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## Montreal Stock Maket

## REVIEW FROM MAY 12th TO MAY 18th, INCLUSIVE.

Money Stringenoy Still Main Cause of Inactivity,

## BROKERS REFUSE TO BUY STOCKS

Canadian Paoifio Firmly Helra But<br>Reaots Slightly.

Money on Call Scarce at 5 P. C.

SALES FOR THE WEEK.

| Repablic....................................... | 63,65ì |
| :---: | :---: |
| Payne Mining................................ | 11,400 |
| War Eagla .................................... | 19,475 |
| Montresl \& London........... ... ........ | 27,135 |
| Oanzdian Pacific............... . .......... | 8,850 |
| Torontrs St. Kailvay......................... | 1,115 |
| Montrcal St. Railway | 1,E86 |
| Now Street. | 952 |
| Royal Electric | 300 |
| Montreal Gas. | 258 |
| Dominion Ootton Co | . 15 |
| Com. Oable | 175 |
| Montreal Telegraph Co. | 39 |
| Rich. \& Ont. Nav. Oo. | 6 ? |
| Twin Clty. | 1,605 |
| Dulath Com | 100 |
| Doluth Pfd. | 350 |
| Montreal Cottor |  |
| Tanada Col. Cotton | 25 |
| Canadian Bank of Com........................ | 68 |
| Bank of Nontreal. | 27 |
| MLolron's Bant. | 15 |
| Ontario Bank. | 25 |
| Eallfax Heat \& Ligh | 50 |
| Cansria Ool. Ootton Bonds . | \$1,500 |

RANGE FROM MAY 12TH TO MAY 18TH INOLUSIVE.

|  | HIGH. | Low. | CLOSE. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Oan. Pacific....... | 983 | 97 | 978 |
| Montreal Street... | . 327 | 319 | 322 |
| New Street......... | 321 | 316 | 319 |
| Toronto Railway.. | 118 | 117 | 118 |
| Royal Electric..... | 188 | 187 | 188 |
| Rich. \& O. N. Co... | 1139 | 112\% | 113 |
| War Eagle.......... | 378 | $368 \frac{1}{2}$ | 375 |
| Dom. Cotton......... | 112 | $110 \frac{1}{2}$ | 1102 |
| Montreal Gas....... | 205 | 202 | 202 |
| Twin City | 70 | 672 | 69 |
| Montreal-London | : 0 | 62 | 69 |
| Payne Mining..... | 391 | 388 | 391 |
| Montreal Tele...... | 175 | 175 | 175 |
| Duluth Com ........ | 43 | 47 | $4{ }^{4}$ |
| " Pfd.......... | 132 | 124 | 131 |
| Republic.......... | 133 | 128 | 132 |
| Com. Oable.......... | 1862 | 186 | 188 |

## MOHTPEEL GOSSIP.

The difficulty of borrowing money is the chief cause of complaint among the brokers. For the balance of the month no change of any consequence can be expected. One of the reasons given by some of the banks for the stringency is the withdrawal. of deposits for investment in mining ventures. Upon referring to the bank statements in the Official Gazette for the past year, the figures given there do not bear out this contention, for we find that although loans on sfock, and bonds have increased within the past treive monthas $\$ 7,500,000$, and current ioans and discounts have also increased $£ 22,500$,000 , on the other hand deposits have :ncreased nearly $\$ 32,000,000$ and circuiation $\$ 2,500,000$. From these figures it would appear thet though the business of the country, and loans in stocks and honds, have absorbed $830,000,000$ more than a year ago, this extra amount was more thr.a provided for by the increase in deposits and circulation, which amounted to $\$ 34,500,000$. Notwithstanding the increase in deposits and circulation it is not expected that banks will bs ready to lend to the full limit of this increase, but, as tho foregoing figures show, thoy are well within the lindit, having some $\$ 4,500,000$ to the good; we cannot understand why money to-day should be any harder to obtain than it was twels e months ago.
Botween the month of Maich, 1898, and Soptember, 1898, deposits increased $\$ 21,800,0 \mathrm{CO}$, and current loans and loans on stocks and bonds only increased $\$ 7,500,000$,
from which it may be inferred that money for the corresponding period of this year might become vary plentiful.

All things considered the stock market has proved itself as being woll held. Both Pacific and Twin City aro unfortunately coming into ous market from abroad which absorbs some of the floating money the banks may have for lending purposes. Brokers have been relieved during the past yoar by customers borrowing direct from the banks. At the time, money was plentitul, and operators were prompted by economical considerations, but unless money conditions change the uokers will in the end get the best of the bargain. As banks usually require very heavy margins from outside borrowers the market will have to decline heavily before stocks are dislodged. There is every indication of an active temporary lull campaign setting in on the first signs of easier money, and we think that there are several stocks which should be* bought on a scale downwards. There is no likelihood of easier prices between this and the end of the month, but reactions will be shar? when the market once turns.

CANADIAN PACIFIC.
In 1597 the land sales of this Company amounted to $\$ 665,740$, which was equal to $\$ 3.33 \frac{3}{4}$ per aere. In 1898 they amounted to \$1,121,774, thus fur 548,090 acres they have in the last two years received $\$ 1,787,514$. They still own 17,154,179 acres, which at $\$ 3.00$ per acre should be worth in round figures $\$ 51,460,900$. Thus if the ratio of sales continues as in 1898, in five years all their land will have been disposed of, and they will be in a position to have a complete readjustment of their bonded indebtedness. Threo years agn Lord Mcunt Stephen is reported as hatagg said, that it was within the realm of possibilities that Canadan Pactic would sell at 200 within five years, and though regarded then by some as highly improbable, yet the foregoing figures indicate the immense possibilities of this magnificent Canadian enterpriso.

The increase in earnings since the first of the year, although comparing with large earnings oi the previous year, have been steady, only two small decreases, which amounted to $\$ 18,000$ having been reported, against totad incroase up to dato of $\$ \bar{i} 90 ; 000$ The optimists looked for an increaso of s75,000 for the second week in May, but retarns just to hand only show $\$ 36,000$. From these figures the increases average about $\$ 44,000$ por weok, and if the same
ratio obtaing for the balance of the year it will be equivalent to nearly 8 per cont. on the common stock.

