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Montreal Stock Market.

WITH OTHER MARKETS SLIGHTLY WEAKER THE MORNING SESSION SHOWED DECLINES. — ON REPORT OF STRIKES TORONTO STOCK BREAKS 3½ POINTS.—CONSOLS THE SAME, C. P. R. LOWER ½ IN LONDON.

Montreal, Feb. 26.

The ½ point decline of Pacific to 98 ½ on the local market was the same as the decline in London. All openings of American stocks were lower than the opening of the previous day. Other features were noticeable, the decline of Montreal Street for instance which at 289 ½ was 2½ points lower than what it closed at on Friday. These noticeable instances of general dullness were less conspicuous than the selling in Toronto, which carried prices down some 3½ points. On the report of a strike among the Company's employees, the opening of the stock to-day was ½ lower than previous close and the following sales were each on a lower level till the final concluded with 99 ½. While not altogether inactive, Virtue was less remarkable for activity than for firmness at 76 the price of Saturday, and the strength of the closing when 77 ½ was asked and 76 ½ offered. Mr. Obalski's report will be made public the next day or so and the public will then see what a veritable Bonanza the Cumberland mine is. Gas on small trading advanced 1 point to 191. In the slight activity of other stocks, there was nothing special in the prices secured.

London security market was cabled as being at opening steady and about a parity with New York close, a few stocks showing even fractional advances. Openings however were lower than previous openings. Canadian Pacific was ½ lower than Saturday's opening. A similar recession was seen in New-York Central. A decline of ½ was registered in St. Paul and one of ½ in Union Pacific. Very few buying orders were in the New-York Stock Exchange the public being apathetic, though returns both from tractions and industrials prevent any serious decline. Any stocks put on

the market by holders, tired of paying interest charges, had a somewhat depressing effect on prices. Closing at London were: Consols, 101 ½; Ca., 100 ½; N.Q., 70 ½; U. K., 76 ½; L. N., 83 ½; A., 21 ½.

The markets everywhere show that when prices do not advance on good news, they have a tendency to decline.

MORNING SALES.

Canadian Pacific—100, 98 ½. 10, 98 ½.
425, 98 ½.

Montreal Gas—24, 191. 5, 190.
Montreal Street Ry.—50, 290. 25, 289 ½.
Toronto Ry.—50, 102. 25, 101 ½. 25, 101.
50, 100 ½. 50, 100 ½. 125, 100 ½. 25, 100 ½.
525, 100. 125, 99 ½.
Virtue—200, 77 1, 750, 76.
Montreal Telegraph—3, 172.
Bank of Commerce—20, 46.
Merchants' Bank—20, 161 ½. 10, 162.
Bell Telephone Co.—500, 115.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Can. Pac.—50, 98 ½. 75, 98 ½.
Twin City—200, 64.
Montreal Gas—75, 188.
Toronto Ry.—525, 99 ½. 475, 99 ½. 50, 99 ½.
Payn. Co.—500, 116. 500, 120. 500, 118.
Republic—1000, 95.
Richelieu & Orléans—25, 111 ½.
War Eagle—500, 139. 500, 138.
Mont. St. Ry.—200, 288.
Virtue—3500, 76. 3500, 76 ½.
Montreal-London—500, 27.
Hochelaga Bank—2, 135.
Bank of Montreal—7, 256.

TORONTO STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Jan ... \$114,679.49 Inc. \$15,657.82
Feb. 13, 3,842.39..... Inc. 324.63
" 14, 3,860.87..... " 438.5
" 15, 4,017.78..... " 507.57
" 16, 4,007.89..... " 453.88
" 17, 4,495.21..... " 512.38
" 18, 1,554.15..... " 156.87
" 19, 3,709.10..... " 281.13
" 20, 3,918.09..... " 264.13

LONDON AND PARIS

Feb. 26, 1900.

Bank of England rate	4
Open discount rate.....	3½
Paris Rentes	101-30
French Exchange.....	257.18
Consols, money	101
Canadian Pacific.....	100
New York Central.....	130
St. Paul.....	124
Union Pacific.....	70

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	100

MONTRÉAL STREET EARNINGS.

