

CAUSES SLUMP.

Throughout the world were surging by the announcement increased its rate of discount because the increase was not day for such changes. Fact that the rate was raised short time ago caused a rapid fall. Consols for money dropped being as completely sur-Montreal or Toronto. New quieting rumors; the opening and a sharp break up and de-

up well against the bank's strongly, C.P.R., Twin City, being in the small list of

renewal of demands for gold, Canadian exchange and the likelihood the metal for Egypt were the England's action.

CHANGE THIS WEEK.

ry Times Office, Oct. 18th. been evident in the security market owing to disappointments or delay in the announcement and other companies. These, would not be sufficient to investing public. But the York add to the general of finance, and it is felt also is necessary before things by tone. Recent trading has character, and the market is appearance. Mining stocks great deal of attention, and 3/4 points above its record of been showing up well, and the dividends tends to higher

Canadian exchanges is generally Ontario Bank episode has practicing factor. That Canadian beyond a normal investment satisfaction.

The closing Toronto prices week, and the uneasiness was the downfall of the Ontario from the official exchange list shares declined, Imperial drop Nova Scotia, 1; Metropolitan, and Standard, 6. The statement had taken over the Ontario effect on the Montreal owed up pretty strong at the

activity marked the local security feeling was unsettled. Prices C. P. R. sold an odd lot Ontario Railway changed hands at 112 and 11 1/4. Mackay Electric at 135 down to 132. tone at Montreal was weak disappointment over the terms Montreal Street to decline

quiet, but the tone firmer, most securities. Sao Paulo 132, and Twin City was dis- Electric, with sales at opened at 86, an advance of 2 k to 84. Bank shares were made sales. Standard sold 144; Traders, 140; and Domin-

important changes, although the bricker. Canadian Pacific 117 1/2 and 117, and Sao Paulo Electric was the most active losing at 134, a drop of one an Bank dropped two points. Bond business amounted to 76 1/4; Mexican L. and P. 78; Sao Paulo, 95 1/4 and 95 1/2.

Day was observed on both was pretty firm in face of the reported elsewhere. C. P. R.

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BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

The Royal Bank has opened a branch at Peterborough, Ont.

The Bank of Toronto has opened a branch at Aurora, Ont.

The Merchants Bank are planning the erection of new premises at Vancouver.

A branch of the Union Bank has been opened at West End, Saskatoon, Sask.

The Home Bank has opened a Toronto branch at the corner of Queen and Bathurst Streets.

The Kingston, Ont., branch of the Bank of Commerce opened for business on Tuesday.

It is stated the Bank of Montreal is looking for new premises in the heart of Winnipeg's banking district.

The Sovereign Bank has opened its seventy-sixth branch at Bredin, Ont., with Mr. L. E. Todd as manager.

Branches of the Union Bank of Canada have been opened at Blairmore, Alta.; Bowden, Alta., and Claresholm, Alta.

The Bank of Ottawa stock, recently advertised, has been sold at an average of a little over \$225.50 per share. The price is regarded as very satisfactory.

Le Roi Two has declared an interim dividend of two shillings a share, payable on October 8th. This makes a total of eight shillings a share, paid this year.

A branch of the United Empire Bank of Canada has been opened at Picton, Ont., under the management of Mr. A. Leslie.

Arrangements will shortly be made for the removal of the transfer office of the Silver Leaf Mining Company from New York to Toronto.

The Bank of Nova Scotia has purchased a site on a Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, corner for the sum of \$125,000. of \$2,840 per foot, and will erect a \$200,000 building.

The Royal Bank will open its Moose Jaw branch in a few days, as will also the Imperial Bank, these two making a total of seven banks for this rapidly growing Western city.

The final report of the assignee in the liquidation of the Canada Biscuit Company, the attempted reorganization of which failed, shows that 51 per cent. has been paid to the creditors on their claims.

The North British Development Company, of New York, was incorporated last week with a capital of \$5,000,000. The organizers include the names of several Canadian capitalists, including Sir H. M. Allan, of Montreal.

There will be an early issue of £1,000,000 4 per cent. perpetual debenture stock of the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Company, guaranteed by the Canadian Northern Railway Company. The issue price will be 98.

The September statement of the Atchison Company, which will shortly be issued, will show, it is stated, on the results of the first quarter, that the company is earning between 16 to 17 per cent. on its common stock.

The Dominion of Canada 4 per cent. 1876 loan for £2,500,000, due on November 1st, will be redeemed at par on that date by the Bank of Montreal in London. Bonds and stock certificates must be left with the Bank of Montreal, 46-47 Threadneedle Street, E.C.

The failure of J. M. Ceballos & Co., of New York, came as a great surprise in financial circles, as the head of the house was regarded as the most aggressive merchant and banker in the Cuban-American trade, and the effect on Cuban business will be damaging.

