

Montreal Stock Market

REVIEW FROM JAN. 12 TO JAN 18.

Stock Value Has Not Increased Either
Naturally or by Manipulation.

COINCIDENCE OF HIGH MONEY
RATES WITH INDUSTRIAL
ACTIVITY.

List Inactive, Waiting for War News.

BANKERS STILL DISCRIMINATING
AGAINST INDUSTRIALS.

Range from Jan. 12 to Jan. 18. Inclusive.

RAILWAYS

Sales.	High	Low	Clos.
2,086 Can. Pac. . . .	94	92	94
2,508 Montreal St. . .	280	269	279½
1,218 Toronto Ry. . .	102½	101½	101
405 Rich. & Ont. . .	106	104	106
290 Twin City, c. . .	65½	64½	64½
75 Halifax Ry. . .	95	94½	95
200 Dul. com. . .	5½	.....	5½

MINES.

15,200 War Eagle . . .	251	243	249
1,500 Virtue . . .	55	54	54
4,700 Republic . . .	107	105	105
4,150 Payne . . .	104	102	103
900 Mont.-London. . .	36	34	36

BANKS.

3 B. of Mont. . .	256	.....	256
95 Merch. Bank. . .	163	161½	161½
13 Bk of Can. . .	144½	144	144
8 Que. Bank . . .	128½	126	128½
1 Bank of Tor. . .	241	.....	241
32 Ont. Bank . . .	128½	124½	124½
6 Mols. Bk. . .	193½	.....	193½

MISCELLANEOUS.

65 Mont. Tel. . .	170	.....	170
200 Mont. Cot. . .	142½	.....	142½
260 Mont. Gas . . .	189½	188½	189½
25 Can. Col. Cot. . .	70	.....	70
\$4,000 Can. Col. C. B . .	100	.....	100
160 Dom. Cot. . .	94½	92½	94
1,950 Roy. Elec. . .	192	184	190½
25 Com. Cable n. . .	173	.....	173
258 C. Cable old. . .	189	187½	189
\$10,000 C. G. Bds. . .	102	.....	102
6 Bell Tel. . .	171	.....	171
156½ Bell Tel. Rts. . .	71½	68	70

MONTREAL GOSSIP.

Great industrial activity when capitalized with borrowed money produces a scarcity that of course makes money dear, as it is now, and as it was ten years ago. The cheapest money between these periods was in 1895, when even established industrial companies were very inactive and scarcely made profits at all and when the present crowd of new enterprises were not even contemplated as a possibility. With alternately recurring periods of good and of dull trade, each lasting from four to seven years at a time, dear and cheap money should be coincident, since trade is dependent largely on borrowed capital. Bank of England rates traced forward from 1889 to 1895 show in their gradual decrease,

the growing trade slackness prevailing in these years. In 1895 it was four times cheaper than it was in 1889. Since five years ago when trade was at its dulllest, and money consequently at its lowest, there has been gradual acceleration of industrial activity and a gradual increase on Bank of England rates. The average price of money last year was fully four times greater than for 1895. Trade and money conditions of the ten or twelve years before 1889 afford quite a close parallel to these conditions in the decade just past and probably throw some light on the next ten or twelve years. They, seen in this light, may be expected to show at first a continuance of the present activity then a gradual slowing down of all industries and ultimately a renewal of phenomenal vigor. Bank discrimination against industrial stock as collateral security proves that bank authorities are of this way of thinking and are discounting some anticipated depression. The new markets opening up in China and the East generally will have some influence in warding off trade stagnancy, but they will not prevent altogether the inactivity looked for by conservative bankers.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