Month of Jan.....	\$136,086.33	Inc. \$10,810.29
Feb. 14, 4,762.7.....	Inc.	215.99
" 18, 3,670.77.....	"	313.44
" 19, 4,571.86.....	"	304.28
" 20, 4,570.35.....	"	345.11
" 21, 4,401.71.....	"	518.26
" 22, 4,264.00.....	"	44.63
" 23, 4,412.04.....	"	39.67
" 24, 4,635.09.....	"	467.40
" 26, 2,716.20.....	Dec.	54.1

HALIFAX ELECTRIC TRAMWAY.

Month of January.....	\$11,475.40	Inc. \$2,770.62
For week ending	Compared with previous year.	
Feb. 4.....	2,377.47	Inc. 507.09
" 11.....	2,247.54	328.13
" 18.....	2,324.60	568.65

TWIN CITY RAPID TRANSIT CO.

Total for Jan.....	\$317,252.45	Inc. \$29,916.75
For week ending	Compared with last year.	
Feb. 7.....	\$49,845.10	Inc. \$ 7,353.80
" 14.....	47,763.85	5,841.95

MONTREAL MINING EXCHANGE.

MARKET UNUSUALLY QUIET—BIG THREE WORKING HIGHER—GOLDEN STAR FIRMER—VIRTUE QUIET.

Montreal, February 26th.

The market was exceptionally dull, even for a Monday which is proverbially the dullest day of the week, and yet the news from the mines continues to be good. Two gold-bricks from the Duforin mine were handed round on change valued at over \$4,000, surely a very fair showing for a twelve days run—run only 30 stamps and no nightwork being done, when the extra 30 stamps have been installed and work continues incessantly for the 24 hours we can expect even better things. The stock was being offered at 28—buyers willing to pay 27½.

Good news for the shareholders of Montreal Oregon was received by Mr. A. W. Morris last Saturday for the Managing Director. The Superintendent writes that the ore in the shaft at 445 runs from 2 to 2½ feet wide and assays between \$11 and \$12 per ton. Mr. Morris speaks in most confident terms of the future of the Mine.

The buying of Big Three continues to be good it sold at 10 to-day for a thousand share lot. There are continued bull rumors about this stock, and it will no doubt continue to advance. The latest news from the Mascot is good.

Golden Star likewise is strong on reports from the mine. The ore is said to assay far better average. The stock sold at 22c.

The War Eagle and Centre Star mines have had men all week developing. Important changes in connection with the consolidation of the two mines are spoken of. The War Eagle stock was at 1.30 but buyers were scarce even at this low quotation.

The Republic stocks were benefited to-day by the report of the extension of the railway to the camp. There is, however, 160 miles of railway to be built, which will necessarily take some time. The surveying has, it is said, already been accomplished. There were no sales to-day, the quotations of Republic being 98-95.

Th-Payne is now shipping on an average of 80 tons a day. 1.21½ was freely bid, the stock being offered at 1.22.

Virtue was quiet, selling at 76; buyers were firm at 75. The stock was offered at 76 at the last call. When Mr. Obalski's report is made public in the course of a few days, the shewing will open the eyes of the sceptics.

MORNING SALES.

Deer Trail, Cons.—500, 9.
Big Three—500, 9½. 1,000, 10.
Golden S: —500, 22.
Virtue—500, 76.

AFTERNOON SALES.

Decca—1000, 7½. 1000, 7.
Republic—500, 96. 800, 97. 1500, 95.
Can. G. Fields—500, 6½.
Big Three—5000, 9.
Virtue—500, 75½.
Deer Trail, cons.—2000, 8½.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS.

Week ending Feb. 14, 1900 .. \$369,744
Week ending Feb. 14, 1899 .. 823,811

Increase.... \$ 45,988

MONTREAL MINING EXCHANGE.

