YEAR'S PRICE RANGE IN MONTREAL.

	Low.	High.	Close.
Banks—			
Montreal	253	261	255
B. N. America	141	146⅛	145
Commerce	170	190½	176
East. Townships	160	165¼	*161
Hochelaga	144	163	159⅛
Imperial	227¾	254½	......
Merchants	160½	*175½	170
Molsons	**211½	230	**205
National	121	121	......
Nova Scotia	273	297½	291¾
Ottawa	224	227	......
Quebec	139½	145½	140
Royal	222	247½	241¾
Sovereign	134	155¼	134½
Standard	231	247¼	......
Toronto	224	250	232
Union	143¼	158	154
Other Stocks—			
Can. Pacific	158	201	191¼
Do. new	154	200	......
Duluth com	16¾	21	19
Soo	135	164	135
Detroit United	79¼	102	80
Halifax Tram	100	107	104½
Havana com	30	50½	43½
Do. pref	79	97⅞	*83
Illinois trac. pfd	*88½	101¼	90
Montreal Street	**212½	284	**225
Ohio Traction	27	33½	29
Sao Paulo	128¾	145½	136
Do. new	135	135	......
St. John Ry	*105	110	105
Toledo Ry	26	36¼	28¼
Toronto Ry	104¾	*125½	112¾
Tri-City pref	*88½	95	*88½
Twin City	102⅛	122	102⅛
Trinidad Elect. Ry	85	92	86
West India	45	50	......
Winnipeg Elect. Ry	178¾	190	*180
Can. Converters	60	68	61
Can. Col. Cot	45	60	53½
Dom. Textile	98	109½	*99½
Dom. Iron	20½	34¼	24¾
Do. pref	63	83½	65
Lake of the Woods Mill	89	100	90
Do. pref	108	118	107
Laurentide	89½	107	93
Do. pref	101	114	104
Mont. Cotton	122	134	130
Mont. Steel Work	97	114	105
Do. pref	109	115	......
N. S. Steel	59½	74⅛	71
Do. pref	118	125	......
Ogilvie pref	123	130	124
Bell Telephone	145	158¾	*145
Mexican L. and P	47¾	70	54¾
Mackay com	58¾	*76½	70
Do. pref	67¾	75½	67¾
Montreal Power	88	99½	91
Montreal Telegraph	162	171	162½
Rio de Janeiro	38½	48	45⅛
Dominion Coal	58	84½	65
Do. pref	113	122	115
Int. Coal	80	90	90
Nipissing Mines	26⅝	12	12
North Star	15	30	......
B. C. Packers	60	82½	72
N. W. L. com	400	500	......
Richelieu & Ontario Nav	69¾	85	82
Windsor Hotel	100	105	105
Bonds—			
Bell Telephone	106½	107	107
Cable Coupon	96	96½	......
Col. Cotton	95	98	97
Dominion Cotton	96	100	97
Dominion Coal	97⅛	102½	99½
Dominion Iron	78½	87	x79
Dominion Textile Series A	90	100	93
Series B	91	99½	93
Series C	91	99	91
Series D	91	100	93
Halifax Tram	102¾	105	103
Havana Traction	91	95	92
Laurentide	106	110	107
Lake of the Woods	108½	112	107
Mexican L. & P.	77¾	88¼	81
Mexican Electric	75	84	80¾
Mont. Street	103	105¼	103
N. S. Steel	106½	109¼	108½
N. S. Steel com	99	103	100
Ogilvie Co.	115	118	118
Power	101	102⅝	103
Rio de Janeiro	75	80½	79½
Sao Paulo	93⅞	97	95½
Winnipeg	105⅞	110	110

* Ex. Dividend. x Ex. Coupon. ** Ex. Rights.

PROMINENT TOPICS

To Help the Money Market. The Secretary of the United States Treasury is notifying the depository banks, with which temporary deposits of about $12,000,000 were recently placed, to be returned on January 20, and February 1, that the dates for the return of the deposits have been extended so as to require the funds to be repaid to the Treasury, one-half on February 1, and one-half on February 15, 1907. It is stated at the Treasury Department that there is no particular need of money at this time, and, further it is expected that the return of money to the financial centres by the date stated will have resulted in easier money conditions.

Underwriters and the Mayor. The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association has addressed a letter to the Mayor of Montreal drawing attention to the need for greatly bettering existing fire protection. No specific suggestions are made, but it is distinctly intimated that the frequency of heavy losses caused by fires spreading to structures other than those in which they originate must necessarily cause the companies to lessen the amount of insurance they are at present carrying in the congested section of the city. An appeal is made to civic pride—and business sense—in that part of the letter which points out that "the unenviable reputation the city labours under in this respect at the present time is liable to become more pronounced if something is not done to bring about a better state of affairs, with the result that the business men of Montreal will find difficulty in securing insurance."

In one month the fires are stated to have caused insurance loss of over $1,000,000.

Mr. Mathewson's Gift to the Board of Trade. It was a graceful and happy thought of Mr. F. H. Mathewson's to present the Montreal Board of Trade with two fine steel engravings of Luke Filde's pictures of the King and Queen, with which to adorn the Council Room. Mr. Mathewson makes the gift to show his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him, by his appointment as one of the Board's representatives at the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, through which he had the honour of meeting His Majesty in person.