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## Montreal Stock Market.

**STEADINESS MAINTAINED - ACTIVITY FEEBLE EVEN IN MINING STOCKS—TWIN CITY GAINED 1 POINT—LOCAL MONEY HARD TO GET.**

Montreal, March 23.

Public interest is not yet aroused to the local market. This makes us skeptical about what is said of Wall Street and of London Exchange, that they are being benefited by public buying.

There being here very few selling orders except such as are very far above the market, and very few buying orders except what are below the market, leads to the suspicion that strength in these other markets is due more to the professional and inside support than to a large public demand, which alone gives genuine strength. One thing is certain, that trading in the Room this forenoon was on very few and unimportant orders.

With no change whatever, Pacific at 95½ was on the market. A broken lot of 15 shares secured 95½, but bid and asked prices at the close showed no more than steadiness.

Closing at 66, Twin City had a gain of ½. It started at 65 and added ½ in each sale. The 68 was asked for more, but buyers were offering 65½.

Cable around 168½, Richelieu & Ont. at 109½, Can. Col. Cotton at 81, were about the prices they sold at in the last transactions. Toronto was ½ lower, Montreal Street ½ lower. Montreal Cotton at 143 sold 1½ points higher.

About the mines which were very inactive this session there has to be recorded ½ of advance by Republic to 104½, a decline of 1-2 in Montreal-London to 30, and an advance of 1-2 in War Eagle to 133 1-2. One favorable aspect of the market just now is the constancy of the securities to their good average values. The great increase in Bank of England reserves, with the passage of the Financial Bill may quicken this constancy into advance movements, now surely fully due.

### MORNING SALES.

Can. Pac. x-d-150, 95½; 15, 95¾.  
Twin City-75, 65; 25, 65½; 25, 65½; 25, 65¾; 25, 66.  
Cable Co.-25, 168; 80, 168½.  
Tor. Ry.-1,99½; 35, 100, 5, 99½  
Republic-500, 103¾; 500, 104½.  
Mont. St. Ry.-25, 299½; 85, 399.  
R. & O.-20, 107½; 5, 107.  
RR. & O.-25, 109¾.  
Montreal-London-350, 80.  
War Eagle-400, 133½.  
Dom. Cotton-5, 108.  
Can. Col. Cot.-5, 81.  
Mont. Cotton-15, 143.

### AFTERNOON SALES.

Can. Pac. x-d-50, 95¾.  
Mont. St. Ry.-50, 299.  
Twin City-25, 65½; 100, 66.  
R. & O.-15, 107.  
Virtue-100, 98; 2,200, 97.  
Republic-1,250, 107.  
Mont-Lon.-1,000, 29.  
Mont. Cotton 25, 143.  
Bell Tel.-1, 183.

### STRAWS.

Omaha, Neb.-As soon as the war in Africa is over and the Boers defeated, the Burlington Road will have its agents in that country working up emigration to the United States. The Boers have trokked before to escape British rule and may do so again. They would benefit agriculture and stock raising in the West. An emigrant agent will leave for the Transvaal soon.

### MONTREAL STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Feb.....	\$122,509.64	Inc.	\$8,671.62
Mar. 14, 4,272.34.....		Inc.	407.64
" 15, 4,432.14.....		"	199.66
" 16, 3,920.75.....		"	487.54
" 17, 4,547.68.....		"	685.34
" 18, 3,428.18.....		"	521.77
" 19, 4,655.44.....		"	607.51
" 20, 4,449.14.....		"	388.23
" 21, 4,368.28.....		"	505.00

### LONDON AND PARIS

Mar. 23, 1900.

Bank of England rate .....	4
Open discount rate.....	4
Paris Rentes .....	101-40
Frenc. Exchange.....	25f. 20
Consols, money .....	102
Canadian Pacific .....	98½
New York Central.....	139½
St. Paul.....	129½
Union Pacific.....	78½

### LONDON CABLE.

O. Meredith & Co.'s Cable gives the following London quotations:

Grand Trunk, guaranteed 4 p.c.....	94
" 1st preference.....	93½
" 2nd ".....	68
" 3rd ".....	27
J. T. R. Com.....	
O. P. R. rd.....	98½

### TORONTO STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Feb.....	\$104,135.50	Inc.	\$12,221.93
Mar. 14, 3,789.12.....		"	405.84
" 15, 3,921.04.....		"	360.91
" 16, 3,998.72.....		"	440.93
" 17, 4,678.41.....		"	702.13
" 18, 1,584.27.....		"	370.91
" 19, 4,210.31.....		"	825.10
" 20, 4,039.14.....		"	481.10
" 21, 3,897.14.....		"	205.25

### TWIN CITY RAPID TRANSIT CO.

Total for Feb..	\$197,365.75	Inc.	\$25,252.00
For week ending .....		Compared with last year	
Mar. 7, 48,908.80.....		Inc.,	\$ 6,137.90
" 13, 49,418.20.....		"	12,867.05

### HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY

Month of February..	\$8,952.41	Inc.	\$1,450.98
Light and RR. Receipts., Feb .....	\$17,019.64		
Increase .....	\$2,968.45		
For week ending .....		Compared with previous year.	
March 7.....	2,070.63	Inc.	167.00
" 14 .....	2,174.63	"	222.15