foot level. The shifts are sun' on the 300-foot level. The shifts are sun' on two different veins about 350 feet awart. They will be connected by a crosscut on the 300-foot level, and thus the ventilation of the made an easy matter. The mine is at present supplied with steam holpts, an air drill compressor plant and where necessary machinery. Mr. Rogers the that a mill is to be placed on the property, but it has not yet been decided what will be the capacity of the mill. The Bullion No. 2 Company is going ahead in the right way to make a luccess of the work in charge, and their mine will undoubtedly be one of the large dividend payers of the future.—Rat Portage Miner.

### LONDON AND PARIS.

Jan, 29, 1900.

Bank of England rate	4
Open discount rate	31-
Paris Rentes	
French Exchange	
Consols, money	
Canadian Pacific	95
New York Contral	
St. Paul	
Union Pacific	
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#### LONDON CABLE.

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43	3rd	42		
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