	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.
	Feb. 22.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 24.	Feb. 25.	Feb. 26.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 29.
1.00 Payne	1.22	1.20	1.20	1.18	1.10	1.17	1.22	1.20
1.00 War Eagle xd.....	1.80	1.30	1.45	1.30	1.45	1.30	1.45	1.25
1.00 Republic xd	1.0	.97	1.00	.97	.99	.95	.98	.94
1.00 Virtue.....	.75	.74	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75	.75
.24 Montreal-London xd.....	.27	.26	.28	.26	.28	.27	.28	.27
1.00 Big Three .....	.08	.07	.09	.08	.10	.09	.10	.09
1.00 Brandon & G'd'n Crown .....	...	...	.28	.15	.23	.15	.26	...
1.00 California .....	.11	.8	.10	.09	.10	.09	.10	.09
.19 Can. da Gold Fields Syn.....	.07	.08	.07	.06	.06	.06	.06	.06
5.00 Ca. 1000 Hydraulic .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1.00 Evening Star.....	.08	.06	.08	.7	.08	.06	.08	.07
.25 Fern .....	.05	.02	.06	.04	.05	.2	.06	.02
1.00 Gold Hills Developing .....	.08	.04	.06	.04	.08	.04	.08	.04
1.00 Iron Colt .....	...	...	.10	...	.10	...	.10	...
1.00 Klob Hill .....	.70	.25	.70	.50	.70	.50	.75	...
1.00 Monte Christo Con.....	.14	.08	.04	.03	.04	.03	.04	.04
.25 Montreal Gold Fields .....	.07	.06	.07	.05	.07	.06	.07	.05
1.00 Noble Five .....	...	...	.10	.08	.10	.8	.10	.08
1 Novelty .....	.02	.01	.2	.1	.2	.1	.2	.1
1.00 Old Ironsides .....	.95	.45	...	...	1.00	.45	1.00	...
1.00 Virginia .....	.05	.02	.6	.2	.05	.02	.05	.02
1.00 Rambler Cariboo .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1.00 Bullion .....	.60	.43	...	...	.50	.35	.50	.40
1.00 Decca .....	.07	.07	.8	.7	.08	.07	.07	.07
1.00 Morrison .....	.04	.03	.4	.3	.04	.03	...	...
1.00 Golden Star .....	.20	.18	.22	...	.22	.20	.21	.21
1.00 Slocan Sov .....	.32	.31	.31	.30	.30	.31	.30	...
1.00 Fontenoy G. M. Co.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1.00 Rathmullen .....	.06	.04	.06	.04	.06	.04	.06	.04
1.00 Winnipeg .....	.21	.18	.22	.10	.21	.15	...	...
1.00 Dardanelles .....	.8	.06	.6	...	.8	.5	...	...
1.00 Deer Trail Cons.....	.10	.09	.09	.09	.09	.8	.9	.8
1.00 North Star	1.07	1.20	1.05
1.00 Kenneth

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CLOSING PRICES.

Hours of Board—10.30 to 12.30 : 2.15 to 3.

Range for Year 1900	Cap. PAID-UP.	Res.	Next div. pbl.	Value shares.	Last div.	STOCKS.	Feb. 21.		Feb. 22.		Feb. 23.		Feb. 24.		Feb. 25.	
							Sellers.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Buyers.
High	Low.	\$	\$			BANKS.										
263	254	12,000,000	6,000,000	June	\$200	5	Bank of Montreal	200	255	200	.....	255	.....	255	230	255
163	160	8,000,000	2,600,000	"	100	3½	Merchants B'k of Can	162	.....	102	160	162	160	162	160	162
147	140	6,000,000	1,000,000	"	50	3½	Canadian B'k of Com	147	.....	147	147	147	148	147	146	147
130	122	4,500,000	1,460,000	April	£30	2½	British North America.	.....	.....	124	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
124	126	2,500,000	700,000	June	\$100	3	Quebec Bank .....	.....	125	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	.....	123
243	241	2,000,000	1,800,000	"	100	5	Bank of Toronto .....	.....	254	.....	.....	.....	.....	245	236	234
193	190	2,000,000	1,625,000	April	50	4½	Molson's Bank .....	.....	190	.....	190	.....	195	190	198	190
.....	.....	2,285,385	1,485,500	June	100	4½	Imperial Bank .....	.....	210	.....	210	.....	214	208	.....	210
.....	.....	1,560,680	1,215,510	"	100	4	Ottawa .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1,000,000	600,000	"	50	4	Standard .....	.....	184	.....	187	.....	187	.....	193	.....
.....	.....	1,752,280	2,005,601	"	100	4	Bank of Nova Scotia .....	.....	225	220	225	220	227	.....	225	220
.....	.....	1,933,620	1,677,492	"	100	3½	Merch'ts B'k of Halifax .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
111	109	2,000,000	450,000	"	60	3	Union Bank of Canada	112	.....	112	.....	112	.....	112	.....	112
.....	.....	1,500,000	1,500,000	Feb.	50	3½	Dominion Bank	272	.....	269	267	269	267	268	264	264
158	.....	1,500,000	850,000	June	50	3½	Eastern Townships B'k	.....	157	.....	156	.....	156	.....	156	.....
.....	.....	1,498,650	1,000,500	Feb.	100	4	Hamilton .....	.....	.....	187	.....	.....	186	.....	187	.....
.....	.....	1,200,000	150,000	May.	30	3	Banque Nationale .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
140	129	1,433,660	585,000	June	100	3½	Hochelaga Bank	146	.....	146	.....	146	.....	146	130	130
128	124	1,000,000	110,000	"	100	2½	Ontario Bank .....	.....	.....	127	.....	.....	127	.....	127	.....
.....	.....	398,239	118,000	"	100	3½	Western B'k of Can .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	500,000	265,000	"	25	.....	Jacques Cartier Bank .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	829,820	70,000	.....	.....	.....	Traders .....	.....	111	.....	111	.....	.....	111	.....	111
.....	.....	500,000	670,000	.....	6	.....	Bank of New Bruns'k .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	180,000	140,000	.....	4	People's B'k do .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	200,000	45,000	.....	2½	St. Stephen's B'k .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	2,919,996	488,666	.....	2½	.....	Bank of British Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	488,666	13,000	.....	3½	.....	Summerside Bank .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	200,020	65,000	.....	4	.....	Merchants B'k of P.E.I. .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SURPLUS.

