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Montreal Stock Market.

OUTSIDE MARKET STRONG, THE LOCAL ONE DULL EXCEPT IN C.P.R.—MINING STOCK LOWER SLIGHTLY—MONEY TIGHTER AT 6 AND OVER.

Montreal, Oct. 26.

Except in Canadian Pacific the market was dull and the movement downward, whereas in the outside market there was considerable strength, even Chicago seeming about to have today one of her 24 hour rallies. Over 1000 shares of C.P.R., were sold at good prices, the highest being 96, which is fully $\frac{1}{2}$ advance on the best of yesterday's. The higher cable quotation this morning of course allowed the internal worth of this stock to be shown. Apart from this good day in Pacific the trading in the general list was very feeble. Montreal Street Railway was under no pressure either way and sold at 311, about yesterday's price. The same can be said of Twin City at 62, of Payne at 106, and Bell Telephone at 191 $\frac{1}{2}$. The driving at Toronto Ry. continued today with some activity and forced a recession of $\frac{1}{2}$ point. After the stock had sold down to 109 $\frac{1}{2}$, support developed around 109 $\frac{1}{2}$. War Eagle and Republic were weaker by 1 point. Much enthusiasm was generated by a quasi auction of Centre Star about the closing. On Centre Star being bidden up to 170, there was a cheering and counter cheering. This very unusual informality relieved the monotony of a dull inactive market.

MORNING SALES.

Can. Pac.—100, 95 $\frac{1}{2}$, 100, 95 $\frac{1}{2}$, 415, 95 $\frac{1}{2}$.
10, 98, 100, 95 $\frac{1}{2}$, 150, 95 $\frac{1}{2}$, 75, 95.
Twin City—100, 62.
Mont. St. Ry.—100, 311.
Tor. Ry.—50, 110, 50, 109 $\frac{1}{2}$, 25, 109 $\frac{1}{2}$, 25,
109 $\frac{1}{2}$.
War Eagle—1000, 303, 500, 300.
Republic—500, 122.
Payne—25, 108.
Bell Tel.—8, 191 $\frac{1}{2}$.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Can. Pac.—50, 95, 100, 94 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Mont. St. Ry.—200, 311.
Com. Cable—20, 183.
Tor. Ry.—50, 109 $\frac{1}{2}$, 100, 109 $\frac{1}{2}$.
War Eagle—500, 290, 500, 294.

THE YEAR BOOK OF CANADA.

George Johnson, Statistician.

The statistical year book of Canada for 1898, sent out by Mr. George Johnson, F.S.S., statistician, from the Statistic Division of the Agricultural Department, is a masterly presentation of the very heterogeneous mass of important facts about the Dominion. This year's book which is the fourteenth of the series, gives a needful quantification of the Dominion's expansion in all lines, an expansion which, without the book would be known indefinitely. Problems in the diverse industries of Canada need not with this volume at hand be discussed on general principles but with detailed treatment which always carries a greater conviction. Under appropriate heads there is set forth with admirable clearness the facts about Agriculture, Fisheries, Mining, Finance, Education, Navigation, etc., subdivided and compared one year with another. Practical men and theorists, therefore, in these various subjects, have in Mr. Johnson's year book a copious well spring of reliable data from which to draw materials for what they believe will be useful. Financiers will find interesting figures under the head of Finance about banks and insurance companies, philanthropists will turn the criminal statistics into levers for raising the lapsed masses, mining agitators will get at page 410, that item of lead taxation which the Exchange News has several times spoken of as injurious, and imperialists will view with satisfaction on page 74 a complete interchange of ratios in 15 years of agricultural exports as to Great Britain and the United States. In 1867 these exports were to Great Britain 20.24 per cent and to the United States 65.92, while in 1892 these exports stood at 77.28 for Britain and 18.84 for the States. Further, in 1898 these percentages were 87.33 and 6.67. Glimpses here and there into this valuable repository of statistics is all that is possible, and one glimpse at the railway accident columns shows that the decrease of passengers killed per million carried is one

from 2.11 to .27 in 23 years, while another, at page 403, astonishes by the small amount of even registered letters gone amiss. There is a valuable resume of Canadian mining laws, and eleven pages that form a Canadian date book, beginning with its discovery in 1497, and ending with the Plebiscite of September 29, 1898.

