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## Montreal Stock Market.

Market Opens Weak for Canadian Pacific and Montreal Street.

A Large Business Transacted.

Halifax Railway and Royal Electric Weak.

Early news from the outside world was vers discouraging to holders of stocks. The decline in Consols and the advance in the rate of interets of the Bank of Fra ce from 2 p.c. to 3 p.c. reminded operators of the the change in conditions over night, which took place, when everyone was sure there could be no war between Spain and America. The fact of home troubles in France, would make the authorities welcome any excuse which would tend to divert attention from their own differences and broils. That war will be the outcome of present disputes between England and F ance is more than improbable, the possibility of such a thing however, causes an uneasiness which is reflected in the stock market.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC.

But for foreign complications Pacific would hardly have sold down to 80. The rate war on passenger business and the adverse decision of the Chicago conference regarding freight differentials were both largely discounted in the decline of the past tendays.

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A rate war between Trunk lines and A rate war between Trunk lines and Canadian Pacific on business between Kootenay country and Pacific Coast and St Paul has started. These rates will be met by Eastern differential lines only, the standard lines adding the differential to the Canadian road's former.

figures.

That the 3,025 shares sold were all absorbed at from 80\(\frac{1}{2}\) to 80 speaks volumes for the broadness of the stock. It closes steady at 80 to 80\(\frac{1}{2}\). On all concessions from this price the shares should be bought as all bad news has been heard and it is but reasonable to expect a reaction from the late depression.

TORONTO RAILWAY.

The steadiness of Rails was very noticeable. The marketing of nearly 1,000 shares hardly changed the pice which is only 1 per cent. under last

night's.
The earnings of the road continue good and bets have been lately made that the dividend will be increased within five quarterly dividend pay-

MONTREAL STREET.

The decline of 2 per cent. in this stock on small transactions shows that for the time being friends of the company have all the stock they care company have all the stock they care to carry. Any decline, however, will be certain to gain for it fresh share holders. At the close a broken lot of 5 shares brought 273, the stock closed nominal at 273 to 274 for the old, and see to 271 for the new 268 to 271 for the new.

OTHER SHARES.

Gas Company was sold at 186½ and 186. Cable brought 180 and more stock was offered at same price. War Eagle was dealt in at 2781 and 2781.

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## MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Hours of Board-10.45 to 12.30; 2.15 to 3. Saturdays-10.30 to 12 noon.

3 p.m., October 20, 1898

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