

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

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CAPITAL PAID UP, \$15,000,000. RESERVE FUND \$13,500,000

EXTENSION OF CANADIAN TRADE

The Bank will make enquiries into the possibilities and requirements of markets abroad for exporters or importers who desire to extend their trade with British colonies or possessions. Owing to the large number of its correspondents and agents, it has unusual facilities for this work.

MINIMUMS WILL SOON BE LOWERED

Toronto Situation Reported to Be in an Exceptionally Strong Position.

LITTLE ON MARGIN

Traders Have Paid Off Their Loans in a Remarkable Way.

Among well informed members of the Toronto Stock Exchange the impression is growing that minimums will be reduced within a short time and possibly may be abolished altogether and the market thrown open. Many members of the exchange have been waiting for some time past that such a step be taken, but the committee have felt that the time was not ripe and successfully opposed the move until the present time. Now it is said that few weeks hence remain among the minimums and the danger anticipated when the new order goes into effect.

According to the information given by the Toronto Stock Exchange, the minimums have been in existence since the outbreak of the war that clients reduce as much as possible their margin holdings. It is said that the response has been nothing short of phenomenal, and that there is less stock held on margin today in Toronto and vicinity than for many years. Where margins have not been reduced, weak holders in many cases have sold out of their holdings gradually until at the present time the situation is said to be a particularly healthy one so far as the majority of the exchange is concerned. Bank loans have been largely reduced and the financial position generally greatly improved.

The favorable developments in Wall Street stocks of late has led to a feeling of confidence among the Toronto traders alike, the banks are in a resolute mood, recognizing the innate strength of conditions, and it may be said that the liquidation of the minimums will not be very much longer delayed.

Toronto Stock Exchange enjoyed the best day's business for some months past, over 3000 shares changing hands. True, the Canadian issues contributed largely to this result, but the market generally looked better and there appeared to be more confidence to the situation.

Consolidated Smelters was the feature, touching 101, representing an advance of 22 1/2 per share since Monday last. Very little stock has come out during the movement. According to central advisers the advance is due to the rise in copper and lead and to the keen demand for the company's product. The stock appears to be very strong and the action on the market moves it. It is understood that the company's output has been contracted for until next July at satisfactory prices. The stock is on an upward trend.

C.P.R. was dealt in at 102 1/2, while the stock advanced to 44.

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RECORD OF YESTERDAY'S MARKETS

Toronto Stock Exchange.

Standard Exchange.

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WILD SPECULATION IN MINE SHARES

Another Record Day's Business Transacted on the Standard Exchange.

BIG DOME'S NEW HIGH

Timiskaming Still Leader of Cobalt Group—Nipissing Again Advances.

Speculation ran riot yesterday on the Standard Exchange, and as a result of the revived public interest locally and the heavy buying of Big Dome and a couple of other market leaders by United States investors, transactions made a new record exceeding 125,000 shares, the largest day's business for a very long period.

Big Dome was again the leader, closing at \$19.00 for an odd lot. There was a record buying of shares from New York in volume, more than sufficient to offset the heavy profit-taking sales made during the day by buyers who got in much lower down. The following wire was received by H. D. Willis from Porcupine: "Six hundred foot shaft on Dome proving up exceptionally rich. Latest diamond drilling on the high-grade ore body you examined, while in camp has proven to be a very rich body of red fire in length and 107 feet in width. Average core values run over \$11 to ton. This will likely prove biggest ore body yet developed in Porcupine. Management are greatly enthused, camp in ferment of excitement. Full length of this ore body not yet determined. Drilling still in ore." It is also claimed that the annual report will show an ore reserve of close to 2,000,000 tons above the 500-foot level, averaging \$4 to the ton.

Foley-O'Brien a Feature.

Timiskaming created a new record yesterday, coupling the company with a possible Big Dome absorption. Dome was weaker, reacting to \$23.

Foley-O'Brien attracted some attention, advancing to \$25. McIntyre was easier at \$6 in the morning, but advanced to \$8 in the afternoon session. The wire from J. P. Bickell, 66 Bickell and Co., who is now in Porcupine, was received by his firm as follows: "General conditions in the camp very much improved since my last visit. This month's production of 385,000 to 400,000 at the McIntyre, the highest to date. All considered power situation very satisfactory. The new ore body discovered recently developing fine and bringing average grade of ore much higher.

Vipond was steady at \$23.4 and 45. H. D. Willis is authority for the statement that an entirely new vein has been discovered on the McIntyre. It is broken in over 15 feet and gives average value of \$14. On the 300 the Davidson vein showed over 10 feet of ore. The new vein of the McIntyre will be in operation next week. Production during the month is estimated at approximately \$50,000.

Another outbreak of activity carried movement at \$11. The shares closing at that figure. Nipissing was higher at \$6.35, while Beaver sold up to \$4 and closed at \$4.14 bid. It is reported that the coming annual statement will show the company in the strongest position of its history. It is stated that the figures will probably show nearly \$750,000 of bullion on hand or ore blocked out on the property.

By order of the Board.

Secretary-Treasurer.

Dated at Toronto, Canada, this 25th day of February, 1915.

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