Berlin bas beon buying the stock freely for the past month, and we still hold to our former couvictions that the stock will pass into the hands of investors the world over and that the floating stock will bo so much reduced that the price will be govorned in the near future by the acknowlodged great earning power of the road.
The stock has been very active during the past woek. Opening at 971 last Friday, it declined to 97 , and in the face of a much disturbed American market it has remainel stoady to firm the last sale being made yesterday at 975 , and it closed at $97 \frac{1}{2}$ bid and $97 f$ asked. The total salos for the weok were 8,850 shares.

## MONTREAL STREET.

This security has been erratic, but in the main strung. The earnings, are keeping well up to the mark only one decrease having boen reported lately, and that was for the 14th, an exceptionally culd day. The public still insist on buying this security, though discouraged by cunservative brokers who see trouble in financing the stock. There is no doubt that exsier money will see a decided bull movement in the stock. The purchase of 200 shares of this stock means the borrowing of $\$ 32,000$, whereas 200 shares of Pacific, the par value of which is double only means the finding of $\$ 18,000$. It will thus bessen when money is hard to oftain, brokers naturally prefer buyiug the lower priced securities. Tho sales for the week amounted to 2488 shares and were made between 319 and 327.

## TORONTO RAILS.

Wostern holders continue to supply a large proportion of the stock rhich is sold in this market. This policy has been porsued siuce the stock was selling in the sixtios. They were wrong then and are just as likely to be wreng now. This security will be one of the first to advance when genoral activity is resumed, and is one of the last wo would advice selling. In keeping with the rest of the market the stock has declined fractionally having sold at 117. Between this price and 118 all the trading was done. Orly 1115 shares have been sold and it closes the week steady ai $117 \frac{1}{2}$ to $118 \frac{1}{4}$.

## TWIN CITY.

Much talk is indulged in regarding the dividend in this stock. Whatever is said must be large ${ }^{1--}$ aurmised as the directors have not yot tully considered the mattor. That the company is earning a dividend there is no doubt, and that one will be paid in August, if not in July, is almost certain. Notwithstanding the heavy decline in Wall street prices, Twin $\mathrm{Ci}^{\prime} \mathrm{v}$ only sold down to 68t. This salo was made on expectation of being able to repurchase cheaper in New York, but it was found that orders sent there, even one per cent. over the quoted price were only partially filled, and the stock advanced rapidly on a fer sales to 70. Everything considered wo think the stock is a purchase around prosent prices. Sales for the week amounted to 1625 shares and the stook closed at $68 \frac{1}{2}$ to $69 \frac{1}{2}$.

## RICHELIEU \& ONT.

The trading in this security has boen irregular but prices have been woll maintainod. The stock is ovidently well hold and but few shares come out oven on advances. Wo hear of the formation, of a syadicato who have purchased a largo track of land on tho lower St. Lawrence upon which they propose to orect a hotel and summer cottages.

This in conjunction with the idea that the Co., has boon erocting first class hotels in that distrint should benefit the Richelieu Co., which is looking forward to a big business this summer. The trading consisted of 673 shares within the range of $112 \frac{8}{8}$ and $113 \frac{3}{4}$ and the closing quotations yosterday were $112 \frac{1}{2}$ to 113 .

## War eagle.

The newis from this mine has been very favorable, and the stock, nutwithstanding the tendency of the general market, to sag has held its ground well, and in fact towards the close of the woek mads substantial advances. It has sold betireen 367 and 378, the higher prices being obtained during the latter part of the week. Total sales amounted to 19,475 shares and the closing quotations were $374 \frac{1}{2}$ to 375 .

## MONTREAL-LONDPAT.

The Directors of the above company have decided to pay a regular monthly duvidend of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and the statement is mada that even at present the management see their way to do this sasily for the next twolve inonths. It is expected that the extra 30 stamps on order and which have been delayed on account of pressure in steel trade will bo delivered and in operation about the cad of June, after which there should be soon very interesting developmonts in the Dufferin mine.
The sales for the week have been within 62 and 70 and amounted to 27,135 shares and the stoek closed yesterday at 67 to 69.

## PAYNE.

As stated in our issue of the 12th the meeting of tbe Payne shareholders will be held in Sando., B.C., on 25th May. Immediately after the meeting in Sandon, the transfer will be made to the new company. The cortificates on the now basis which will be exchanged for the old stock are now being made out so as to avoid delay, immediately the final documents are completed. The shipments from the mine from the first two weoks of the present month vere 600 tons and if this rate of shipping continues until the end of the month, the total for May sbould be in the neighborhood of 1,300 tons. Mr. B. Macdonald, in his report on the mine, states that there is 8900,000 of ore in sight in the mine and that the mine can keep: ts present rate of production for many years to come. At the present rate of shipments the mine has been earning for some time 815,000 over the monthly dividend which amounts to 825,000 .
Tho range in the price of the ehares has been between 388 and 391 and the transactions amount to 11,400 shares. The stock closed yesterday 385 to 400.

## REPUBLIC.

Wo have always contended that this mine is tho best purchase around present priceson the list, and us time rolls on we are ntore and more convinced that we are right. The reports received from the mine are of tho brightest. It has been contended right along that ore values would increase as depth was attained, and reports just to hand fully justify this contention. The lower workings, below the 1,000 -foot level, are in high grade ore, which runs $\$ 300$ to the ton. Another piece of grod nows, not for the owners of the Republic only, but for the camp in general, is that the railway to the campis assured, and will be in operation this fall. Just think what this means to the Republio minel Their net receipts at present from ore treated by the cyanide mill averages about $\$ 50,000$ per month. In addition to the ore put through the mill. there are vast quantities cf lower grade ore put on one side waiting the advent of the railway. As soon as the railway is in operation and reasonable rates made for conveying same to the smelter, it is expected that the net returns will be in the neighborhood of at least $\$ 70,000$ per month. We look upon an increase in the dividend within the next month or so as practically assured, as the mine is earning more than sufficient now to pay $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. monthly, and when this is done their monthly dividend will amount to $\$ 45,500$. The ; War Eagle dividend amounts to $\$ 25,000$ per 'month, and the Republic, hampered as it is at presont with poor shipping facilities, is paying out $\$ 6,500$ per moalh more than War Eagle. What will the mine pay out when it has proper shipping facilities, and the higher grade ores which are supposed to be low down in the mine are reached?
The sales for the past week amount to 63,600 shares betwe.s 128 sud 133. The higher figure being - bined yesterday. The closing quotations wore 132 to 135.