The compilation of this 1898 year book has required much care in getting the figures correct, the arrangement of these in so clear a form has needed the exercise of patience and ability. Its facts are colorless, but they are capable of being used by all shades of politicians, and the whole book is to the Dominion what well kept books are to a private business.

THE REPUBLIC LEDGE.

It Has Been Tapped at a Depth of 600 Feet.

(Rossland Miner, Oct. 13.)

Republic, Wash., Oct. 18.—At a depth of 600 feet and at a distance of 2,200 feet from the mouth of the tunnel the Republic ledge has been crosscut 27 feet wide, assaying from \$62 to \$184 to the ton. The south winze and north drift above are very rich.

THE NEW ST. ELMO PLANT.

It Is Now Being Installed and Will Soon Be in Motion.

(Rossland Miner, Oct. 19.)

The compressor plant for the New St. Elmo has been hauled, with the exception of the 50-horse power motor, to the site and some of the parts have already been installed. It is thought by the management that the plant will be ready for use within a month. The motor will be of the induction type. The compressor consists of the half of a 10-drill plant. The idea in securing a plant of this type was that as soon as the exigencies of the property demand it the other half could be added without any great inconvenience. The drift tunnel is in for a distance of 600 feet and a crosscut has been run from this tunnel for a distance of 50 feet. The crosscut is being run for the purpose of cutting a ledge on the property that lies south of the ledge which has been drifted on. The showing of ore in the property is very fair and it is now thought that ultimately it will prove to be a producer of considerable pay ore.

MONTREAL MINING EXCHANGE

STOCKS NOT QUITE SO ACTIVE — PRICES, HOWEVER, REMAIN FIRM — A WAITING MARKET.

Montreal, Oct. 20.

During the last few days the market has developed unusual activity, transactions being quite heavy, and today it was not far behind, although not quite so pronounced.

For this the important news of the last few days has been chiefly responsible. Although the general bullish and optimistic feeling as to the future of the mines and market has served as a solid basis on which to build.

There were several of the unlisted stocks traded in today, amongst which were Empress, 1000 shares of which sold at 19½, and King, 2500 of which sold at 24½.

Virtue sold to the amount of 2000 shares at 42½, and Montreal-London was traded in in broken lots at 48, 46 and 46½.

The demand for Rambler Cariboo is good, but there is no stock on the market.

The feeling in Golden Star was firmer with a better undertone, but no sales took place.

Big Three appears to be selling round bottom prices, it sold this morning for 1500, at 13 and for a small lot of 250 shares at 13½.

There were sales recorded in Republic at 122, and in Slocan Sovereign at 35½.

The following statement has been forwarded to the shareholders of the Bullion Mining Company. A sale of land has been completed by which the company will receive \$30,000 in cash and 30,000 shares in the new company, which will be known as Bullion No. 2, of which the president is Sir R. Cartwright. The new company's capital stock will be \$1,000,000 shares at \$1 each, divided as follows: 300,000 shares paid for by the shareholders of the new company, 300,000 shares to the Bullion Mining Company, 400,000 shares in the treasury to provide the necessary working capital.

The Mining Exchange gave a hearty welcome this morning to its president, Mr. A. W. Morris, who returned yesterday from the West. He speaks in glowing terms of the mines and the future of the mines.

MORNING SALES.

Virtue—2000, 42½.
Montreal-London—200, 48, 30, 46, 30,
46½.
Slocan Sov.—200, 35, 500, 35½.
Big Three—1500, 13, 250, 13½.
Republic—500, 122.
Empire—1000, 19½.
King—2500, 24½.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Virtue—1000, 42½, 500, 43.
Empire—1000, 19, 1000, 18½.
Republic—3500, 121.
Payne—500, 104.

MR. PRESIDENT MORRIS RETURNS

After an absence of six weeks, Mr. Morris appeared on the floor of the Mining Exchange. During his travels Mr. Morris visited the chief points of mining interest in the West. The reports from Montreal-Oregon are most encouraging. The delay in installation of machinery is unavoidable, owing to the heavy business in that direction. Three months will see the mine an active hive of industry.

