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Montreal Stock Market.

SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT ON THE LIST TO-DAY—ADVANCE OF TORONTO AGAIN, THE RUMOR OF STRIKE BEING UNTRUE. BOARD OF TRADE GROW ENTHUSIASTIC.

Montreal, Feb. 27th.

Market was stronger to-day, but not so decidedly so, as the war news, now decidedly better would have led one to expect. In fact markets for a long time have been promising great things in certain circumstances and yet have done very little to fulfil these promises after the circumstances, which were hoped for, have arrived. The money situation is given as the explanation of London being comparatively little affected. American stocks in the London market were a little higher but they did not advance except moderately. If business did not improve in Montreal the merchants on the Board of Trade floor grew enthusiastic on the reading of a telegram from Lord Minto and sung together the National Anthem.

There was $\frac{1}{2}$ advance gained by Canada Pacific closing at 99. At this price most of the shares were transferred. This price however is far too low yet.

The advance of 3 in Montreal Street, selling at 291, is a big gain for one session on the trading of 355 shares, especially as here is no news in particular to account for advance in this stock.

Opening at 189 Gas gained 1 point. Higher prices were registered but, as being for broken lots, they cannot be taken and used as quotations.

There being no verification of the rumor of strike among employees of Toronto Ry. Co. though more money has certainly been asked by some conductors and motormen, sales opened today with $\frac{1}{2}$ of an advance and closed $\frac{1}{2}$ higher at 100 $\frac{1}{2}$. As the bears on Toronto made their drive, on an ex-

aggerated rumor, so the bulls will, it is hoped, place this stock back to its 104 mark. There was no good reason for Toronto depression yesterday.

Virtue and Republic as representatives of our mining stocks were lower, Virtue losing $\frac{1}{2}$ points and Republic 1 point.

The price 193, with which Electric closed this forenoon, was $\frac{1}{2}$ points lower than previous closing. In this stock there was activity to the amount of 60 shares, The advance of 1 point to 97 in Halifax Ry., though it was on a broken lot, was a favorable symptom of the stock. Merchants Bank and the Bank of Commerce were about their usual values on very light trading.

MORNING SALES.

Can. Pac.—25, 98 $\frac{1}{2}$. 100, 98 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2, 99 $\frac{1}{2}$.
550, 99.
M. S. Ry.—100, 288. 105, 289. 25, 290 $\frac{1}{2}$.
25, 290 $\frac{1}{2}$. 100, 291.
Mon. Gas.—135, 189. 2, 189 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3, 190.
T. S. Ry.—50, 99 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1075, 100. 35, 100 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Virtue—500, 74 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2500, 75.
Republic—1000, 94.
Halifax Ry.—15, 97.
Roy. Elec.—1, 192 $\frac{1}{2}$. 50, 193.
Mchts. Bk.—10, 162. 4, 161 $\frac{1}{2}$. 21, 160 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Bk. of Com.—10 116.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Virtue advanced in the afternoon on the report that the values as assayed by Prof. Donald of McGill are much higher than the estimate put on them by Mr. Obalski without scientific assays.

AFTERNOON SALES.

C. P. R.—30, 99.
R. & O.—175, 111.
Hx. Ry.—5, 97 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Tor. Ry.—110, 100. 155, 99 $\frac{1}{2}$. 160, 100.
Virtue Co.—1500, 75. 8500, 76. 1500, 76 $\frac{1}{2}$.
3000, 77. 500, 78.
Royal Elec.—25, 193. 25, 192 $\frac{1}{2}$.
R-public—2000, 91.
M. S. R.—200, 290. 50, 290 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Mt'l. Gas.—25, 189.
Cable Regd. Bd.—\$3700, 103 $\frac{1}{2}$.

LONDON CABLE.

O. Meredith & Co.'s Cable gives the following London quotations:

Grand Trunk, guaranteed 4 p.c.	94
" 1st preference	93 $\frac{1}{2}$
" 2nd "	69 $\frac{1}{2}$
" 3rd "	27 $\frac{1}{2}$
G. T. R. Com.	
O. P. R.	101 $\frac{1}{2}$

MONTREAL STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Jan	\$138,086.33	Inc.	\$10,810.29
Feb. 18,	3,679.77	Inc.	215.99
" 19,	4,571.56	"	364.25
" 20,	4,570.35	"	345.11
" 21,	4,401.71	"	118.26
" 22,	4,204.00	"	44.63
" 23,	4,412.04	"	319.67
" 24,	4,835.09	"	467.49
" 25,	2,716.26	ec.	54.10
" 26,	4,248.51	"	7.21

TORONTO STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Jan	\$114,579.49	Inc.	\$15,657.92
Feb. 16,	1,905.89	Inc.	324.63
" 17,	4,495.21	"	542.38
" 18,	1,554.15	"	150.87
" 19,	3,709.10	"	231.13
" 20,	3,018.08	"	294.13
" 23,	4,727.10	"	710.49
" 24,	4,734.40	"	753.94
" 25,	1,535.34	"	253.48

TWIN CITY RAPID TRANSIT CO.

Total for Jan	\$217,252.45	Inc.	\$29,915.75
For week ending		Compared with last year	
Feb. 7,	\$40,845.10	Inc.	\$ 7,553.80
" 14,	47,763.85	"	5,811.95
" 21,	49,333.35	"	6,300.40

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY

Month of January	\$1,475.40	Inc.	\$2,770.62
For week ending		Compared with previous year.	
Feb. 4	2,377.47	Inc.	507.09
" 11	2,247.54	"	323.10
" 18	2,324.60	"	508.65