This stock on the strength of the London market which sees in the signs of the times only cause for modified advance, not cause for halting or sheer stagnancy, took on a 3 points addition to its value last week. Cable quotations which began on Friday with 94½ advancing to 95½, pushed the local up to a little over 93, somewhat above the equivalent on this side. Offerings last week in their total amount have not fallen much below their usual figures, although they have been distributed in less equal parcels, some being very small and others of considerable bulk. It is significant of the increased valuation of this stock that in the London Stock Gossip it is said that Canadian Pacific was the strongest in the list to-day (Monday), closing at 95½, an advance of ½ on Saturday. Advance in London is no manipulated result, but is London's appreciation that the year has brought forth facts about earnings and profits which call for some such favorable recognition. Sellers on the Montreal Stock Exchange will find it the easier from such outside advances as London has given, to ask more for their holdings and buyers to offer more. The stock is good now and its future will be better. Shares sold this week were on Friday 175, Saturday 896, Monday 670, Tuesday 110, Wednesday 435 and Thursday 400. With a few variations the prices secured on these sales were a succession of advances from day to day, the total advance on the highest price being 2. This is clear gain, as the highest of the previous week is the lowest of the present one. The larger and fewer blocks that have changed hands have served just as well as the usually more numerous and smaller lots to mark with how much readiness the local Exchange responds to the London market. The increase in value is a natural growth and is not a result made by the will and skill of the bulls. Manipulated advances are often quite justifiable, but spontaneous advances on merit are always good. Besides stocks advanced thus are less subject to violent depression and bring few sharp losses if any, to their holders. Many have grumbled that Pacific's dividends are not larger, but very few can trace serious losses to Pacific. The attention given to the stock by professional traders and by the general public might be increased by both. Confidence in it has never been shaken, risks in it don't exist and larger dividends will come in time. Week's earnings show \$81,000 increase on those of the same week last year.

MONTREAL STREET RY.

This week in Street has been an instance of equilibrium of the up and down, the bull and the bear forces. Street as part of a waiting market has with one exception had no decided movements one way or the other. The little fluctuations have shown none of the steady advance which marks the market grown bullish without any help save what springs from the natural tendency of markets to become bullish at not irregular intervals. Nor were the fluctuations generally sharp and decided enough to touch for the existence of manipulation bullish or bearish. Street was not traded in last week in an active market either the natural or the manufactured article. It oscillated as the wind of the day directed, but the medium place it swung round, neither advanced nor receded. The whole market was like this. It was not progressive at all. It was firm, however, not retrogressive, but responded freely to whatever leading the general feeling seemed to furnish. Street in these daily fluctuations has not been guided by the daily fluctuations of other stocks, but has followed a course of its own, declining when they advanced and going upwards when they did the reverse. When other stocks kept firm on Friday, Street lost 2 points on sales of 315 shares. It acted in line however on Saturday, keeping steady on sales of 330 shares. On Monday when other securities were almost firm, the liquidation of 760 shares carried Street down 6 points to 269, its lowest register for the week and since December. This low point is only 2 above the lowest of last year. Continued selling orders on Tuesday were met with support and the 750 shares marketed advanced about 3 points to 272½. The 75 shares of Wednesday did not get above this mark. On Thursday 333 shares changed hands at prices that ranged from 278 to 280. The highest price was obtained on Thursday. Friday last and the next two days prices declined 9½ points, recovering thereafter about the half of these points. Earnings this week given in another column prove how satisfactory the company's business is. Investment around 270 gives a moderate return on cash invested.

TORONTO STREET RY.

For many months there have been conditions which notwithstanding the most pronounced features of general prosperity, were more conducive to depressed values than to record breaking high market prices. The utmost that first the money situation, then the Boer rebellion, allowed was that stocks should keep firm hold on a good minimum value unless when the stocks were under able management. The movements of Toronto in the days, weeks and months lately are almost devoid of any signs of manipulation. Rising on the tide of bullish markets and not unsuspensible to daily influences, Toronto is perhaps the stock least indebted on the list, for whatever advances it may have secured to the strong willed and resourceful manipulator. It has sometimes depressed the stock, but has rarely advanced it. Still Toronto without the active manipulator has this week shown no weakness whatever, but has kept all week firmly around 102. This is 2½ points lower than last week's highest, but as the spread between high and low then was 4, while it is only 1 for the present week, the average value is about the same level. At this price, which is fair for a waiting market, the Friday's sales amounted to 175 shares, Saturday's 175, Monday's 100, Tuesday's 150, Wednesday's 125 and Thursday's 493. Seven days' earnings up to the 14th are specially good, giving for each day an average increase of \$536 on the earnings of the same days last year. In view of them,