

CORPORATION SECURITIES MARKET

Victory Bonds Dominate the Stock Exchanges—Pulp and Paper Issues Weak—Heavy Selling But Lack of Absorption Power—Corporation Bonds Suffer

RELLEASE of control of Victory bonds was the principal factor in the stock markets this week. The weakness which accompanied the initial appearance of Victories on the exchanges had an unsettling effect, from which there has been very slight recovery.

From the standpoint of weakness, sugar and the papers were features in both Montreal and Toronto. The former suffered a decline of five points for the week, closing at the low figure. Definite assurance that the price of newsprint paper was to be placed on a 6½ cent basis, and in the case of Spanish River and Abitibi on a 7 cent one, was followed by no responsive action on the part of the pulp and paper group. Riordon, Wayagamack and Spanish River firmed somewhat, but all issues showed a loss for the week.

A favorable movement in Wall Street failed to stimulate any such action here. The stock market appears to be in a mood in which there is response only to bear news. Even the firming of Victories could not bring about any change.

Trading Greatly Increased

Trading on the exchanges was principally in Victory loan issues, which accounts for large turnover of bonds. At the same time, however, there was considerable activity in stocks, but the lack of absorption power was demonstrated, and under such conditions the market could make very little headway. The following figures show the day-to-day trading for the week ended December 1:—

	Montreal,		Toronto,	
	Listed stocks	bonds	Listed stocks	bonds
Thursday ...	4,046	\$ 29,800	1,120	\$ 7,300
Friday	5,683	53,300	1,744	30,500
Saturday ...	5,564	20,500	1,707	8,200
Monday	12,565	360,350	1,891	539,570
Tuesday	10,002	555,000	1,909	526,400
Wednesday ..	10,343	443,100	4,138	822,730
Totals ..	48,203	\$1,462,050	12,509	\$1,934,700

The figures for the previous week were: Montreal, listed stock, 41,222; bonds, \$116,300; Toronto, listed stocks, 8,648; bonds, \$65,900.

Weak Bond Market

The extent to which the industrial bond market suffered as a result of the decline in Victories can best be seen from the figures on the next page. Weakness is in evidence, but this should not last long. The American market has been moving up for some time, in accordance with the economic law of commodity prices and security values. Restriction and control has prevented the Canadian market from doing so, but after the first effects of decontrol have passed off,

there is every reason to believe that the upward movement will commence.

C.N.R. Quickly Subscribed

The \$25,000,000 7 per cent. 20-year bonds of the Canadian Northern Railway, particulars of which were given in these columns last week, and which were offered in New York by Wm. A. Read and Co., and associates, were quickly taken up soon after subscription books were opened.

The securities are enhanced by the Dominion government's guarantee, of course, but nevertheless the quick absorption is a good indication of the condition of the market in the United States for our bonds.

At the annual meeting of the United Grain Growers, Ltd., at Calgary, Alta., on November 26, shareholders authorized the directors to increase the capital stock from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

A new listing on the Toronto exchange this week was that of the securities of the Ontario Steel Products Co., Ltd. The securities listed were as follows: Common, \$2,000,000; preferred, \$750,000; bonds, \$600,000. The company's stock has been sold occasionally in the unlisted section of the Toronto exchange, and has been listed at Montreal for several years.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS

The following are the shipments of ore, in pounds, from Cobalt Station for the week ended November 26:—

Bailey Silver Mine, 62,890; La Rose Mine, 87,289. Total, 150,179. The total since January 1 is 24,550,775 pounds, or 12,275.5 tons.

MUTUAL FINANCE CORPORATION

The first balance sheet of the Mutual Finance Corporation, Ltd., Windsor, Ont., has been issued, and shows the organization to be well under way. The company, which was organized in May, 1919, specializes in financing the installment sale of improved property, paying the builder in cash and obtaining from him a deed of warranty. These deeds are pledged with the Royal Trust Co., Montreal, and debentures issued to the amount of 60 per cent. of their value.