MONTREAL MINING EXCHANGE

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	Asked. Bid.	Oct. 23.	Asked. Bid.	Oct. 24.	Asked. Bid.	Oct. 25.	Asked. Bid.	Oct. 26.
1.00 Payne	1.05	1.04	1.06	1.04	1.06	1.02	1.05	1.03
1.00 War Eagle	8.03	2.98	8.08	8.03	8.10	8.01	2.97	2.95
1.00 Republic	1.24	1.23	1.24	1.23	1.28	1.22	1.21	1.20
1.00 Virtue.....	.46	.40	.45	.42	.46	.42	.44	.42
.24 Montreal-London'.....	.49	.48	.50	.45	.50	.48	.50	.45
1.00 Big Three.....	.14	.13	.18	.13	.13	.12	.13	.12
1.00 Brandon & Gold'n Crown .....	.29	.27	.30	.28	.28	.28	.30	.28
1.00 California'.....	.18	.13	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.11
.10 Canada Gold Fields Hyn. ....	.07	.05	.07	.06	.07	.06	.07	.05
5.00 Cariboo Hydraulic.....	1.39	...	1.40	...	1.40	...	1.40	...
1.00 Evening Star.....	.08	.06	.08	.07	.08	.07	.08	.07
.25 Fern.....	.20	.10	.20	.12	.20	.12	.20	.12
1.00 Gold Hills Developing....	.07	.06	.07	.06	.07	.06	.07	.06
1.00 Iron' Colt .....	.04	.03	.04	.03	.04	.03	.04	.03
1.00 Knob Hill .....	.90	.70	.90	.80	.90	.80	.90	.87
1.00 Monte Christo Con.....	.06	.04	.05	.04	.05	.04	.05	.04
.25 Montreal Gold Fields.....	.14	.12	.13	.12	.13	.12	.12	.12
1.00 Noble Five.....	.24	.17	.28	.19	.20	.15	.22	.15
.10 Novelty .....	.03	.02	.03	.02	.03	.02	.03	.02
1.00 Old Ironsides.....	1.10	...	1.10	...	1.10	1.00	1.10	1.00
1.00 Virginia.....	.84	.07	.09	.06	.08	.06	.08	.06
1.00 Rambler Cariboo.....	...	.54	...	.55	...	...	...	...
1.00 Bullion .....	.60	.45	...	.60	.40	.58	.40	.40
1.00 Decca.....	.26	.20	.26	.20	.26	.20	.26	.18
1.00 Morrison.....	.18	.19	.14	.11	.14	.11	.14	.11
1.00 Golden Star .....	.30	.28	.30	.28	.32	.28	.33	.30
1.00 Slocan Sov.....	.38	.35	.37	.35	.36	.35	.38	.35
1.00 Fontenoy G. M. Co. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1.00 Rathmullen.....	.08	...	.08	.07	.08	.07	.08	.07
1.00-Winnipeg.....	.32	.28	.32	.29	.32	.29	.32	.29
1.00 Dardanelles.....	.13	.10	.13	.10	.13	.10	.13	.10
1.00 Deer Trail No. 2:d.....	.20	.19	.20	.19	.21	.21	.21	.20
North Star.....	1.06	1.02	1.06	1.01

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CAPITALIZATION OF MINING COMPANIES.

The question is often asked us, why mining companies capitalize so high and then sell their stock so low; why they do not capitalize at what the stock is worth and sell at par?

As a matter of fact, it is an exceedingly difficult matter to foretell just what any mining stock will be worth with development. Ninety-nine companies out of a hundred which are organized own properties which are yet in the development stage. While a great many of them have little merit, still quite a number of others may with proper development prove to be large mines. And yet if they were capitalized on a basis of the actual selling value at the time the company was organized, it would often mean a capitalization of not more than \$25,000 to \$75,000. Probably of the really good showing prospective properties put on the market the cash cost to the company will not average to exceed \$50,000. Now, if a company should capitalize at \$50,000 and it takes \$50,000 to open the properties up, which amount is often used than the investing public realize, then the capitalization would have to be \$100,000—\$50,000 to pay for the properties and \$50,000 for development work, and yet the stock might pay more than par per share in dividends each year after the property was opened up and the stock be readily worth ten-fold the par value.

