an order from the Intercolonial Railway to equip three or four locomotives with water-grates for the consumption of coke. The engines referred to will be used in the yards at Halifax, and in order to keep them in fuel the Company will need to supply 3,000 tons of coke per annum. This is the commencement of what promises to be a very extensive and satisfactory business in supplying coke for Railway purposes.

Call money in Montreal 5	
Call money in London 2	
Call money in New York	8 p.c.
Bank of England rate	5 p.c.
Consols	104 p.c.
Demand sterling	1.2 p.c.
60 days' sight sterling 8	3-4 p.c.

## MINING MATTERS.

 Centre Star
 930

 Virginia
 20

 Totals
 6,106

The closing prices of the listed stocks as compared with last week and sales for the week were as follows:—

10113.	A w	k. ago.	To-day.	Sales.
War Eagle		279	276	7,000
Payne		1043	117	6,900
Montreal-London		47	44	1,900
Republic		118	118	9,550
Virtue		47	47	10,400

The transactions in War Eagle during the week have been small, amounting to 7,000 shares only. It is not likely that much activity in the stock will be witnessed until after the annual meeting, when some announcement will probably be given as to the Directors' policy for the future. The shipments of ore from the Mine during the week amounted to 2,550 tons. This is the largest in the history of the Company for any single week, and is also larger than the output of the Le Roi Mine for the week. At the 750-foot level the stope shows 5 feet of \$90 ore—the richest in the camp. In the old chute at the 250-foot level, where work was lately revived, a 5-foot ore chute of \$30 ore has been uncovered.

Centre Star sold to-day at 162, the final sale being at 161. It seems firm at these figures, and will probably not go much if any lower. The property is looking magnificent. The main chute is more than twice what was expected when the mine was purchased. In places it is 30 feet wide, and the average width for its length of 300 feet is 16 feet. All of it goes to the smelter unsorted, and the grade is improving.

The improvement in Payne during the week has been quite encouraging to holders of the stock, the reason being the prospects of an early resumption of work at the mine.

The company will probably ignore the 8-hour aday labor law, which it is stated is unconstitutional, and if a fine is imposed for its infringement the case will be appealed if necessary to the Privy Council.

Mr. Bernard Macdonald, the engineer of the Slocan Sovereign Company, reports that shipments from the Madison-Argenta Group will commence on the 1st of January next, and that a very satisfactory profit may be expected to result therefrom. The Sovereign itself will hardly commence to ship so soon, but will follow suit shortly after.

Application will be made to have the stock of the Slocan Sovereign Company listed on the Montreal Stock Exchange.

Owing to a breakage in the machinery at the Dufferin mine, the 60 stamp mill had to cease operation for several days last month, but it is now working again.

Golden Star keeps steady at 30 to 31. The last clean up was better than was looked for, and the Superintendent's report regarding the outlook is very favorable.

A dividend of 1c. per share, payable 1st December, has been declared on the stock of the Rambler-Cariboo Company.

There are 40,000 tons of ore blocked out in the stopes of the North Star mine, and as it is of a high grade it is estimated that the value of the ore in sight is \$1,500,000. The mine is ready to ship as soon as the railway company can handle the ore.

The statement that the Crow's Nest Coal Co. propose to issue more stock is emphatically denied by the managing director of the Co. The shares have fluctuated in value greatly during the past few weeks, the last sales having taken place at 140.

The estimated value of the output of the Cripple Creek camp for the present year is \$18,000,000 as against \$15,000,000 for 1898.

## MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE SALES

THURSDAY, 2nd NO MORNING BOARD.	300	Toronto Street 109½ 109½ 109½ 109½
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