The assets side of the statement shows cash on hand and in bank, \$57,401; land contracts and second mortgages receivable, \$533,569; first mortgages receivable, \$2,271; stock subscriptions unpaid, \$251,960; sundry debtors, \$5,680; accrued interest receivable, \$2,863; commission on sale of stock, \$99,208; incorporation and organization expenses, \$3,802.

On the liabilities side the principal accounts are: Paid-up preferred stock, 18,938 shares, \$189,380; paid-up common, 8,469 shares, \$94,690; stock subscribed but not issued, \$370,140; accounts payable, \$8,140; dividends payable, \$3,749; mortgages payable on real estate covered in land contracts receivable, \$234,122; deferred profits on land contracts and second mortgages, \$49,437; surplus, \$5,966.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Quotations furnished to The Monetary Times by A. J. Pattison, Jr., & Co., Toronto
(Week ended Dec. 1st, 1920.)

	Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask		Bid	Ask
Abitibi Gen. Mort. 6's...	....	88.50	Collingwood Shipb'dg. 6's	89	....	King Edward Hotel..7's.	72.50	78.50	Sterling Bank.....	107	113
Alta. Pac. Grain.....com.	160	....	Crown Life Insurance...	73	....	Manufacturers Life.....	175	205	Sterling Coal.....com.	19.50	23.50
.....pref.	79	85.50	Cuban Can. Sugar. com.	15.50	20	Mattagama Pulp...pref.	78.50	....	Toronto Paper.....6's.	84	90
American Sales Book 6's	94	....	Davies, William.....6's	95	100.50	.....com.	....	50	Toronto Power 5's (1924)	84	88.50
Arena Bonds (Toronto)...	....	70	Dom. Iron & Steel 5's 1939	65	70	Massey-Harris.....	94	99	Trust & Guar.....	67.50	72
Ashdown Hard. J. H. 5's	84	....	Dom. Power.....com.	....	41.50	Mercantile Trust.....	95	....	United Cigar Stores com.	....	....
British Amer. Assurance	10	13.75	.....pref.	87	92.50	Mexican Nor. Power..5's	8.75	11.50	.....pref.	1.70	1.98
Burns, P. 1st Mtge. 6's...	96	101.50	Dryden Pulp.....	26	29	Morrow Screw.....6's	84.75	88.50	Western Assurance.....	9.50	12.50
Can. Crocker Wheeler pf.	73.50	....	Dunlop Tire.....pref.	90	93	Murray-Kay.7% pref....	63	70	Western Can. Pulp.com.	29.50	32
Can. Furniture.....pref.	20	30	.....6's.	95	....	National Life.....	160	....	Western Grocers.....pref.	65	70
Can. Machinery.....6's.	72	79.75	Eastern Car.....6's	85.50	91	Nova Scotia Steel 6% deb	70	77	Whalen Pulp.....pref.	....	60
Can. Mortgage.....	64.50	70	Famous Players.8% pfd.	....	85	Ont. Pulp.....6's	94	97.50	.....	....	....
Can. Oil.....com.	83	68.50	Goodyear Tire. pref....	....	85	Page Hersey.....pref.	87	....	.....	....	....
Can. Westinghouse.....	100	110	G'rd'n. Ironside & Fare 6's	88	93	Riordon...com. (new stk.)	34	36.75	.....	....	....
Can. Woollens.....com.	40	47.50	Gunns, Ltd. ....pref.	....	88	.....pfd.	78	81.50	.....	....	....
.....pref.	70	79	Harris Abattoir.....6's	90	95.50	R. Simpson.....pfd.	75	77.50	.....	....	....
Cockshutt Plow 7% pref.	54	59.50	Home Bank.....	98	101.50	Shale Brick.....	12	20	.....	....	....
			Imperial Oil.....	102	112	South. Can. Power.pref.	72	75	.....	....	....