There have been numerous instances in Colorado where companies have been organized at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, where the stock has gone up to a selling value of from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,000. When the companies were organized, the chances are that many people thought the capitalization was high. We remember when Mollie Gibson was capitalized at \$1,250,000. The capitalization was considered so high that the stock would not sell on the Denver market at 13 cents per share, the price asked for it through the public press, and yet that stock paid 15 cents per share per month in dividends after they got their property opened up, so that taking it all in all, it is exceedingly difficult to say what would be a fair capitalization for any mining company. The custom in Colorado has been to capitalize at anywhere from one to two million dollars in one dollar shares, and then to put say from 25 to 50 per cent. of the stock in the treasury of the company for the purpose of raising money to develop the properties.

The amount set aside is presumed to be based on the needs of the company for funds for development purposes, and is also presumed to take into consideration the actual cost of the property to the promoters in relation to the amount of capital needed for development. The custom with the more conservative concerns is to organize at from one to two million dollars, place a certain portion of their stock in the treasury, have engineers make an estimate of what it will cost to open their property up and set a price on their stock so that when it is sold it will cover that cost, and also leave a margin for emergencies. In some cases the

MINING STOCKS.

Stock.	Name of Secretary.	Address.
Payne.....	C. H. Low.....	Street Railway Building.
War Eagle.....	E. J. Kingstone.....	Gooderham Building, Toronto.
Republic.....	J. J. Stewart.....	Lancashire Life Building.
Virtue.....	C. E. Gault.....	Notre Dame Street.
Montreal-London.....	T. J. Claxton.....	Savings Bank Building.
Big Three.....	C. E. Gault.....	Notre Dame Street.
Brandon G. Crown.....	W. L. Ordo.....	Rossland, B. C.
California.....	G. W. Wooster.....	Spokane.
Canada Gold Fields.....	J. C. Hodgson.....	Guardian Life Building.
Cariboo-Hydraulic.....	J. L. Love.....	Toronto.
Evening Star.....	W. H. Smiley.....	Spokane.
Fern.....	Bligstocke.....	Nelson, B. C.
Gold Hills Dev.	M. Lang.....	Toronto.
Iron Colt.....	Th. Anderson.....	Rossland, B. C.
Knob Hill.....	G. W. Wooster.....	Spokane (A. L. White, Can. Life Bldg.).
Monto Christo.....	Thos. Corsan.....	McCuaig, Ryckert & Co.
Noble Five.....	F. J. Holman.....	Spokane.
Novelty.....	Thos. Anderson.....	Rossland, B. C.
Old Ironsides.....	G. W. Wooster.....	Spokane.
Virginia.....	Thos. Corsan.....	Rossland, B. C.
Rambler-Cariboo....	W. H. Adams.....	Kalso, B. C.
Bullion.....	Rogers.....	Rat Portage, Ont.
Decca.....	B. Sawyer.....	Temple Building.
Morrison.....	Geo. I. Crane.....	Spokane.
Golden Star.....	A. C. Neils.....	McKinnian Building, Toronto.
Slocan Sovereign.....	Jas. Duncan.....	Savings Bank Building.
Fontenoy.....	Maurice Hill.....	Victoria, B. C.
Rathmullen.....	L. H. Moffat.....	Rossland, B. C.
Winnipeg.....	W. F. Henry.....	Greenwood City, B. C.
Dardanelles.....	F. Petters.....	Victoria, B. C.
Deer Trail No. 2.....	F. E. Goodall.....	Spokane.

UNLISTED.

Van Anda.....	.....	Victoria, B. C.
Princess Maud.....	C. S. Rutter.....	Spokane.
King.....	Smith Curtis.....	Rossland, B. C.
Black Tail.....	H. K. Galusha.....	Spokane.
Molly Gibson.....	C. French.....	Sherbrooke, P. Q.
Okanagan.....	Peiser.....	Rossland, B. C.