## Answers To Coriespondence

As wo baro epecial farilit as for obtaining corroat infor mation on all master pertancing to the valuo of stokes, wo shall bo pleased at all times to givo our subscribors tho benefit of same.
All correspondenco must be socompanied with the name and address of tho Writer, as onl

Mining Invester, St. Johns.-The mine roforred to is under development. No ore has been shipped as yet, but assay values of the ore taken out of the mine run high. We think around present prices the stock is a safe purchase.
I. M., Kingston.-The distriue you refor to has come to the front considerably within the past year, and considerable money has been made in the stocks of that district. The firms you refer to are thoroughly reliable and will be able to furnish you with full information.
I. L, Quebec.-Wa know very little personally about the mine in question but from information obtained fron parties who are well posted in the district, wo do not advise investing. The board of directors is not a strong one and tc our mind the whole schome sarors too much of the "wild cat" nature.
W. G., City.-The geneml spinion about this security is not faromble. We do not anticipate any advance and consequontly as you have a profit, would adviso solling around present prices.

MONI REAL MINING EXOHANGE.

## R. YVIEW OF TGE WEEK.

Range Ful : May 12 to May 18, Inclubive

| 66,600 Payne.. | 3912 | 388 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8,000 31g Threr | 231 | 23 |
| 2,500 Iron Colt. | 12 | [111 |
| 7,500 Virtue | 75 | 70 |
| 12,200 Monte | 122 | 114 |
| 10,895 Montreal and Londo. | 70 | 63 |
| 63,500 Morrison | 18 | 17 |
| 1,500 Decce | 26 | -5 |
| 4,250 Montreal Gold Fields.... | 201 | 204 |
| 6,500 Republic. | 134 | 130 |
| 11,000 Golden Star .................. | 54 | 51 |
| 14,500 İambler Cariboo........... | 40 | 291 |
| 500 Virglnia......................... | 21 | 21 |
| 2,000 Callfornia | 72 | 71 |
| 4,000 War Eagle. | 375 | 373 |
| 1,000 Novelty ........................ | 4 |  |
| 12,500 Evening Star ................. | 12 | 1.0 |
| 1,040 Oariboo Hydiaulic.......... | 143 | 140 |
| 800 Slocan Suv..................... | 26 | 26 |
| 1,000 Oanadian Gold Fielde.... | 6d | 2 |
| 3,000 Dardarnelles.. | 14 | 13 |
| 3,000 Knob Hill...................... | 94 | 94 |
| 600 Oity of Paris.................. | 64 | 64 |
| 1,200 Old Ironsides | 113 | 113 |
| 5,000 Insurgent ....................... | 10 | 10 |
| 5,000 Monarch........................ | 15 | 15 |
| 2,000 Surprise.... | 34 | 34 |

Virtue-The dealings during the week have been on a small scale, but at one time the stock was in great favor, having sold up to 75. It closes at a considerable reaction. Nothing authentic yet to hand re dividend. It should do better.

Monte Camisto-The confidence of the public has not yet returned as regards this stock. Small dealings have taken place betweon $11 \frac{1}{2}$ and 123 .

Morrison-In this stock trading has been on a small scale botween 17 and 18 . On declines it is a purchase for a limited profit.

Montreal Gold Fields-All business in this stock was transacted at $20 \frac{1}{2}$. It should do better. Under 20 it is safe fur a turn.

Golden Star-Though a dividend of one cent per share (making the fourth of like amount) has been declared, this security has been on the dosn grade. Many enquiries have bean made regarding it. As is generally known, it is in the Rainy River district. The nature of the ore makes it extremely expensive to treat. Toronto has bought a great deal of the stock from original holders. Should not strongly recommend it, even on declines.

Rasbler Cariboo.-The boom in this stack has been steady. From 2912 it advanced to 40. The reasons for this have not yot been madc prblic.

Ruening Star.-From 10 to 12 this stock has been in demand. On any declines the stock is a purchase. The reat of the businees for the weok was small oxcept in the Standard mining shares which are commented on in another columy of this issue.

## ROSSLAND MINING . XOHANGE <br> banga for webk.

|  | De日p Park |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7,800 | Dardanelies | 13 |  |
|  | Evening | 117 |  |
|  | Insurgent | 10 |  |
| 3,000 | Home Stal | 3 |  |
|  |  | 1 |  |
| ,000 | Monte Ohri | 113 |  |
| 1,500 | Minnohaha | 26 |  |
| 4,500 |  | $17 \frac{8}{}$ |  |
| 1,000 | Monntain Li |  |  |
| 12,300 |  | 15 |  |
| 1,500 | Republ |  |  |
| 41,500 | Rambler-Oariboo |  |  |
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## TORONTO MINING EXOBANGE

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## VANOOUVER MINIṄG EXOHANGE.

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| 1,000 | Athabasca................... | 40 | 40 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9,000 | Blue Bell. | 10 | 8 |
| 300 | Oariboo-Eydraulic | 140 | 140 |
| 7,200 | Crmp McKinney.......... | 10 | 10 |
| 9,000 | Dardanelles . . . . . . . ...... | 151 | $12 \pm$ |
| 5,000 | Deer Park.................... | $5 \frac{1}{2}$ | 51 |
| 5,900 | Financial \& Min. Trust.. | 4 | 4 |
| 1,000 | Fontenay | 151 | 151 |
| 5,000 | Golden Oache. | 1 | 1 |
| 1,000 | Iron Clad. | 10 | 10 |
|  | McKinney Mines........... | 10 | 10 |
| 15.000 | Monte Ohristo.............. | 1. | $11 \%$ |
| 4,000 | Northern Bel: .............. | 3 s | 3 |
| 2,000 | Nelson Poorman | 18 | 172 |
| 1,000 | Noble Five | 26 | $26^{\circ}$ |
| 3,500 | Pearl......... | 184 | 4 |
| 5,000 | Rambler Cariboo .......... | 37! | 372 |
| 2,000 | Rathmallen | 5 | 5 |
| 1,000 | St. Paul | 2 | 2 |
| 1,700 | St. Kevargen .............. | 3 | 3 |
| 1,000 | Van Anda | 81 | 6 |

## NEW YORK MARKET.

RANGE FROM MAE 12th TO MAY 18te, INOLUSIVE.