MISCELLANEOUS

100	90	55,000,000	.....	April	\$100	2	Canadian Pacific Ry.	99½	98½	99½	99	98½	98½	98½	98½	98½
6	5	12,000,000	.....	.....	100	.....	Duluth SS. & Atlantic	6	5½	6	5½	6	5½	6	5½	5½
163	147	10,000,000	.....	.....	100	.....	Duluth SS. & Atlantic pr.	16½	15½	16½	15½	16½	15½	16	15½	15½
192	168	10,000,000	2,600,529	May.	100	*1½q	Commercial Cable	169½	167	170	166½	169½	167	169	167½	169
173	170	2,000,000	.....	.....	40	2½	Montreal Telegraph	173	170	175	170	175	170	173	170	170
115	130	1,000,000	.....	.....	.....	1½q	Dom Telegraph Co. ....	.....	130	.....	130	.....	130	.....	130	.....
297	269	1,350,000	.....	May.	100	3	Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co.	113	112	113½	112	112	114	112	112	111
.....	.....	1,500,000	334,247	Feb.	50	2½q	Montreal Street Ry Co.	294½	292	294½	290	292	291	292	290½	288
67	62	15,010,000	.....	May.	100	1½	New Montreal Street .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
194	185	2,997,704	.....	April	40	5	Twin City	6½	6½	6½	6½	6½	6½	6½	6½	6½
275	130	1,150,300	.....	.....	100	1½m	Montreal Gas Co.	191	190	191½	190	189	191	189½	188	187
36	25	452,000	.....	.....	24	1½m	War Eagle	180	157	129	127	141	140	140	134	134
80	49	2,000,000	.....	.....	100	.....	Virtue Consolidated	78	76½	78½	76½	78	77	77	74	76
131	92	2,500,000	.....	.....	100	.....	Payne Mining Co.	124	123	123	120	115	120	118	119	116
180	171	3,163,000	810,000	May.	100	2q	Bell Telephone Co.	188	178	190	177½	185	178	185	178	178
197	183	1,550,000	.....	.....	100	2q	Royal Electric	196	194½	195	183	193	195	193	195	192
104	100	800,000	814,254	.....	100	1q	Toronto Street Ry.	103½	103	103½	103	102½	102½	102½	99½	99
98	94	800,000	.....	.....	100	1½q	Halifax Tram Co.	100	96	100	94	100	95	100	96	93
.....	.....	700,000	.....	.....	100	.....	People's Heat & Light. ....	.....	10	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
108	89	3,500,000	.....	.....	100	1m	Republic	99	98½	99	97½	99	97	98	97½	94
.....	.....	500,000	.....	.....	100	1½q	St. John Railway Co.	150	120	125	148	125	148	125	125	125
.....	.....	350,000	.....	April.	40	2q	London Street Ky. ....	.....	170	.....	.....	170	.....	170	.....	170
.....	.....	5,642,925	.....	.....	100	.....	Can. N. W. Land Pfd.	69	51½	.....	67	52	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1,457,034	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	15,000,000	.....	.....	100	.....	Dominion Coal Co. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
118	116	2,000,000	.....	April	100	4	Dominion Coal Co. pr. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	500,000	.....	Dec.	100	6 pa	Windsor Hotel	100	.....	100	.....	100	.....	100	.....	.....
38	.....	500,000	.....	.....	100	.....	Intercolonial Coal Co.	50	33	50	30	50	28	50	38	50
.....	.....	250,000	.....	.....	100	7 pa	Do. prof. stock	100	60	100	50	100	50	100	60	60
148	142	1,650,000	.....	June	100	2q	Montreal Cotton Co. ....	.....	150	160	147½	162½	147½	161	147	160
75	70	2,750,000	.....	.....	100	1q	Colored Cotton Co. ....	.....	75	80	75	80	75	82	75	75
.....	.....	800,000	.....	Feb.	100	4	Merchants Cotton Co.	140	133	.....	133	104	104	106	104	104
105	90	3,100,000	.....	June	100	1½q	Dominor Cotton Co.	105½	104½	107	104½	107½	104	106	104½	104
140	.....	500,000	350,000	.....	25	3½	Mont. Loan & Mort Co. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	140
.....	.....	814,800	.....	July.	50	3	Western Loan & Tr. ....	.....	.....	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Flemington Coal Co.	27	20	27	20	27	20	27	20	20
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Diamond Glass Co.	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

