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MONEY DIFFICULTIES STILL UPPER-MOST -- MARKET IRREGULAR -- MONTREAL LONDON WEAKER.

Montreal, Dec. 21.

The only factor of uncertainty at present in the market is the money situation which is still far from satisfactory, and which may operate to retard the advance of our local market which otherwise would certainly be rapid, if not sensational.

Recent market conditions have resulted from this limiting in some quarters of margin accommodations, which in turn was brought about by the stringency in the money markets. Improvement is discernible in that quarter, and it is believed the worst is over, at the best, however, it will be some months before normal conditions again prevail, and this may have its effect upon our market. But whether rapidly or more slowly, the advance will surely come and will carry prices to a much higher level.

Montreal-London failed to maintain its advance of yesterday. Trading in it was fairly heavy, some 5,500 shares changing hands, but all sales were made at recessions, it sold during this morning session at 35, after having sold yesterday at 38.

Payne and Republic also engaged the attention of brokers and sold at steady prices, Republic selling at 106½ and 107 to the amount of 1700 shares, and Payne 8000 shares of which sold at 105½, is unchanged, at the close 500 shares sold at 105. In both these cases it is simply a matter of money stringency which retards them from advancing.

Deer Trail No. 2 was steady, but seems slow to recover from its late hard knocks. It sold at 12½ and 11½, 2500 shares changing hands.

The demand for Virtue was firmer, although only one sale was accomplished at an unchanged figure, 500 shares selling at 51. The same price was bid for more, and there seemed to be plenty of buying orders round these prices.

Big Three, which hasn't sold since a week ago to-day, was a trifle weaker and sold at 9½, 1000 shares changing hands.

The demand for Golden Star continues firm and can be called good; it was offered at 32½, buyers freely offering 31.

MORNING SALES.

Republic—1000, 106½, 300, 107.
Deer Trail No. 2—500, 12½, 2000, 11½
Virtue—500, 51.
Payne—8500, 105½, 500, 105.
Montreal-London — 5500, 35.
Big Three—1000, 9½.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Republic—700, 105.

TORONTO STREET EARNINGS.

Nov. earnings.....	\$102,502 Inc.....	\$2.76
Dec. 12, 4,020.81.....	Inc.	583.88
" 13, 4,135.67.....	"	712.95
" 14, 3,955.53.....	"	229.21
" 15, 4,287.45.....	"	617.23
" 16, 5,923.60.....	"	651.09
" 17, 1,556.28.....	"	250.58
" 18, 4,361.95.....	"	547.69
" 19, 4,337.07.....	"	464.92

	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.
	Dec. 18.		Dec. 19.		Dec. 20.		Dec. 21.	
1.00 Payne.....	1.00	0.94	1.05	1.03	1.05	1.04½	1.05½	1.04
1.00 War Eagle xd.....	2.55	2.45	2.55	2.35	2.70	2.50	2.58	2.50
1.00 Republic xd.....	0.97	.90	1.03	1.01½	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00
1.00 Virtue.....	.53	.53	.60	.55	.55	.51	.53	.51
.25 Montreal-London xd.....	.38½	.38	.35	.34	.37½	.35	.35	.34
1.00 Big Three.....	.10½	.08½	.10	.07	.11	.09½	.10	.09
1.00 Brandon & G'ld'n Crown	.20	.25	.29	.25½	.30	.25½	.29	.25
1.00 California.....	.12	.11	.12	.11½	.12	.11½	.12½	.11½
.10 Canada Gold Fields Syn..	.07½	.03	.07	.05½	.07½	.00½	.07½	.06
5.00 Cariboo Hydraulic.....	.97	....	.97	....	1.00	....	.90	....
1.00 Evening Star.....	.08½	.08	.08½	.05	.08½	.06½	.08½	.07
.25 Fern.....	.04	.02½	.04½	.03	.06	.03	.04½	.03
1.00 Gold Hills Developing...	.05½	.02	.06	.04½	.05½	.03	.05½	.03
1.00 Iron Colt.....	.14	.07½	.18	.07½	.18	.06½	.14	.08
1.00 Knob Hill.....	.83½	.80	.84	.80	.84	.80	.83½	.80
1.00 Monte Christo Con.....	.07	.05½	.08	.05	.07	.06	.06½	.06
.25 Montreal Gold Fields....	.06	.08	.07½	.08	.09	.09½	.08	.06
1.00 Noble Five.....	.18	.12	.18	.11½	.18	....	.16	.13
.10 Novelty.....	.02½	.01½	.02½	.01½	.02½	.01½	.02½	.01½
1.00 Old Ironsides.....	1.08	1.03	1.10	.90	1.10	1.01	1.09	.98
1.00 Virginia.....	.08½	.05	.08	.04½	.08½	.05	.08	.05
1.00 Rambler Cariboo.....	.57	.55	.58	.54½	....	....	.57½	.55½
1.00 Bullion.....	.55	.25	.50	.35	.54	.25	.50	.35
1.00 Decca.....	.18	.10	.18	.12	.18	.12½	.17½	.12
1.00 Morrison.....	.08	.08	.10½	.08	.09	.06	.10	.06
1.00 Golden Star.....	.32	.30	.31	.30	.31	.30	.32½	.30½
1.00 Slocan Sov.....	.33½	.27	.33½	.33	.30	.33	.35	.32½
1.00 Fontenoy G. M. Co.....	.17	....	.17	....	....	....	.17	....
1.00 Rathmullen.....	.07	....	.08½	.05	.07	.05	.07	.05
1.00 Winnipeg.....	.32	.26	.31	.22	.35	....	.30½	.25
1.00 Dardanelles.....	.12	.10	.12	.10	.12	.10	.12	.09
1.00 Deer Trail No. 2.....	.12	.11½	.13½	.12½	.14½	.12	.12½	.12
1.00 North Star.....	1.05	1.05	1.04	1.05
1.00 Kenneth.....

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