NEW STOCK ISSUES ATTRACT BUYERS

Advances Occur in Lines Neglected in Previous Week.

U. S. RUBBER GAINS

Corn Shares Develop Strength at New York—Leathers Advance.

New York, Nov. 21.—Stocks were in the supply during the early and final shares of today's irregular market, with registered strength between times. Commissions were most general and severe in coppers and other issues which recently registered greatest gains.

Advances for the most part were restricted to those issues which failed to participate more than moderately, if at all, in the rise of the previous week. Foremost among these were the sugars, in which gains extended from almost two points for Cuba Cane to five for American Beet. Other strong stocks included U. S. Rubber at a gross gain of points, with 3 to 5 for Corn Products common and preferred. The turnover in rubber and corn issues was unusually large, and these rise had its origin in reports of early developments favorable to shareholders.

The progress of affairs across the southern border was deemed helpful to the status of Mexican securities, these, including petroleums and American smelting, scoring substantial gains. Consolidated Leather was temporarily buoyed by the unexpected declaration of an extra dividend on the common, the shifting phases of the controversy connected with the enforcement of the eight-hour militated against any sustained movement in transportation issues. Total sales, 1,170,000 shares.

Bonds followed the course of the stock market, with further concessions in the speculative groups. Total sales (par value), $5,680,000.

BANK OF MONTREAL ANNUAL STATEMENT

Features of Report Indicate Unusual Strength—Assets Make High Record.

The Bank of Montreal statement for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, just issued, is one of the strongest the bank has ever forwarded to its shareholders.

A cursory study reveals a condition of strength and a growth of assets so exceptional that comparisons with previous years become difficult. What these have been may perhaps be best appreciated by a glance at the total assets, which have increased by well over $62,000,000 during the year, and now amount to $365,215,541, such an increase being at the rate of over $5,000,000 a month.

Position of Exceptional Strength.

Of its total assets of $365,215,541 it is able to report liquid assets amounting to $346,942,630, equivalent to as much as 75.20 per cent. of the total liabilities to the public. Of the liquid assets, actual cash, as represented by gold and silver coin and Dominion notes, amount to approximately $41,-200,000, equivalent to 12.57 per cent. of liabilities to the public.

While a large increase in deposits, especially under present conditions, is gratifying indicating funds awaiting investment, as well as a desire for thrift in this country, a gain of over $50,000,000 in interest bearing deposits illustrates a degree of public confidence that must be especially satisfactory to the board and management. The total increase in the deposit account for the year is well over $60,000,000, the deposits not bearing interest standing at $35,757,-018, while deposits bearing interest rose to $210,439,031.

Notwithstanding the maintenance of an exceptionally strong position and the lessened demand for commercial banking accommodation, the bank makes its usual satisfactory report to shareholders of earnings and shows a comfortable margin over the usual dividends and bonuses. The profits for the year were $3,200,471, equal to 13.13 per cent. on the capital. These profits, with the usual amount brought forward from the previous year, brought the total amount available for distribution up to $3,494,423. This amount was distributed as follows: A dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. and bonus of 2 per cent. for the year, or 12 per cent. in all, $1,920,000; war tax on bank note circulation to Oct. 31, 1916, $160,000, leaving a balance to be carried forward to profit and loss, $1,414,423.

The review of conditions contained in the addresses of the president and the general manager, to be delivered to the shareholders at the annual meeting, to be held on the first Monday in December, will be looked forward to with added interest this year.

Record of Yesterday's Markets

TORONTO STOCKS.

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NEW YORK STOCKS.

J. P. Bickell & Co., Standard Bank Building, Toronto, report fluctuations in New York Stocks, as follows:

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STANDARD STOCKS.

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TORONTO SALES.

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

Supplied by Heron & Co.

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STANDARD SALES.

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NORTHWEST CARS.

	Yesterday.	Wk. last.	Last yr.
Winnipeg	697	859	1561
Minneapolis	437	553	704
Duluth	299	272	790

PRICE OF SILVER.