*And 1 p. c. bonus per annum. Xd-b t. New stock†.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

FEB. 26, 1900.

Range for Year 1900		Range for Year 1899.		Outstanding Capital Stock.	Last Div. P. C.	CLOSING PRICES FROM FEB 17 TO FEB 24						TO-DAY'S PRICES			
High.	Low.	High.	Low.			17	19	20	21	23	24	Open's	Highest	Lowest	Closing
....	....	230	112	5,000,000	....	Air Brake .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
35	33	46	30	20,237,000	4	Am. Cotton Oil Co. ....	....	34	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
137	108	182	114	36,968,000	3	" Sugar	113	11	112	111	111	110	110	103	103
....	....	15	4	27,864,300	....	" Spirits Mfg. Co. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
58	45	72	32	21,600,000	....	" S. W. Co.	57	58	58	58	57	57	57	56	56
34	27	52	20	26,000,000	....	" Tin Plate .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
111	95	129	78	21,000,000	1	" Tobacco	109	110	110	108	107	108	107	105	105
46	38	70	31	28,000,000	....	Anaconda Copper. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
21	18	24	17	120,000,000	....	Atch. T. & S. Fe.	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
64	58	88	50	114,199,500	1	" " " pfd	63	63	63	62	62	62	63	62	63
79	73	61	43	25,000,000	2	Baltimore & Ohio	78	79	79	79	78	78	79	78	79
....	....	2	2	50,000,000	....	Bay State Gas .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
77	66	137	61	29,500,000	....	Brooklyn Rap. Tran.	72	73	73	72	72	71	69	69	68
65	60	64	42	28,000,000	1	C.C. C. & St. L. ....	....	60	61	60	59	59	58	58	58
99	93	99	84	65,000,000	2	Canadian Pacific. ....	....	99	98	....	....	....	....	99	99
50	48	70	48	15,000,000	1	Canada Southern. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
31	28	31	23	60,533,400	1	Chesapeake & Ohio.	29	29	29	29	28	28	28	28	28
14	11	20	10	21,232,500	5	Chicago & Great Western.	13	14	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
127	119	149	114	90,282,900	1	" B. & Q.	124	125	124	123	123	122	122	121	121
125	115	136	112	46,732,600	2	" Mill. & St. P.	122	123	123	122	124	121	122	121	121
111	104	122	99	50,000,000	1	" R. I. & Pacific	108	108	108	108	106	106	107	106	106
163	158	173	141	39,118,300	3	" & Northwest. ....	....	162	162	162	162	160	160	160	160
....	....	194	188	22,396,800	1	" pfd .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	....	60	41	65,370,000	....	Central Pacific. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
199	187	223	163	39,078,000	2	Consolidated Gas.	194	192	191	187	186	185	185	180	181
38	30	65	20	30,000,000	....	Continental Tobacco.	32	32	32	31	31	30	31	29	30
119	113	125	106	35,000,000	1	Delaware & Hudson.	116	116	117	116	116	116	116	116	116
180	173	194	157	26,200,000	1	Del. Lack. & Western. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
73	66	80	63	38,000,000	....	Denver & Rio Grand pfd. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	....	....	....	....	....	Duluth com. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	....	13	10	112,232,700	....	" pfd .....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
129	120	132	95	18,276,000	....	Erie. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
58	49	76	37	24,027,300	1	General Electric.	127	127	128	127	127	126	126	125	126
57	48	75	39	46,484,300	1	Glucose.	55	54	54	50	51	51	51	51	51
77	71	93	67	53,253,500	1	Fed. Steel Com.	55	55	55	54	53	52	52	53	53
