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Montreal Stock Market.

LIKE YESTERDAY'S MARKET A LARGE BLOCK OF VIRTUE TAKEN—NO IMPORTANT CHANGE WHATSOEVER.

Montreal, April 18.

This morning's session was like yesterday's, only differing in having recessions less pronounced and general, also in having rather less business. It can scarcely be called on these accounts an improvement on yesterday's.

Pacific's closing price was unchanged from yesterday afternoon's. Sentiment on London market was said to be more favorable to American stock, and Pacific's quotation was a little higher, but locally the stock has remained in the same position. The actual transactions were marked by successive declines, telling of weakness or of no consistent support. Bid and asked prices were somewhat stronger as if at closing a rally was about to commence.

Advance of 1/8 was made by Electric on two transactions of considerable value. There is no stock very generally handled at present, and Electric, like others, is handled just now chiefly by special friends.

At a price that did not vary from yesterday's close, Toronto Rails to the extent of 150 shares were taken. Asked price was a little higher and bid price a little lower than the actual price 97 1/2, showing from this little public interest.

Largely in evidence on the market, Virtue was weak. There was selling down 2 points below yesterday's close. Profit taking is no doubt getting in some work though it is depressing Virtue's prices more slowly than ordinary reaction and the dull market now might have been expected to do.

There was 1/2 lost in the price of Rich. & Ont. ex-nov stock. The new stock itself on a deal below the standard size made a point recession.

Twin City and Montreal St. Ry Rts. as well as a few very small tradings in other stocks, summed up the unimproved, very little changed and somewhat smaller deal-

ings in the Stock Exchange at the morning session. There has been irregular activity in Wall Street, but little of interest except the depressions in Steel & Wire, which are thought by some to be a bunco game and by others to be genuine. Sentiment in London was said to have improved, but this was not very evident in the character or amount of stock business. London is like other markets, dull at present.

MORNING SALES.

Can. Pac.—25, 97 1/2, 25, 97, 50, 96 1/2.
Twin City—25, 66, 25, 65.
Roy. Elec.—150, 202, 210, 203.
Tor. Ry.—150, 97 1/2.
Virtue—1000, 109, 10 000, 108, 2500, 108 1/2.
R. & O. ex-N.S.—50, 113, 2, 114, 25, 112 1/2.
Mont. St. Ry.—258, 265.
Mont. Teleg.—7, 166.
R. & O., new—12, 110.
Bell Tel.—3, 180 1/2.
Bank of Com.—22, 148.
Mont. St. Ry. Rts.—83, 76.
Merch. Bank—1, 162.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Mont. St.—4, 265, 29, 264 1/2.
Roy. Elec.—25, 202 1/2, 50, 202 1/2.
Tor. Ry.—15, 97 1/2, 50, 97 1/2, 25, 98.
War Eagle—1000, 143 1/2.
Mont. Gas.—125, 184 1/2.
Virtue—4500, 109, 500, 109 1/2, 1500, 10 1/2.
R. & O.—25, 112.
Payne—1000, 119.
Mont. Teleg.—1, 166.
Dom. Cotton—25, 101, 6, 100 1/2.
Mont. Loan & Mort.—20, 140.

BANQUE VILLE MARIE.

First dividend to Depositors About June.

The liquidators of the Banque Ville Marie up to date have recovered \$57,130 of the double liability of the shareholders of the defunct bank. They hope to secure \$120,000 from this source.

The liquidators hope to be able to pay a first dividend of ten per cent. to the depositors by the end of May.

It is hoped that the depositors' petition to the Government, which Hon. Mr. Monk member for Jacques-Cartier, supported by an able speech at Ottawa lately, will secure further relief, at least to depositors.

LONDON AND PARIS

April 18, 1900.

Bank of England rate	4
Open discount rate	3 1/2
Paris Rentes	101-40
French Exchange	25f. 201
Consols, money	101 1/2
Canadian Pacific	93 1/2
New York Central	139
St. Paul	124 1/2
Union Pacific	89 1/2

LONDON CABLE.

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

Grand Trunk, guaranteed 4 p.c.	92 1/2
" 1st preference 1d	68 1/2
" 2nd "	68 1/2
" 3rd "	68 1/2
J. T. R. Com.	100
O. P. R. rd.	100

MONTREAL STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Mar.	\$127,212.18	Inc.	158.07
April 10	4,411.33	Dec.	41
" 11	4,319.42	Inc.	173.04
" 12	4,456.73	"	32.68
" 13	3,336.05	Dec.	925.50
" 14	5,188.83	Inc.	478.15
" 15	4,057.85	"	445.72
" 16	4,956.33	"	509.49
" 17	4,836.26	"	483.74

TORONTO STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Mar.	\$117,600	Inc.	\$14,362.23
April 8	1,577.57	Inc.	262.08
" 10	3,546.78	"	112.86
" 11	3,596.31	"	178.38
" 12	4,386.47	"	1024.67
" 13	3,619.45	"	53.10
" 14	4,814.64	"	740.25
" 15	1,990.02	"	605.07
" 16	4,447.42	"	1463.27

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.

For week ending	Compare with previous year.
April 7	175.10 Inc. 154.77
" 14	259.76 " 318.67