|  | HIGE. | Low. | CLOSE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sugar....................... | 1603 | $1 \times 6$ | 1554 |
| Tobacco | 1072 | 974 | 1074 |
| Brooklyn R. Transit... | 121年 | 10. | 116 |
| Ohicago B. \& Q........ | 1342 | 128 | 1324 |
| " Mil. \& St. P.. | $125 \frac{1}{1}$ | 121 | $124 \frac{1}{8}$ |
| " R.I.\& Pac... | 112\% | 1073 | $111 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| " \& Northwest | 154 | 151 | 153 |
| Consolidated Gas..... | 190 | 1838 | 1857 |
| Manhatten con........ | 114 | 105 | $111 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Met. Street Ry. Oo..... | 231\% | 216 | 225 |
| N. Y. Oentral | 1344 | 1301 | 134 |
| Northern Pacific..... | 514 | 488 | 504 |
| " Pfd. | . 77 | 789 | 773 |
| Pacific Mail.............. | 61 ${ }^{1}$ | 48. | 503 |
| Peoples Gas.............. | 122 | 101 | 119\% |
| Tenn. Cosl \& Iron...... | 593 | 54 | 58. |
| Union Pacific....... | 448 | 401 | 438 |
| " Pfd...... | 778 | 748 | $76 \frac{1}{3}$ |
| ग. S. Rabber........... |  | 437 | 443 |
| U. S. Leather Prd...... | 702 | 682 | 70 S |
| Air Brake .................. | 165 | 165 | 165 |
| Anaconda Oopper..... | 623 | 548 | 59 y |
| Tin Plate................. | 413 | 37 | 401 |

## REVIEW OF THE WEEK.

The past wook has been one of speculative rathor than business sensationalism. The sudden death of Governor Flower gave the market, at the ond of the woek, quite a panicky close. The declines ranged from 3 to 18 points. The chicf sufferers were naturally the Flower stoeks, Brooklyn Rapid Transit falling most, People's Gay and Federal Steel next.

Süpport was given, however, on the decline, and it becamo evident that stocke were wented at the lower level of pris. Last Saturday's Bank Statement war sidered comparatively excellent, showing a gain of over 7 millions in reserve.

The general sentiment of the financial men on Monday was, that the death of Governor Flower, while not necessarily a cause of weakness, was likely to have an unfavorable sentimental effect, on account of his great prominence on the long side.

The Industrials have become once more prominent. Sugar hes shown signs of re markable strength, considering the unsatisfactory state of the Sugar trade. Steel and Tobacco have also been active and strong. Great caution should be exercised in the handling of these Industrial securities. The attempt to float now securities no doubt attracts new capital from ontside sources, which would not otherwise go into stocko, and that the people who sell to such outsiders will need to re-invest, and will probably want somothing intrinsically worth what they pay for it.

There are several active railroad stocke which even now are cheap, and whoso real net earnings abundantly justify prosent prices, and oven more.

The big Caranger stocks are capitalized at about $\$ 34,000$ per mile, for which they have all their improved rolling stock and terminal facilities.

- Present pricee are in many cases below the ralue, as calculated on present profits. St. Paul and North West are, it seems to us, worth far more than they are selling for, and St. Paul is an actave stock, it pays 5 p.c. dividends and ear' 3 about 11 per cent. This, no doubt, is in goo limes, Lat thesie are not yet nearly over, 30 far as we car see. Therefore, surely an investor at 123 gets full ralue for his money and a prospect of higher prices in the future; and this after such free expenditures out of revenue on the property, show that there is a large margin for saving or to meet higher prices for materials which may come. Besides there has been no now creation of such securities for years, and these are cortainly being absorbed by investors.
Union Pacific is a stock waich wo think will be worth picking up by investors.

We repeat that the reason for caution just now is the absurd creation of the socallod industrials, and that those operators who realize this, but wishing to operato in them, try to protect themselves by selling standard railroad stocks, are playing a game which is thoroughly unsound.

The Ford Bill will no donbt be signed but will be amended later. That the street railroads will have to pay their fair share of taxation soems certain, and the fact that the stocks have been so enormously over capitalized does not complicate the question, though it ought to keop people from buying them.

## THE EXCHANGE NEWS.

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The individual with money, much or little, is having a had and trying time just now. He is surprised and bewildered by the number of gentlemen of exporience, who immediately they locate him flock around him like flies round a sugar barrel.

Ho is touched by the deep interest they take in his affairs, their anxiety that his woalth should be increased, and the disinterestod (i) way in which, in order to accomplish this ond, they place their time and talents at his disposal.

IIe can scarcely credit his senses, and imagines at times that the millenium is close at haud.

He laments over the fact thit his capital will not permit of his taking advantage of all the generous offers mace to him.

In addition tu the personal calls, he is inundated with letters, the writers of which profess the greatest interest in his financial welfare.

Some have systems which have been tried, proved, and have never failed, and by the employment of which fortunes can be made in Wall Street or Chicago, and so great is their confidence in the ir particular system that they are prepared to give all sorts of guarantees (except a money one) that large. profits will result.

Others again have secured a mine which adjoins or is near to oue which is producing ore in paying quantities, and he is told that as a great favor some of the treasury stock can be secured for him at, say 15 ceuts a shere, the par value of which is one dollar.

These individuals, according to their own account, are gentlemen of vastexperience in their particular line and he is assured that his capital and their experience will perform wonders.

So it will, for by and by he will have lots of expericuce and probably a lighter capital to worry over.

The late Mr. Flower in the course of an interview by a reporter of one of the great American dailios was askod:
"How is a man to know what to invest in?"
"Enterprises," said the Governor, "that are honestly managed and that are paying dividends out of prefits actually made are safe onterprises to invest in."
(Good solid advice for the investor which, if followed, meavs death to the fakir and wild cat scheme developer.)
If a man, or a number of men, wanted to incerest him in a business venture of any description the first thing he wanted to know was, "who is in it and is he square." If these questiens were answered to his satisfaction then he would consider the proposition. and if it appealed to him he would take it up.