estimate of the amount required may have been too small, say \$25,000 or \$50,000, and the stock put on the market at a proportionate ratio. In other cases it may take from \$100,000 to \$200,000 to develop the properties and equip them with the necessary machinery and reduction works, and the stock would be proportionately higher; the higher priced stock being probably the cheapest in the long run, as it probably represented a much better property. The question of capitalization does not cut much figure. The main question for the investor is as to whether the stock would be a good buy at the price asked; whether it is a good buy at 5 cents, 10 cents, 20 cents, or whatever price is asked for it. The price asked cuts very little figure. If it be a dollar a share and 100 shares will pay \$20 per year in dividends, then the stock is a good buy at a dollar per share. If it takes 1000 shares to earn \$20 per year in dividends, then the stock is a good buy at ten cents per share. The first thing for a buyer to find is whether the property which is represented by the stock has intrinsic value back of it, whether the property itself is worth the amount of money represented by the selling price of the stock. Next, whether it is in the hands of practical mining men of integrity; men who know how to open the property up and how to work it to the best advantage when it was opened. With these two conditions all right, the chances are the third condition, as to whether the stock was too high or not, would be amply covered. And it would be of very little consequence to the buyer whether the company is capitalized at \$100,000 or at \$2,000,000, he would have to invest the same amount of money to secure the same amount of returns.

Of course, in speaking thus, we speak only of mining as a legitimate business, carried on on legitimate lines. The accidental discoveries which are occasionally made which jump a stock from nothing to hundreds of thousands in a little time we do not take into consideration.

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MINING STOCK LIST

NAME.	Morning Price Asked.	Mid.	Par Value.	Capital.	Divi. d'nd	When Payable	Description.	LOCATION.
B. C. Gold Fields	4	3½	1 00	2,500,000	.....	.....	Gold.	Tyall Creek; B. C.
Big Three.....	13½	12	1 00	3,500,000	.....	.....	Gold; Copper.	do
Deer Park.....	4½	3½	1 00	1,250,000	.....	.....	Gold.	do
Grand Prize	3	.....	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Gold Hills.....	7	6	1 00	2,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Homestake.....	4	3½	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Iron Colt.....	4	3½	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
St. Elmo.....	6½	4	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Victory Triumph.....	7	5	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	Gold, Copper.	do
White Bear.....	5	8	1 00	2,000,000	.....	.....	Gold.	do
Butte.....	11	10	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	Gold; Copper.	do
Canada Gold Fields Syn.....	7½	6	10	1,000,000	.....	.....	Gold.	do
California.....	12	11	1 00	2,500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Evening Star.....	8½	7	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Iron Mask.....	7½	6½	1 00	500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Monte Christo.....	5½	4	1 00	2,500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Montreal Gold Fields.....	12½	12	25	800,000	.....	.....	do	do
Novelty.....	3½	2½	10	150,000	.....	.....	do	do
Virginia.....	8½	8½	1 00	500,000	.....	.....	do	do
War Eagle.....	3 0½	2 9½	1 00	1,750,000	1½	Monthly.	do	do
Dardanelles	13½	10½	1 00	100,000	.....	.....	Silver and Lead.	Slocan; B.C.
Fern.....	20	12	25	200,000	5pc.	One paid	Gold.	do
Noble Five.....	20	15	1 00	1,200,000	.....	.....	Silver and Lead.	do
Rambler Cariboo .....	.....	.....	1 00	1,250,000	.....	Two paid...	Gold.	do
Slocan Sovereign	38	35½	1 00	1,500,000	.....	.....	Silver and Lead.	do
Montreal-London.....	50	44	24	452,000	1½%	Monthly.	Gold; Silver, Lead.	N. S., Slocan, B.C.
Cariboo McKinney.....	1 20	.....	1 00	800,000	1pc.	Monthly.	Gold.	Camp McKinney, B.C.
Fountainay .....	.....	.....	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Minnehaha.....	14	12	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Waterloo.....	13	12	10	100,000	.....	.....	do	do
Knob Hill.....	90	87	1 00	1,500,200	.....	.....	do	do
Old Ironsides	1 10	1 00	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	Boundary, B.C.
Pay Ore.....	8	.....	10	250,000	.....	.....	do	do
King (Oro de Oro).....	23	20	1 00	2,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Rathmullen.....	8½	7½	1 00	2,500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Brandon and Golden Crown	30½	28½	1 00	1,500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Alice A.....	12	9	1 00	1,200,000	.....	.....	do	Séine River; Ont.
Olive.....	75	65	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
J. O. 41.....	4	2	1 00	500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Decca.....	26	20	1 00	975,000	.....	.....	do	do
Golden Star.....	35	29	1 00	1,200,000	.....	.....	do	do
Republic	1 22	1 21	1 00	3,500,000	1pc.	Monthly.	do	Republid.
Jim Blaine.....	40	35	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Lone Pine.....	30	23	1 00	1,060,000	.....	.....	do	do
Black Tail.....	16	11½	1 00	1,250,000	.....	.....	do	do
Deer Trail.....	21	20½	1 00	1,000,000	1pc.	Monthly.	do	do
Princess Maid.....	12	8	10	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Smuggler	3½	2½	1 00	1,200,000	.....	.....	do	Fairview Camp, B.C.
Virtue.....	43	42	1 00	1,250,000	.....	.....	do	Baker City, Ore.
Payne.....	1 04½	1 02	1 00	3,000,000	.....	.....	Silver and Lead.	Sandon, B.C.
Crow's Nest Pass Coal.....	£43 50	39 00	25 00	2,000,000	.....	.....	Coal.	Crow's Nest Pass.
Cariboo-Hydraulic.....	1 40	.....	5 00	5,000,000	.....	.....	Gold.	Cariboo District.
Van Andra.....	9	8	1 00	5,000,000	.....	.....	do	Texada Island.
Carnes Creek Cons.....	15	10	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	Revelstoke, B.C.