25	22	68	17	17,442,900	....	" " pfd	73	74	74	74	74	73	73	73	73
70	67	95	62	.....	1	Internat. Paper Co., Com. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	....	208	196	98,277,500	....	Lake Shore. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
82	77	88	63	52,800,000	4	Louisville & Nashville.	80	81	82	81	81	81	81	80	81
101	91	133	85	48,000,000	1	Manhattan con.	98	98	98	97	96	96	96	93	94
182	163	269	147	40,000,000	1	Met. Street Ry. Co.	176	177	178	178	174	172	172	168	170
34	31	45	28	13,000,000	....	Missouri, Kan. & Tex pfd.	33	33	32	32	33	32	32	32	32
47	38	62	33	47,507,000	1	" Pacific.	46	46	46	45	45	45	45	45	45
28	24	40	22	14,905,400	1	Nat. Lead.	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
119	115	126	97	22,519,000	1	New Jersey Central. ....	....	117	118	117	117	117	117	117	117
138	131	144	120	115,000,000	1	New York Central.	134	134	134	133	132	132	133	131	132
54	50	57	42	80,000,000	1	Northern Pacific.	52	53	53	52	52	52	52	52	52
76	72	81	68	75,000,000	1	" pfd	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74
120	128	91	18	18,5,9,153	5	Omaha. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
25	21	28	18	58,113,900	....	Ontario & Western.	2	24	25	24	24	24	24	24	24
47	35	55	35	20,000,000	1	Pacific Mail.	36	35	37	37	36	36	36	37	39
136	128	142	122	129,303,250	2	Pennsylvania R. R.	134	134	134	134	134	134	134	133	134
100	97	129	90	28,668,800	1	P. o. Gas L. & Coke Co.	104	104	103	99	98	98	98	97	98
58	56	61	43	12,500,000	....	Pressed Steel.	57	55	55	55	55	54	54	54	54
88	86	91	75	12,500,000	1	" pfd	87	87	86	86	86	86	86	86	86
....	....	207	156	54,000,000	1	Pullman Palace Car Co. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
19	17	25	15	69,900,000	....	Reading. ....	....	18	18	19	18	18	18	18	18
60	49	68	42	28,000,000	....	" 1st pfd.	56	54	56	58	59	59	59	58	59
40	35	44	27	108,232,006	....	Southern Pacific.	38	39	39	38	38	37	38	38	38
58	51	58	40	57,290,400	1	Southern Railroad pfd. ....	....	57	57	58	57	57	57	57	57
....	....	69	....	15,010,000	1	Twin City. ....	....	....	64	64	64	64	64	64	64
17	14	25	12	38,710,900	....	Texas Pacific.	16	17	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
104	99	126	36	20,000,000	1	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	98	99	100	99	95	93	93	93	92
102	77	242	166	12,000,000	1	Third Avenue R. R. ....	....	98	93	91	83	77	72	73	68
51	44	51	38	86,336,000	....	Union Pacific.	50	50	50	49	49	49	49	49	50
77	73	84	66	75,000,000	1	" pfd.	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76	76
44	31	57	42	23,866,000	2	U. S. Rubber. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
....	....	121	111	23,525,500	2	" pfd. ....	....	33	33	33	33	33	33	33	33
19	14	40	51	61,509,000	....	U. S. Leather.	16	16	16	13	13	13	13	12	13
77	73	84	64	60,909,000	1	" pfd.	75	75	75	74	74	74	74	72	73
7	6	8	6	28,000,000	....	Wabash. ....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
21	19	26	19	24,000,000	....	" pfd.	20	....	21	....	20	....	20	....	20
88	83	98	82	97,370,000	....	W.U. Telegraph.	84	83	84	84	83	83	83</td		

NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

SELLING OF SATURDAY INTENSIFIED TO-DAY—THIRD AVENUE VERY WEAK—FORD FRANCHISE ASSESSORS START IN NEW YORK CITY THIS WEEK—GENERAL LIQUIDATION WEAKENED THE STEELST CKS—SUGAR DIVIDEND SOLD AT 14—MARKET RALLIED TOWARDS THE CLOSE.

