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# Montreal Stock Market.

WAS WEAK BUT SEEMS RECOVERING-SOME STOCKS WERE UNCHANGED.
OTHERS ADVANCED — STREET ON
THE DOWN GRADE STILL.

Montreal, Dec. 22. Montreal, Dec. 22.

Were it not that Montreal Street Railway slock was still under liquidation in
which the stock is finding very little support, conclusion might have been come to
day would be end of the decline in the
meantime. All the list except the one just
specified and Commercial Cable on an isoland transaction was cloudly verying to ated transaction was steady, veering to strong and seemed to exemplify the second period that most panics pass through. When prices recover about the half of the When prices recover about the half of the points lost in the first drop. Leaving Street out of the question the market has reached probably its lowest point at this time, and now will slowly increase in strength. Bullish reaction will be sudden and sharp if news of a British victory would but come over the wires. Without such aid the market for the time being will following a general law strengther. will, following a general law, strengthen now for a short time. Capadian Pacific at prices ranging from

Canadian Pacific at prices ranging from 88 to 86½ lost no ground, but kept firm. 1060 shares were traded in, but values were steady though cables were fractionally lower. The atendiness in C.P.R. strikes the keynote of the transactions today, and will be followed it is very probable-by stronger toned markets. Toronto Mails indeed lost ¼ point on 180 shares, but is being better supported and is much stronger. Payne dropped 1¼ points and stronger. Payne dropped 14 points and is worth counting as strong, losing so lit-tle in the circumstances. Virtue at 50

kept up to its old high mark, Richelieu and Ontario made a stand against further decline Montreal Cas refused to break further and Republic also suffered no recession Commercial Cable dropped 4; Royal Electric lost 1, and Twin City fell back 13; points on 515 shares sold but these small recessions point to a pause in the movement. Bell Telephone kept up to its 175, Aloisons Bank was I point low-er, but Dominion Cotton advancing 3 points sold at prices this morning that ranged from 94 to 94.

Montreal Street Rv stock in its decline of 7 more points appears for the time being to be outside of the market moveng to be outside of the market move-ment. To its downward tendency there is no pause as yet, though to-day's conclud-ing sales were better supported. The moing sales were better supported. The money situation, as seen in the Bank of France raising its rate to  $41_2$ , has not imported generally. This it was being said on the Street to-day would not prevent advances if a substantial British victory were once while

#### MORNING SALES.

275, 125, 271, 100, 272, 10, 273, Tor Ry.—500, 96, 100, 9636, 15, 9634, 230, 9634, 7750, 10334, Virtue—1500, 50, Mont. Gas—125, 177, 75, 176, 7, 1774, 350, 180, R. & O.—150, 97, 25, 9736, 25, 98, Com. Cable—100, 181, Roy. Elec.—150, 174, Republic—2000, 104, 75, 176. 75, Republic—2000, 104. Twin City—350, 57, 45, 574, 50, 58, Dom. Cotton—5, 93, 35, 92, 5, 94, 5, Mols Bank—5, 191, 76, 190, ols Rights—30, 7¼.
Mchts Cotton—2, 130. Bell Tel -25, 175. AFTERNOON SALES.

Can. Pac.-15, 871/2. 100, 865/8. 25, 87. 125, 86%. Mo. St. Ry.—21, 276, 2, 278, 250, 277. Tor. Ry.—329, 175. 25, 278. 25, 27 Roy. Elec—129, 175. Mont. Gas—115, 180½. Dom. Cotton—500, 90. 50, 89%, 100, 89%, 25, 90%. Twin City—100, 58, 25, 57%, 75, 57. 25, 574. Mols Bank Rights—331, 74. Bell Tel. Rights—3, 68.

#### STRAWS.

The Bank of France advanced its rate from 4 to 4½ p.c. to prevent gold going from France to London.

American Steel and Wire Common stock will, it is thought, be put next year on an 8 p.c. dividend basis which will be paid quarterly.

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