## BANK OF MONTREAL.

This, the leading financial institution of the country, has issued its annual atatement so its eharoholders. It is pleasing to note the increased earnings shown. There are many important changes in thoir statement as compared with that of a year ago. Rumor sayc a very handsome sum has been recovered from a source which the past careful view of ties value of assets had written off, in addition $o$ this the sale of railway securities must ha:e alsu netted a good profit, as they were evidantly well sold. Last May the realizing on this score commenced, and a policy of selling as the market alvanced seoms to have been pursued. By September one million bad been sold, in Octr,ber a further half $n$ ion more marketed, by $J$ Jnuary another 5 , If million had been sold and the end of the fiscal year finds them with $\$ 1,705,028$ on hand, against $\$ 3,484,646$ the year previous. The funds in foreign countries have been as high as $\$ 11,480,000$. What proportion has been in the Uxited States aud what proportion in Germany wo have no means of finding out, but as rates in the latter country have at times during the year ruled high, we presume large sums have been lent in Berlin. The bulances in Grest Britain have ranged between $\mathbf{3 5 , 6 0 0 , -}$ 060 to $\$ 9,500,000$. As much of such money is frequently idle, and as nearly nine millions are still there earning from $2 t$ per cent. to nothing, it is a pity some of it, at least, ionotbrought home whure it can easily earn 5 per cent. Current loans and discounts have taken a bound and are over three millions and a half groater than a year ago, and we should say larger than ēver bofore in the history of the Bank. The doposits flat and at interest have increased nearly $\$ 6,006,000$. This shows the enormous amount of cash floating around seeking investment. It is hard to believe that those having such vast sums at their disposal
will long be content with the small rates of interest that Banking institutions can afford to give them. The Banks have now \$248,000,000 on doposit, $\$ 86,000,000$ of which is on demand, or ordinary, from day to day accounts, and the balanco on notice. The system of allowing interest on the minimum balance duriug the month is a pull which the Banks have, which reduces the average interest paid to about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ por cont. per annur, sad the difference between this rate and that at which it is loaned should be a souice of groat profit.

On the whole, it seems to us that the management of the Bank of Montreal must soon do something handsome for their shareholders, why have for a long time only been ceiving the ordinary 10 per cont. dividend. With the Iarge rest and a reserve of over a million 10 per cent. on the capital only means earnings of about 68 per cer.t. on capital and reserves. An examir..ion of the investment of their active assets is of interest and ueans at a moderate computation as follows: (in thousands.)


To this must be added profits on ordinary banking busine:ss, such as Sterling, American and Tnland Exchange, and if, as understood, a profit of good dimensions has been made on a written-off asset and by sales of Bonds, the usual liberal allowance must have been made for contingencies, and the institution is in a very sound and enviable position.

## THE GRANBY CONSOLIDATED MINING AND SMELTING CO.—SITE FOR SMELTER DECIDED UPON.

We understand that Mr. Jay P. Graves, who is acting for the above company, in the selection of the smelter site, has definitely decided upon the same. The site selected is on tho north bank of the north fork of the Kettle River, at a point one and a hollf miles from Grand Forks, and is on a bank 250 feet above the level of the stream, which will give ample ground for the dumping of the slag. The capacity of the smelter will be 600 tons per day, and its construction will be such that its capacity can be increased to 3,000 tons per day. One of the conditions of the agrecment is that Grand Forks will pay for any damage which may arise through the polation, diversion, or 'serfiow of the river, in case the smelter is responsible.
Work in connection with the construction will begin in about one month.

# Mines and Mining 

## NEWS OF THE MINES.

Van::ouver, B.C., May 15.
The Vanconver Mining Stock Exchango is making headway. On Saturday the following sales took place: Dardanelles $500,1000,1500,2500,500,1000,2000$, at $12 \frac{1}{2} ; 1000,1000$, at $12 \frac{3}{4} ; 500,500,1000$, at 13. Northern Belle, 1000, 1000, at 34 . Vanada, 500, 500, at $6 \frac{1}{4}$. Camp Hewitt, 1000 at 10. There are many interesting points to note on the week's dealings.

## deER PARK.

One noticeable advance was that of Deer Park, which was cuused by the faot that the work is to be resumed at once on the property. This caused increased demand in the stock and sent up the price from $4{ }^{3}$ to $6 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{c}$.

## ramblea-onaiboo.

During the week Rambler-Cariboo wobbled; but they recovered on Saturday. The company is engaged in driving a long tunnel to gain access to the lower. levels of the mine. This tunnel will take some rix months to complete. When this work is done it is claimed Rambler-Cariboo will be one of the best mines in the Slocan.

## st. Keverne.

St. Kovernesteck has been of lato, in great domand as it is reported that J. A. Finch and associates have secured a controlling interest. This property is supposed to hāve the famons Payne vein, and hus been lying idle for a long time.

## yMIR.

Now that stock and share brokors have started in Ymir, there is a demand there for local stocks, principally Tamaracs, Dundee, Big Horn (Simcoe) Monarch. Enquiries are coming in from Eastern Canada and the United States. Ymir is beginning to receive the attention it deserves, for undoubtedly it promises rich mines, and has one of the best developed mines in the country, namely, the Ymir mine which is running its 40 stamps.
Thero is consderable activity in mining circles at Ymir. The Big Horn on Porcupino Creek has been stocked and will start working. Tha force on the Tamarae has been increased from 5 to 14 men.

TEE BLACK COOK.
The Black Cock has been bought by A.J. Mc:ivillan, representing an English syndicate and work will commer. 06 when the snow goes.

## DUNDEE.

The Dunidee bas started up again, and the management are putting on more men, and work wiil be pushed vigorously from now on.

## winnipeg.

Boundary Creek stocks are in domand. Winnipegs are sold at 29 to 30 . A new noier and big compressor plant for the Winnipeg mine lent Bossburg a few days ago.
morrison.
There has been many dealings in Morrison shares. Mr. Frederick Oliver, man-
aging diroctor of the Morrison Mining Company, reports the Morrison turnel is in over 300 feat. Another 100 teot will bring the cunnel under the shaft. The depth of the tunnol will be 150 feet the use of stoam drills in the tunnel makes it rather uncomfortable for the men, who are practically working in a Thrkish bath the enture time. When the tunnel is com. ploted this diffeulty will to r movod.

## corpbit kina gaour.

Revolstoke papers papors ayy Copper King (iroup of mineral chaim on Fish Creek were bonded list week by their owner Cory Menhenick to Mr. Major, representing a Montreal Company for $\$ 35,000$.

## BHIPMENTS FHOM SANDON.

Owing to the fact that only mines with tramways shipped ore from Sandon last week, the trails being impassable, ore shipments were emall. The lityne shipped 170 tons and the Last Chance 80. From Whitewater rtation the shipments were $101 \frac{1}{2}, 86 \frac{1}{2}$ from tho Whitewater and 15 on the Jackson Basin mines.

## pardanelles mining and milifing co.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Dardanelle Mining \& Milling Co. was held in Vietoria on Thursday. The representation of shareholders wao very large, over fourfifths of the total capitalization being represented. A unanimous vote was passod authorizing an increase of capital by the iesue of 500,000 more shares, of which 200,000 are to be issued at present. These 200,000 were immediately taken up at 12 cents. The manager repor, ed onsideratho progress made in development work since the annual meeting. High grade ore has been struck both in the ninth and eighth levels, the find in the eighth level being at a point further in the shaft than ore has heretofore been encouniered. The total shipment of ore for this year is 125 tons.
The latest report on the mine dated May 10th, is that the ore in the level assays 239 ounces silver and 58 per cent. lead. The ore in the eighth assays over 300 ounces silver and 67 per cont. lead. Good ore was also found on opposite side of the shaft.