In London yesterday, bar silver closed 1-16d lower, at 34 9-16d per ounce. New York price was 72½c.

MONEY RATES.

Glazebrook & Cronyn, Exchange and Bond Brokers, report exchange rates as follows:

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In London yesterday, bar silver closed 1-16d lower, at 34 9-16d per ounce. New York price was 72¾c.
Sterling demand, 475.45.
Bank of England rate, 6 per cent.

BANK OF MONTREAL
ANNUAL STATEMENT

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ended 31st October, 1916.

[detailed financial statement figures — largely illegible]

H. V. MEREDITH, President.
FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR, General Manager.

To the Shareholders of the Bank of Montreal:
We have checked the Cash and verified the Securities of the Bank at the Chief Office and at several of the Principal Branches at various times during the year, as well as at the 31st October, 1916, and we found them to be in accordance with the books of the Bank. We have obtained all information and explanations required, and all transactions that have come under our notice have, in our opinion, been within the powers of the Bank. We have compared the above Balance Sheet with the Books and Accounts at the Chief Office of the Bank, and with the certified returns received from its Branches, and we certify that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Bank.

Montreal, 17th November, 1916.

J. MAXTONE GRAHAM }
JAMES HUTCHISON } Auditors.
Chartered Accountants.

MUCH SPECULATION LITTLE DISTRIBUTION

Toronto Market Still Largely Consists of Speculation in a Few Specialized Issues.

Speculation on a broad scale continued at the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday, a movement in Steamships common featuring the listed section. Early buying brought the price up to 42 1-2, but profit-taking became too keen for the support and quotations fell back below 40. Russell common and preferred also showed vigorous action, but bears on the best prices of the day were not held. Most of Canada was led out as fast as the market would take the stock, and the price was lowered a full point during the operation. Brazilian was again weak, and it is now generally accepted that the dividend on the stock will be passed for a period awaiting a strengthening of South American exchange. Except for the stocks mentioned, trading was not important, and quotations saw little variation. Montreal in its effort to make a market for Brompton paper lifted the price to 80 and then put the quotation back three points. The pulp stock without par value, despite lively operations, could not reach the $15 mark yesterday. The market has developed into one of keen professionalism, and the outside trader is willing to gamble as long as an active rising market is assured. He is not willing, however, to carry stocks of intangible value for any lengthy period, and the distribution therefore is not as satisfactory as it might be.

VALUABLE SHIPMENT FROM TIMISKAMING

A forty-ton car of 6,000-ounce ore, or 240,000 ounces of silver, having a value of $178,000, was shipped Saturday from the Timiskaming Mine. After deducting the overhead expenses, the net profits will be $158,000 on the consignment. This shipment added to the stock in store at Timiskaming of something like $50,000 ounces, or at present price of silver, $688,750, is one-third of the outstanding capital.

MONTREAL PRICES IRREGULAR.

Heron & Co. had the following at the close:

Montreal, Nov. 21—The local market was rather irregular today. Steamships and Spanish were strong stocks, and Brompton sold higher among the unlisted. The rest of the market was on the heavy side; a break of 11 points in Dominion Bridge unsettled the rest of the list. Prices only sold off fractionally, however, and stocks were in demand on the recessions. The result of the Steel Co. of Canada meeting was not known until after the close of the market, and the declaration of a 4 per cent. dividend should get a favorable reception tomorrow morning.

OIL TANKS FILLED WITH ALL SPEED

Activity continues at the wells of the Vacuum Gas and Oil Company. Two more teams have been secured and tanks at the siding are being filled as fast as they can be placed. A tank car left Thamesville on Friday and one on Saturday, and a wire yesterday announced that another left last night and one will also be shipped tonight. The demand for oil is continually on the increase, and the Imperial Oil Co. have advanced their purchasing price five cents a barrel. Field Manager Rowe's output is now only handicapped by storage capacity, and this is being added to as rapidly as supplies can be secured.

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