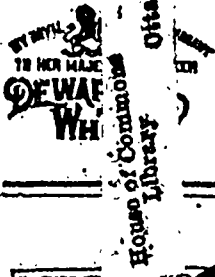


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MARKET FIRM BUT QUIET—LITTLE BUSINESS DONE TO-DAY—N. Y. BANK STATEMENT THE WORST FOR A LONG TIME.

The Saturday session was, for general business at least, not more active and lively than yesterday's. Offerings were few and buying of little account, so that if some stocks were strong there was little doing in the market. Market quietness in the circumstances, it is to be hoped, is not a premonition of trouble from any source. The European situation seems very favorable, the war loan well taken up and no intervention threatened. The financial position is considered almost certain to cause a short period of higher bank rates, but is not serious enough to cause anxiety. No explanation seems to suit the present inactivity except this, that people who deal in securities are taking a rest. Business instinct will rouse them up again ere very long to their usual liveliness.

MORNING SALES.

Can. Pacific—10, 95½. 25, 95½.
Halifax Ry—25, 96½.
Mont. St. Ry—100, 303. 10, 304. 325, 303½.
25, 304½. 25, 305.
Toronto Ry—75, 101. 250, 101½.
Republic—1000, 113½. 1700, 113. 2500, 112.
Virtue—100, 100. 5500, 99½.
War Eagle—500, 135.
Payne Co—500, 130. 500, 129. 500, 127.
500, 126. 1000, 125½. 1750, 128. 500, 133. 1000, 131.
Dom. Coitas—50, 103½.
Twin City—25, 64½.
Mchts. Bk.—34, 160. 10, 160½.
Dom. Coal pfd.—5, 116½. 20, 117.

STRAWS.

Bank of British North America post rates 4.88½ and 4.87.

From British Guiana raw gold to the amount of \$62,508 was imported in 1898, while in 1899 the amount was \$46,676.

The "Coal Trade Journal" says the tone of the Anthracite trade is quiet and there is an easier feeling in all the soft coal markets.

C. P. R. is said to have withdrawn collinst rates, which it had steadily opposed since they were inaugurated by the Great Northern a year ago.

The despatch, refusing offer of mediation between Britain and the Transvaal has been received at the State Department, Washington.

In 1898-9 the exports of Canadian produce amounted to \$91,108,485 from July to January and for the same period this year \$108,001,132.

The prompt settlement by the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation has already covered the first 28 deaths in the Canadian Contingent by \$28,000.

Owing to high prices for cotton, people in the South who have held cotton for a number of years have now sold and there is practically no cotton left.

Postmasters in towns and villages are paid by a percentage:—40 p. c. on \$800 revenue; 25 per cent. between that and \$10,000; 15 per cent. on revenue over \$10,000.

MONTREAL STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Feb.....	\$122,509.64	Inc.	\$9,671.62
Mar. 8,	4,481.45	Inc.	841.35
" 9,	4,253.05		295.70
" 10,	4,374.90		147.49
" 11,	3,561.54		490.62
" 12,	5,037.52		792.12
" 13,	4,364.13		104.19
" 14,	4,272.54		407.60
" 15,	4,432.14		189.68

LONDON AND PARIS.

Mar. 17, 1900.

Bank of England rate	4
Open discount rate.....	4
Paris Rentes	101-22½
French Exchange.....	25f. 21
Consols, money	101½
Canadian Pacific	97½
New York Central.....	183½
St. Paul.....	127
Union Pacific.....	76½

LONDON CABLE.

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

Grand Trunk, guaranteed 4 p.c.....	94
" 1st preference.....	93
" 2nd "	68
" 3rd "	27
G. T. R. Com.....	
O. P. R. rd.....	97½

TORONTO STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Feb.....	\$104,763.69	Inc.	\$12,221.93
Mar. 6,	3,975.22		41.92
" 7,	4,255.11		956.44
" 8,	4,190.11		90.68
" 9,	4,334.14		92.89
" 10,	4,767.63		863.23
" 11,	1,693.73		27.14
" 12,	3,907.14		61.97
" 13,	3,933.92		570.02

TWIN CITY RAPID TRANSIT CO

Total for Feb....	\$197,385.75	Inc....	\$26,252.00
For week ending		Compared with last year	
Feb. 7,	\$49,845.10	Inc.,	\$ 7,353.80
" 14,	47,763.85		5,841.95
" 21,	49,388.35		5,800.60
" 28,	50,418.15		7,755.85
Mar. 7,	48,908.80		6,137.90

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.

Month of February....	\$8,982.41	Inc....	\$1,450.69
For week ending		Compared with previous year	
Feb. 4.....	2,377.47	Inc.,	507.69
" 11.....	2,247.54		323.10
" 18.....	2,324.60		508.65
" 25.....	2,220.78		338.72
March 7.....	2,070.63		167.00