## iron mask and centre star.

In connection with the recent suit between Iron-Mask and Centre =tar D. J. MacDonuld has completed the experimental work in the Cencre Star winze on Iron Mask ground, directed by the court. The drift is in some eight feet at the foot of winze and all work has been entirely satisfactory to both parties. The Court accepted Mr. MleDonald's report and released him from further seevices in tho matter.
Work on the Iron Mask nomewhat interfered with during progress of the trial, luat is now going on favorably. The force in the mine, shich in now in 40 fect, will be increased at onco and active ship. ments be made from this on.
The vein in dispute between the two conpanies is only a small part of the property; as the management claim they have five other veins larger and richer than the one in dispute. The ore that in now being shipped and that will be shipped in much larger quantities in tioe future is rich and the smol'er returne ire satisfactory in every respect.

## ROSSLAND MINES.

Rossland B.C., Muy 15.
Tho shipments for the weok ending May 13 wore as follows :


Le Ror-Thestalement that the B. A. C. have positively determined to undertake mining upon a large seale in the case of Le Roi, has been received with great pleasure here. The details given in the stiner show that the mine will be equipped with one of the largest and most thoroughly furnished plants in Amorica, having a capacity of sinking $2,500 \mathrm{ft}$. and of getting ont from twe:ve to tifteon hundred tons por day. Work will be commenced on the new systom this weok, and a large force of men will be employed. The new undortaking will not interfere at all with the mine working, but the present machinery will be pushed to the utmost to develop the property.
 day that the new compressor plant of the War Eagle would bestarted this week and the ste:m compressor turned over to the Contro Star, and that the latter would at once commence shipping, while the War Eugle shipments would be considerably increased.
Homestake-The now pumping plant, which was recently installed by the management, if duing excellent service, and the workings are now easily kept clear of water. The new croscut referred to in our issue of the 12 th is bring driven south from the drift on the 200 -foot level, and is now in a distance of about 30 feet.
Evening Star -The general manager of the company will deoide in a few days the question of the continuation of the shaft from the lower tunnel, as also the disposition of the ore which is now on the dumps.
Velvet-The superintendent reports that operations have been delayed somewhat from water in the mine, but with this exception operations are making gcod progress, and the mine iooks well. The main cunnel is in about 230 feot, and this tumel will be driven for a distance of 400 feet to tap the ledge. The south crosscut on the 160 foot lovel is in about 100 feet, and the ore encountered in this crosscut is fully 50 feet wide.
Ibon Morse-Threedrills are now being used in the workings. One is being operated in the cast drift, one in the west, and the third in the south. The full face in the vest drift is in ore. This vein is what ; known as the Iron Mask vein. In the south drift the ore is commencile to come in strong, and as the point whero the ore is now found is under the big surface croppings, it is thought that the outer portions of the large ledge bas been encountered. Tte managoment is greatly pleased with the outlook.
Gertrude-The shaft on the Gertrude is now down 186 feet. About zoron feet a weok is being made. When the 200 -foot level is reached a station will be cut out and drinling will be commenced, just in what direction is not yei vetormined. The electric hoist is doing good service. It has
a capacity of lifting two tons 280 foot por minute. Timbering the shaft down to the present working is finishod, and sinking is resumod.

Anaconda-Work is progressing very satisfactorily, with a double shaft night and day. It is expected that the first small lead will be struck in 75 foet further on in the tunnel. The large main lead will not be mot until $15: 1$ feot furthor has boen driven.

Iron Colit-Work continues on the main drift, and the ore body is widening out. This drift is loeing driven on the 320 foot level, and is now in 175 feet. The character of the ore is improving.
Great Western-Work on the Great Western is practically s 3pended, whilo waiting for the boilers and machinery, which are expected to arrive very shortly.
Sunser No. 2-The main shaft is now down about 275 feet. and the new shaft is down 40 feet, all of which lattor is being timbsred as the work progresses.

Coxex-Surface water prevents work in tunnel No. 1 on the Coxey, but in No. 2 tunnel, now in 550 foet, work continues drifting west on the ledge.

## BIG THREE.

Mascot-Progress on this mine is reported 3 s follows:

No. 4 tunnel has been extonded 33 feot. and is now in 570 feot. The crosscut from No. 2 tunnel has beon extended 25 feet, and ls now in 45 feet. It is cxpected, wheu this tunnel is extended 100 feet, the ore body will be tapped. The winze bas bcen extended 10 feet, making a total of 110 feet. There is 4 feet ois ore at the bottom of the winze. The company expect to ship ore from this mine before the fill. So far, the expectations of the management bave been more than realized, and we suppose the public will wake up some day and find Big Three stock selling around the $\$ 1$ mark, and will wonder why they did not buy around 23.

## ROSSLAND MINING EXCHANGEWEEK ENDING MAY 12, 1899.

Stock sales bave been cery brisk all weok. One of the most important movements has been in Rambler-Cariboo, which opened on Monday at 29 and closed this evening at 38 bard to get and rising steadily. The Rambler has already paid threo dividends but the immediate cause for the present jump has been the statement made liy W. H. Adams, of Kaslo, the mine manager, while here last week. Adams said that the present development disclosed sufficient ore to pay monthly dividends for the next wo years, and that the mine had every promise of closely following the famouc Payne mine. The road to the shipping point has been finisbed and the property is in shape to slip the year round. Adams purchased a very large anount of stock while here.

## VIR'SUECOLLATERAL.

The reports from the above mine continues bright. During the past fow wecks fery little ore has ieon taken out of the mine, the miners having occupied almost entirely on stoping.