The steadily increasing business and prosperity of the Imperial Bank of Canada, is the subject of an article in "The New York Mercantile and Financial Times." This bank recently increased its capital from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000, and now has total assets in excess of \$40,000,000.

The Laurentide Pulp Company's net profits for the past year, after interest charges and contingent account, were \$271,845. The sum of \$20,000 was set aside for depreciation, leaving \$251,845 to be carried forward. Dividends of 7 per cent. on the common and 6 per cent. on the preference were paid.

Notice has been issued, stating that at a special general meeting of the Montreal Street Railway shareholders an increase of the capital stock by the issue of shares at the par value of \$2,000,000, and the disposal of such shares at a premium of 75 per centum over the par value, will be considered. On the opening of the books on the 8th of November next the par value of the shares will be \$100, instead of \$50 par value as at present; thus, shareholders having two shares of \$50 par value will have one share of a \$100 par value, and so on.

The net profits of Ogilvie Flour Mills Company dropped during the past year from \$472,230 to \$235,262, but the company keeps its rest account of \$1,000,000 intact, and announces that it met the heavy loss entailed at Fort William by the appropriation of \$150,000 from property reserve

account, \$50,000 from the insurance fund (which clears that item), and the balance charged to profit and loss. The outlook for the coming year is most promising.

The directors of the Hochelaga Bank have declared a quarterly dividend at the rate of 2 per cent., equal to an increase from 7 to 8 per cent. per annum. It is stated that in December the bank will ask for authority to increase its capital stock by \$1,000,000, and that \$500,000 will be issued to shareholders.

MOLSONS BANK YEAR.

Expansion of business was reported by this bank during the last twelve months at its annual meeting on Monday. The statement shows a growth in totals of assets and of liabilities from \$30,118,000 to \$31,912,000. Of the assets, a smaller proportion is in the shape of readily available, while a corresponding addition has been made to the current dis-counts. Circulation is not quite as high as at this time last year. There is an increase of deposits to the extent of about \$2,000,000.

A very satisfactory result was attained in the way of profits, which are \$434,668, as compared with \$399,000 for the previous twelve months. After dividend, taxes, apportionment of \$10,000 to Officers' Pension Fund, and \$115,000 expended on branches there is \$26,087 to carry to credit of profit and loss.

The Molsons Bank is very well off for branches, having between 50 and 60. Nine were opened last year, one at Edmonton and the rest at Quebec and Ontario points.

Mr. Macpherson's address dwelt upon the great growth of Canadian commerce and the financial activity which is its accompaniment. He insisted upon the need of equipping our water and rail systems of transport in order to secure the portion of world trade we ought. His further remarks, besides a reference to the Forestry Association and the Manufacturers' Association meetings, had reference to the new issue of the bank's stock to the extent of \$500,000, which the meeting unanimously sanctioned.

MONTREAL STREET RAILWAY SLUMP.

Subsequent to the despatch of his letter, given on page 575, our Montreal correspondent wrote:—

On Wednesday, Montreal Street Railway opened at 270 and sold off three points during the forenoon. This was nothing to what was going to happen in the afternoon, the break which then took place driving prices five points further. The last sale, was made at 261, a decline of fifteen points in three days.

So far as could be learned on the street, the drive made at the stock was purely and simply the result of the announcement that the new stock would be issued at a premium of 75 per cent. Street has issued additional stock half a dozen times in the past, and upon each occasion it was given to shareholders at par, it would seem. Shareholders who expected a new issue to arrive along one of these days had been looking for it to come to them at par, instead of which they have found that it will cost them 75 per cent. above par. During the three days mentioned the selling averaged about 1,000 shares a day. This drive at the market would not have had much effect had there been the usual number of supporters. It would seem, however, that the selling orders came mostly from actual shareholders, who were parting with their stock either as a protest against the action of the directors, or in the belief that they would be able to get it back later at a lower figure. Apparently they hold the view that M.S.R. stock has been held at its high price largely owing to extra stock issues being made at par.

Notwithstanding the action of the market, a very large number of conservative holders justify the action of the directors. They take the ground that the road had a perfect right to look for a premium, in view of the strong position of its stock and the fact that coming extensions and improvements will make the extra million and a half very acceptable.

ON THE LADDER.

Mr. T. Ambudge, of the Sovereign Bank, has received a promotion to the staff of the New York City branch.

Mr. H. F. D. Sewall is temporarily filling the position of manager at the Kingston, Ont., branch of the Bank of Commerce.

A. J. MacDonald has been engaged as manager of the Bank of Montreal in Kingston, Ont., in the late Ontario Bank building.

Mr. J. Obalski, superintendent of mines of the Province of Quebec, is visiting the different mining properties in Sherbrooke district. There is much valuable mineral along the mountainous shores of Lake Memphremagog, on both sides of the United States boundary. Macdonald Bros., of Sherbrooke, and C. R. Moore, of Newport, have a property near Leadmine lighthouse, which is said to have assayed 60 per cent. lead.