New York, Feb. 26th.

While the actual news from the seat of war in South Africa this A. M. is of neither particularly decisive or encouraging nature, London is reported as being hopeful and expects hourly important news, saying either that Cronje has surrendered or that Ladysmith has been relieved. In response to this feeling the Security Markets are steady, New York stocks being at about parity with our close, in some cases there being fractional advances. The monetary situation in London is said to be causing some slight apprehension, but as yet this apprehension is not reflected in any selling movement in their stock market.

There does not seem to be anything in the situation to change decidedly the attitude which our market assumed the latter part of last week. In regard to the much talked of financing of Third Avenue floating debt, nothing absolutely certain has been given out yet, and it seems quite likely that until something more definite is known in regard to the actions of the financing syndicate, that the stock will continue to be more or less of a speculative football in the local market.

As the time for directors to meet and act on the next sugar dividend approaches, we shall probably see more interest and more nervousness displayed in that stock than has been the case during the last week or so. There is a large outstanding short interest, and should they be started to cover on any report of the regular dividend on the stock, such movement on their part might result in a sharp upward advance.

TORONTO MINING EXCHANGE.

Toronto, Feb. 24th.

Big Three—3500, 9.
Golden Star—150, 21. 500, 20½.
North Belle Con.—2100, 14.
Republic—1000, 97½.
White Bear—1,500, 24.
Deer Trail Con.—5000, 9.
War Eagle—1000, 133. 500, 133½. 500,
134
W. D. Lone Pine—1500, 16.

ROSSLAND EXCHANGE.

Rosslan, Feb. 24th.

Rathmullen—6500, 5. 8000, 4½. 1000, 4½.
Tamamo—1000, 7. 1000, 7½. 3000, 6½.
3000, 7½.
Morning Star—15000, 3.
War Eagle—2000, 133. 1000, 132.
Baker City—3600, 7.
Peoria—500, 14.
Waterloo—1000, 7.
Grant—1000, 5½.

MINING NEWS.

WAR EAGLE ANNUAL MEETING.

In the annual report submitted by Mr. Goodeham at the annual meeting on Wednesday last the following appear:

"The plant and machinery installed at the beginning of the year worked so badly that development was retarded, the output of ore fell below what the mine could have afforded, and the operating expenses were relatively increased.

"The sum chargeable to operating expenses in the accounts has been swelled by losses incurred through constant break-down of the machinery, with the result that the force was rendered idle on the company's time during some portion of almost every day, and by the fact that the air pressure fell uniformly below what was necessary for the economic working of the machine drills.

"Nevertheless, the company was able to pay its dividend, altho the cash in hand at the beginning of the year available for the purpose of completing the installation of the plant and machinery had to be more heavily drawn upon than was anticipated. This arose from the fact that more had been spent upon some portions of the plant in an endeavor to make it efficient than its original cost involved; the directors having determined to spare no expense in rendering the plant immediately workable, if possible, for the purpose of maintaining dividends.

The contracts for the new machinery call for its installation at an early date, but the delays and difficulties in delivering and setting up the machinery at Rossland are so great that the directors hesitate to specify too closely when it ought to be in place and running.

In criticising the mistakes that have been made in connection with the machinery, it ought to be borne in mind that this is one of the largest plants attempted to be installed on the continent and the first large one attempted in Canada, and that the whole enterprise was new to the owners, contractors and engineers.

Mr. Kirby has from the first considered that great economies were possible and advisable in the operating of the mine, and on the 2nd of February instant he advised the directors that it was necessary to close down the mines temporarily, as it was impossible to accomplish the result desired while continuing shipments and developments under the unsatisfactory conditions then existing.

A contract has been made with the Canadian Pacific Railway to smelt 150,000 tons at the rate of \$6 per ton for freight and treatment subject to the usual deductions.

The directors beg to say that whatever disappointments have been met since the last annual meeting in the curtailment of the tonnage and profits below what was expected, they are due rather to the difficulties already sufficiently referred to than any deficiency either in tonnage or values in the mine itself.