BONDS AND DEBENTURES.

AMOUNT ISSUED.	%	INTEREST PAYABLE.	*BONDS.	LAST SALES:	REDEMEMABLE.	WEEKS PAYABLE.
600,000	7	May Nov.	Mont. Corporation Consol'd. Stock.	1824	Permanent.....	Bank of Montreal.
240,000	5	Jan. July	do do do	.....	1910.....	" "
1,950,000	4	May Nov.	Stock.....	106	1925.....	" "
7,080,000	3	" "	do do	100	Permanent.....	" "
5	Jan. July	Montreal Harbor Bonds Currency....	116	1913 & 1914 5 Jly	" "	" "
136,700	5	" "	Toronto City do do	117-120	.....	Lloyds, Banetis & Bosanquet.
874,260	4	" "	do do do	101-106	1904; 1894.....	" "
22,500	6	.....	Auer Light.....	100	.....	do
940,000	5	April Oct.	Bell Telephone.....	117	1925.....	Bank of Montreal.
6	May Nov.	Canada Central R'y .....	.....	.....	1939 1st Nov.....	" "
2,000,000	6	2nd April Oct.	Canada Colored Cotton Mills.....	101½	1902 April	" "
3,423,030	5	1st April Oct.	Canadian Pacific R'y. Land Grant...	110	1931.....	" "
200,000	5	1st May Nov.	Canadian Paper Co.....	106½	1917	do
{ 20,000,000	4	Jn. Ap. Ju. Oc	Commercial Cable Coupons }.....	104	2397'	do
£300,000	4½	Jan. July	Dominion Cotton.....	100	1916 1st Jan'	do
600,000	5	1st Jsn. July	Halifax Electric Tramway.....	108	1916-Jan.....	Bank of Nova Scotia.
350,000	5	1st Ap'l 1st Oct.	Intercolonial Coal Co.....	100	1918 April.....	Bank of Montreal.
6	2nd Jan. July	Lk. Champlain & St. Lawrence Jo.	100	1910.....	" "	
5	" "	Montreal Loan & Mortgage.....	.....	.....	do	
292,000	5	1st Mch 1st Sep.	Montreal Street R'y .....	.....	1908 1st Mch'	do
631,333	4½	1st Feb. 1st Aug.	do do	.....	1922 1st Aug	do
700,000	5	1st April Oct.	Peoples Heat & Light	80	1917 April	Merchants Bank of Halifax
554,313	5	1st Mch Sep.	Richelieu & Ont. Nav.....	100	1915 1st Mch	do
674,300	5	1st April Oct.	Royal Electric .....	.....	do	do
2,739,933	4½	Mch Sep.	Toronto Railway.....	108	1931 31st Aug	do
450,000	4½	1st Jan. July	Windsor Hotel.....	100	1912.....	Bank of Montreal.

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