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MONTHLY REVIEW.

Another month of fairly good business.—not particularly active, but on the whole encouraging, — has been done in the real estate market, and while more was expected earlier in the season, the volume of business has exceeded that of each of the last two months, and a feeling of confidence prevails that real estate is at last getting into line with other branches of business in the march of improvement.

So far as the number of sales are concerned, the most activity was displayed in St. Antoine and St. Denis Wards, and as regards volume, the sales recorded in St. Antoine Ward amount to over one-half of all the transfers in the city wards, the principal one being that of the Estate Laurie property on the north side of St. Catherine street, between Drummond and Mountain streets (on which five stores are being erected) comprising an area of 16,775 feet at about four dollars per foot.

Renting during the month of March was dull and unsatisfactory. The heavy snow storms in the early part of the month, and the succeeding wintry weather, were apparently not conducive to house hunting, and the demand was very light. A better showing is expected in April, when negotiations for renting usually have to terminate pretty suddenly towards the end of the month.

It has been in the minds of real estate brokers and others for some time that many investors who had been attracted to the stock market by the quick profits there offered, would return to a safe and permanent field of investment, and it seems likely that such will shortly be the case. It would be strange if it were not, as with the moderate prices now ruling,

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