## OLD IRONSIDES.

Mr. Hodges, the manager of the amolter, has been testing the ores of the abovo mine, and bis report is a surprise oven to the insiders. While we are not at liborty to give actual figures, we will say that whon thoy are mude public they will surprise the general publio, especially those who have been talling low grade ore for theso properties. As rogards the mine itself, the 200 -foot. level is all in ore except the north drift, which is working tuwards the oro body. Progress has boen made in the mine for the week ending May 7, as follows:
Shaft No. 2-Report April 30....... 222 feet
do. - " May 7........230 "
Gain.............................. 8 .
Crosscut foctwall drift north-
Neport April 30..... . 3 "
do. $\quad$ May $7 \ldots \ldots .19$ "
Gais................................ 16 "
Footwall drift south-
Report April 30.......176 "6
do. " May 8........ 190 "
Gain................................ 14 ،

## KNOB HILL.

The report from the above mine, just to hand, is most satisfactory. All the workings are in ore, and the values resulting from the sampling are very satisfactory. The connection between shaif and upraise, for ventilating purposes, is completed. Progress in the mino has been made as follows :
'Tunuel No. 1, Report Ap. 30......... 515 ft .
Gain........................ ........ $\frac{11_{2}}{158}$
West Drift, Report Ap. 30..................................... 158
" " May 7............ 179
Gain ........ .......... ................ - 21
Shaft No. 1, Report Ap. 30 .............. 31
May 7............ 43
Upraise to meet shaft No. 1-
Last report, Mar. 12............ 65
May 7............ 70
Gaia................... ............. - 5

## NORTHWEST DETELOPMEN'I COMPANJ.

Local capitalists, bei ig largely interested in the sinve company, will read with. interest tho foriowing iter? which appeared in the Spokesman-Review of May 11:
"Superintondent McGrath, of the Cloveland mine, in ihe Huckleberi'y Mountains, neal Springdale, is in the city. Hebronght down a sack of fino galena ore, recently encountered in the mive in the lower tunnel, which has evidently encountered tho pay chute which showed remarkably high orade ore in the upper workings. Mr. McGrata reports extensive jodies of galena opened in the lower tunnel, in a crosscut which has lately been started.

The Northwest Developmen.: Company, with Jay P. Graves at tho heal, is now the owner of this valuable property, having on Thursday last taken up the bond which does not mature until October. Mr. Grayes
has had this proporty under bond for his com ${ }^{\text {mann }}$ sinco Angust, 1898, for a sum approxinating 845,000 , and thoir faith in tho property is shown by the antion of the compray in takiug up the bond about five months before its maturity, and the ability of Mr. Graves as a mine promoter is again shown by the manner in which this proporty has come to tho front under his direction.

Mr. Graves' company has spont a large amount of monoy for muchiuery, buildings and other improvements on the Clovelund property with an excellent prospect of getting it back in the near future, as the company has now its ore houses full of high grado ore, and is taking out and sacting large quantities proparatory to shipping as soon as the roads are in better condition.
It is reported that the Northwest I velopment Company has taken bonds on seroral adjoining propertios, and will soon erect large concentrating works.

## McKINNEY.KAMLOOPS.

A company has been formed, consisting of well-known Montreal capitalists, who have secured the above property and propose to proceed at once with active devolopment work. The property is in camp McIIinney, and lies between the Sailor and Minnohalia, and is an extension of the Carib $\because$. It is the third location in tho camp, was crown granted in 1890, and has been held by the owners up to the present, when an arrangement was mado to sell the property to the present company. A special feature about the sale is that payment for the property consists of part cash end part stock in the new company, and this was expressly stipulated by the original ownorio, their confidence in the property boing such that they wished to retain an interest in the same, and to sell only to responsibla parties, who could put up sufficient cash (without depending upon the outside public) to develop tho property thoroughly.
The capital of the company is $1,000,000$ shares, of the par vaiue of $\$ 1$. The syndicate who have bought the property have put $\$ 25,000$ in the treasury for developmont purposes, and they do not propose to offer any stock to the public until development is well advanced, and the value of the mine established beyond a doubt.

The development upon the Minnohaha mine, whicn adjoins the Kamle ps , runs at he 200 -foot level to the side line of the Kamloops. It is at this point that the highest values in the Minnehaha were obtained, and this fact alone practically demonstrates the value of the Kamloops.
The deal was negotiated betveen Mr. Edpard Cronyn, of Rossland, and the present syndicate, tarough Messrs. A. I. White \& Co., of this city.

CITY OF PARIS AND MAJESTIC.

Columbia, B.C., May 8.-Contral camp north of the international boundary line is about five miles in an air ling frum thi point. For the present it is reachod by a wagon road going south into Forry County Wa-hinkton, and taking a curve norih back into the provence a distance of nearly 13 miles. At present there are only two companies activoly developing their holdings, viz., the City of Paris Gold Min ing Co. and the Mujestic Gold Mining Co., both undor the management of Jay $P$. Graves, of Spokano. Henry White is the superintendent and H. Johnson mine manager.

## THE CLTY OF PARIS

On the surface of the City of Paris, the ledge, which carries gold-copper values, is said to show from 20 to 30 feet in width and is traced for fully 1500 feet on its own ground and into the Lincoln claim, its south extension. The Lincoln also appears to have a distinct ledge of gray copper and gold, measuring in places from soven to eight fret on the surfuce. A 90 -foot shaft is sunk on this lad.

The first development on the City of Paris claim was also by shait, sunk on the ore body to a depth of 70 feet. From the bottom of this shaftore has beentaken out that gave values in gold and copper as high as $\$ 700$.
When this work was completed, it was decided to run a long crosecut tunnel to tap this lead at an approximate dopth of 240 feet. This was done by going down the hill to the No. 4 claim and running througn the Lineoln ground a distance of 770 feet, encountering and culting through from the foot wall to tho hanging wall of the City of Paris lead, a width of 33 feat, in a well mineralized oro body carrying values in gold, copper, silver and lead, proving that with depth this vein widened considerably. In the course of running this tunnel and before reaching its voin they cut five other distinct ledges measuring in width from two up to ten foot. Aftor encountering the hanging wall of the main ledge, as stated, a drift to the west was run following this wall, which is well defined as it dips overhead in the drift into the hill, for a distance of 250 fe.t, into the City of Paris ground. Here a raise has been started with the intention of making connection with the 70 -foot shaft that will shortly be sunk further so as to facilitate rapid work in completing this connection, and giving perfect ventilation for the mine workings.

From the main tunnel a drift is also being run to connect with the Irincoln shaft. This drift is in 160 odd feet, and has yet to run 200 feet to come under the shaft, where a raise will also be made to connect with same.
The City of Paris group is equipped with a five-drill Rand air compreasor and a $3 \frac{1}{2} x$ 14 -foot boiler. This machinery is nituated on the Oregon claims, at the bottom of the hill in the gulch, adjacent to a plentiful supply of water, and the air is piped up to the mine, a distance of nearly 1,000 feet.

