

MONTREAL MINING EXCHANGE

MARKET FAIRLY ACTIVE AND STRONG
—BETTER PRICES EXPECTED NEXT
MONTH.

Montreal, Dec. 20.

The market had a steadier tone to-day, although business was of small dimensions, prices close quite firm. This is the last day's session of the year as to-morrow the Exchange will be closed and will not reopen until next Tuesday.

Decca showed signs of strength and was one of the strongest stocks dealt in to-day; it sold at 17 and 18 cents, 2000 shares changing hands, it closed even better with 18½ being bid, no stock being offered under 22.

Big Three was one of the weak spots and reacted to its old figure of 8 cents.

Renewed talk of dividends on the Virtue stock caused a better feeling in that security, the manner in which the stock has stood up during the recent declines is a cause of satisfaction to all stockholders. The stock itself has had little or no inside support and has held its place on its own merits. The properties are said to surpass even the most sanguine expectations of the directorate. One thousand shares sold this morning at 56 cents. It was offered at 60 on the last call.

Slocan Sovereign has been active and strong of late; this is worthy of note considering recent remarks on its condition. Two sales were made this morning at 33 cents, 1000 shares changing hands. There is every reason to believe that the Madison group will commence to ship to the smelters early in January. Slocan Sovereign should add 20 per cent to its value in the next sixty days.

Deer Trail remains about the same, it sold yesterday at 14½, but to-day 14 was all that was bid for it, 1000 shares changing hands. It is cheap at this price and should be a purchase, as the dividends continue regular.

The report of the Ontario Government's expert on the Golden Star mine is favorable. The report goes on to say that with selected ores such as would be possible for milling, it is obvious that a considerable higher average may be looked for, but with ample supplies of ore blocked out, and the milling capacity doubled, an average of \$10.31 per ton would assure the payment of liberal dividends. The stock was offered at 32½ this morning.

MORNING SALES.

Decca—500, 17, 500, 18.
Virtue—100, 56.
Deer Trail No. 2—1000, 14.
Slocan Sov.—1000, 33.
Big Three—500, 8.

AFTERNOON MARKET.

War Eagle—1500, 251.
Can. G. Fields—5000, 6½.

TWIN CITY RAPID TRANSIT CO

Total for Nov.. \$207,781.95.....Inc....\$31,068.21
For week ending Compared with last year
Dec. 7, \$49,541.25.....Inc., \$ 5,688.95
" 14, 53,193.86....." 6,456.68
" 21, 54,141.05....." 8,228.98

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY

For week ending Compared with previous week
Dec. 3....\$2,632.70.....Inc. \$63.71
" 10.....2,093.75....." 6.05
" 17.....2,053.95.....Dec. 29.80

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| | Asked. | Bid. | Asked. | Bid. | Asked. | Bid. | Asked. | Bid. |
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| | Dec. 20. | | Dec. 27. | | Dec. 28. | | Dec. 29. | |
| 1.00 Payne | 1.07 | 1.05 | 1.04 | 1.03 | 1.03 | 1.00 | 1.04 | 1.02 |
| 1.00 War Eagle xd..... | 2.75 | 2.40 | 2.70 | 2.50 | 2.65 | 2.60 | 2.69 | 2.60 |
| 1.00 Republie xd | 1.00 | 1.04 | 1.07 | 1.05 | 1.08 | 1.03 | 1.05 | 1.03 |
| 1.00 Virtue..... | .58 | .54 | .60 | .54 | .58 | .53 | .60 | .54 |
| .25 Montreal-London xd.. | .37 | .33 | .34 | .33 | .33 | .33 | .34 | .33 |
| 1.00 Big Three | .10 | .09 | .10 | .09 | .10 | .08 | .09 | .09 |
| 1.00 Brandon & G'd'n Crown | .28 | .24 | .29 | .24 | .29 | .24 | .29 | .24 |
| 1.00 California | .12 | .11 | .13 | .11 | .12 | .11 | .12 | .11 |
| .10 Canada Gold Fields Syn.. | .07 | .06 | .08 | .06 | .07 | .06 | .07 | .06 |
| 5.00 Cariboo Hydraulic..... | 1.00 | ... | 1.00 | ... | 1.00 | ... | .98 | ... |
| 1.00 Evening Star..... | .08 | .08 | .05 | .15 | .01 | .03 | .08 | .03 |
| .25 Fern | .05 | .01 | .05 | ... | .01 | .03 | .05 | .03 |
| 1.00 Gold Hills Developing... | .06 | .03 | .06 | .03 | .06 | .03 | .05 | .03 |
| 1.00 Iron Colt | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1.00 Knob Hill | .80 | .05 | .84 | ... | .81 | .70 | .81 | .74 |
| 1.00 Monte Cristo Con..... | .07 | .08 | .07 | .05 | .07 | .45 | .07 | .68 |
| .25 Montreal Gold Fields.... | .05 | .05 | .06 | .08 | .06 | .08 | .07 | .06 |
| 1.00 Noble Five..... | .18 | .10 | .18 | .10 | .18 | .10 | .18 | .12 |
| .10 Novelty | .03 | .01 | .02 | .01 | .02 | .01 | .02 | .01 |
| 1.00 Old Ironsides..... | 1.00 | .75 | 1.00 | .93 | 1.01 | .93 | 1.01 | .99 |
| 1.00 Virginia | .08 | .05 | .08 | .03 | .08 | .05 | .08 | .01 |
| 1.00 Rambler Cariboo..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .57 | .54 | .57 | .54 |
| 1.00 Bullion | ... | ... | .55 | ... | .55 | .20 | .50 | ... |
| 1.00 Decca..... | .18 | .12 | .19 | .17 | .17 | .10 | .22 | .18 |
| 1.00 Morrison | .10 | .08 | .05 | .03 | .07 | .03 | .08 | .04 |
| 1.00 Golden Star | .35 | .31 | .36 | .30 | .33 | .30 | .32 | .30 |
| 1.00 Slocan Sov | .35 | .22 | .36 | ... | .35 | .32 | .35 | .32 |
| 1.00 Fontenoy G. M. Co..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1.00 Rathmullen..... | .07 | .14 | .07 | ... | .07 | .03 | .07 | ... |
| 1.00 Winnipeg | .32 | .22 | .32 | .30 | .30 | .25 | .30 | .24 |
| 1.00 Dardanelles | .12 | .10 | .12 | .11 | .12 | .11 | .13 | ... |
| 1.00 Deer Trail No. 2..... | .14 | .14 | .11 | .13 | .14 | .13 | .14 | .13 |
| 1.00 North Star..... | 1.05 | ... | 1.05 | ... | 1.04 | ... | 1.05 | ... |
| 1.00 Kenneth..... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

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