It is being suriously considered by the management at some near dato to run another long crosscut tunnel to start near the compressor plant, that will tap tho City of Parislead on the Lincoln ground at a depth of 800 feet, by running in 1,800 feet. This,
of courso, would bo the main working tunnel.

To the north and west of the City of Paris group is the Lexington, City of Denver and Montroal, Majestic Gold Mining Company. Devolopmont work is being actively prosecuted on the Lexington claim of this company by mana of a tunnel running in on the ledge that is in over 90 feet. The work is being porformed by two shifte, using hand drills. A tivo-drill compressor plant has been ordered for the milie, and is said to bo on the way to the proper:y. On the surface the vein shows to a width of eight feet of oxidized ore. The face of the tunnel, however, is now in solid pyrrhotite ore. There is also a ten-foot prospect shaft on this claim.

The Montreal claim is said to have a strong 15 -foot lodge of quartz. Its development is also in the way of a prospeot shaft sunk to a depth of 15 feet.

On the surface of the City of Denver the ore is similar in charactor to that found on the City of Paris. A 45 -fuot shaft constitutes the present development.

## CRIPPLE GREEK NEWS.

## PORTLAND DECLARES ITS REGU

## LAR DIVIDEN上.

Cripple Crcok, May 10, 1899.
The directors of the Portland Gold Mining Cumpany held a meeting in the comr.iny's offices in the Bank block yesterday, and declared the regular monthly dividend of 2 conts per share on the $3,000,000$ shares for whi-h the company is capitalized, or a tutal of $\$ 60,000$.

Tho books for the transfer of stock will closc on llay 9 th and reopen on May 16th. The dividend will be paid on May loth. This is dividend No. 53, and when it has been p.ia the Portland Conapany will have distrib'ited a total of $82,137,080$ in dividends among its stocktolders.

## APRIL OUTPUT.

The returns for the month of April are in, and show that the Cripple Creek distivet is maintaining a good production that will. if kept up at too present rato during the rest of the year, make 1899 a reusidbreaker.

## JACK POT.

The dividend declared by the Creston Company on the Jack Pot for the month of March was $\$ 163$ \& share. The dividend was declared at the ond of last month. There are thirty sharcholders in the company. The dividend, which will be made abcut the scth of this month, will, it is stated, be biggor than that for March.

The leasing company is now anxious to cut in the secund leral tha big cross lead opencd in the drift above. The best ore yet marketed by the company was taken from this lead. A two-carload shipment was made up without sorting which ran Latter than eight ounces to the ton.

## THE HOOSIER.

The Cripple Creek Times bays:
"The Hoosier is now beyond all question one of the mines, and one of the great
miner, at that, of the camp. Toduy it will send to market for: if tons of ore that will at least have un average grade of ten ounces, ur $\$ 200$, in gold to the ton. This ore has come from a winze and short level, and was broken 2.50 foet from the surface, where the shout has been opened for fifty feet, and north and south in the face of the drift, there is e:zcellent ore.
"The real trath about the IInosier sounds like romance, and Lessee Anstio, who is a most connervative man, is loth to tell what he has in sight. After much persuasion he last night said that he did not see from present appearances how be could escape opening up one of nature's gre:t treasure vaults, ana in bis usual modest manner showed an assay certificate of a sample he had taken across eleven leet of oro; not bothering with the ounces and fractions, the figures read $\$ 336$.
"Three hundred and thirty-six dollars is not a big assay for Oripple Creek by any saeans, but when it comes from a breast of eleven feet, it is astonshing.
"The Ifoosier is in its infancy. The working shaft is considerably removed from the ore shoot, but when the levels from it get under the ore, the fame of the Cripple Creek district will go resounding thi. ughout the world as it has never done befors.

## STRIKE CN THE BONANZA KING.

Crtprle Creek, May 13.-One of the most important strikes over made on the southwestern spur of Gold Hill has boon made by Bryant and Scutt. lessees on the south and of the Bonanza King. Sinking 25 feut, the present dopth of their shafi, the lossces have inken out nearly 30 tons of ore. The first 14 tons of this was settled for on a basis uitwo ounces to the ton. In the bottom of the shaft there is now showing two and a half to three feet of good pay, with an oight-inch streak running from 10 to 28 ounces of gold to the ton. By Monday noxt the lessees will have sacked for shipment six tons of this highgrade ore, and about 14 tons which they estimate at from four to five ounce grade. Every foot of depth gained has shown improvement both in quality and strength of the vein. Should the mine c 'ntinue to improve with development the lessoes will in reality bo known as bonanza kings.

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## CHICAGO MARKET.

THE WHEAT POSITION.
Weather conditions fir the past two werks have beon highly favorable. There hav leen gencrally sufficiont moisture for all prosent requirements, with dam gilly excess in but fers localitios With the exexption of a day or two at the beginning of the month. temperatures have unt ranged unsearonably high, and the drop towari's the frost line early in the pre-ont weck was not severe enough to more than sip a few early gardens.
Since May 1 every condition of tempera. ture and rainfall has been almost perfect for the develupment of winter wheat, and it may be safely raid that the crop rhows actual improvement. So far as the damage from winter weather is concerned the full story i, now known, and eurrent reports from this time furward wh have to deal only with current happeninge. Last year a cool, rainy spring constantly advanced the gitd porsililuies of the wheat crop, until the timal rate equalled all records. Up to the present time, much the same condition has prevailed, and it is serving materially to repair the damage previously suffered wherever plan:ts enough were left in the field to warrant letting it go to harvest.
The volume of this year's wheat crop will depend to an unusual extent upon the weather conditions. Lack of early vigor over a wide breadth in some of the most importunt states will make the crop peculiarly suscepible to unfavorable climatic conditions, while a cool season. with an abundance of moisture, will give a zeturn hardly thought possible in its carlior history. Complaints of insect depredations are becoming somewhat numerous, and
such complaint is likely to attract attonti, in during the noxt for weeks. Spring work is still a little wehind, but anotber ton days of equilly fusorable wea'hor will remove the lart cause of complaint on this ncore. It in, of course, much too early to talk intelligently of the corn acreage, but there is every inticuti in of a very large acreago. Not only is there moro than $4,000,000$ acrosof winter wheat abandoned the lareder part of whleh will g ) to corn, but throughout the groat contral valleys, clover and old mencows suffered to an, unusual exteut, anil thould the souson give opportunity, will be broken and pat to corn for this year. The record for corn acreage is about $82,000,000$ seres; that record is likely to be equalled this year.


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