In view of the persistent rumors which have been circulated to the effect that the War Eagle mine has been worked out, and that the closing down is simply a blind to hide this fact, the directors submit extracts from an independent report made with the company's permission during the present month by Mr. Wayne Darlington, the eminent American mining engineer, on behalf of certain large shareholders, and also from the report of Mr. J. B. Hastings, the company's local director and consulting engineer, made on the 10th November last. Following are extracts from report of Mr. Wayne Darlington, dated Feb. 10, 1900:

(a) The 750-foot level (the lowest opened up, so far) has shown increase values over all intermediate levels up to the 250-foot level. . . . The average for the month of December last, when ore from this level predominated in the

shipments, was \$13.64 et for the whole mine which means probably \$26 ore for the whole of the large ore body (on this level). This 750-foot stope, considering its size and value, is a very encouraging feature of the ore body. The ore body is very wide, 20 feet in places, and the grade the highest since the 250-foot stopes. The limits of the ore body to the eastward have not been reached, and the ore is still about 18 feet wide, in the east drift. It shows also the floor of the level, and will probably extend downward toward the 875-foot level.

(b) In addition to the main ore body on this level, a spur of the vein was discovered extending along the foot wall from the wide portion of the ore, and carrying good width and values.

(c) A similar spur was found on the 625-foot level, on the hanging wall side; this also carries good values, but is not so wide, being only about five feet.

(d) The mine has been a producer for over six years, and during that period has shipped to smelters, 120,000 tons of ore of a gross value of \$25.50 per ton gross for the whole amount shipped. Smelting charges have varied from year to year, steadily declining up to the present, and have kept pace in measure with the increased cost of mining from the deeper levels.

The great increase in values in the ore chute at the 750-foot level over the two levels above, it is a very encouraging feature and adds strength to the belief that the ore chute will be found continuous in size and value for many hundred feet below.

Mr. Darlington, referring to the lower-grade ores, said further:

The 500-foot level has so far produced less than the average quantity, owing to its lower grade preventing its economical handling, but there is a quantity of lower grade ore on this level that will make the production of the level much above the average, if it can in the future be treated more cheaply.

In addition to this (the high grade ores referred to) will be found a considerable quantity that will be taken out when smelting charges can be reduced. This quantity will increase in proportion to the reduction in charges, and cannot be readily estimated.

Mr. Edmund B. Kirby, the manager of the mine, in a report dated Feb. 1, states that almost the entire production of the War Eagle mine has been derived from its main vein, and from a single ore chute in this vein, which is from 300 to 450 feet along the vein, and has now been explored to the sixth level, a depth of 55 feet. The vein area included in the chute carries pay ore in irregular patches, interspersed with barren material or too low in grade for profit. The ore bodies vary in grade from \$30 or \$40 to the ton down to the pay limit. The irregular distribution of the pay bodies increases the proportion of the development work necessary.

About 610 feet east of the shaft, the main vein is crossed by a smaller vein. In it an excellent ore body, apparently another chute has been discovered. This body yields over \$23 to the ton.

So far as known the first four levels are worked out. There are small remnants, and future prospecting may add something to the tonnage. The fifth level is but partly worked, and it requires more development work to prepare the known ore bodies for stoping. The sixth level also shows the north and south branches of the vein both carrying pay ore. The chute on the sixth level is only partially developed. The developments are still opening pay ground, and it will be some time before the chute is well exposed so as to define the pay ore and establish its quantity and grade. There is so far nothing to indicate that the chute has decreased in size at this depth. The main shaft has now reached the seventh level at a depth of 850 feet. The cross cuts to the veins are now under way.

Extracts from reports of Mr. J. B. Jennings, dated November 8, 1899, read:

Seven hundred and fifty-foot level—When the main shaft reached this level ore was encoun-

MINING STOCK LIST

NAME.	Morning Prices. Asked.	Bld.	Par Value.	Capital.	Divi- d'nd	When Payable	Description.	LOCATION.
B. C. Gold Fields	4	3	1 00	2,500,000	.....	.....	Gold.	Trail Creek, B. C.
Big Three.....	10	9	1 00	3,600,000	.....	.....	Gold, Copper.	do
Deer Park.....	5	.....	.....	1,250,000	.....	.....	Gold.	do
Grand Prize.....	3	.....	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Gold Hills	0	4	1 00	2,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Homestake.....	4	3½	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Iron Colt.....	10	.....	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
St. Elmo.....	0	3	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Victory Triumph.....	6	4	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	Gold, Copper.	do
White Bear.....	4	3	1 00	2,000,000	.....	.....	Gold.	do
Butte.....	11	10	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	Gold, Copper.	do
Canada Gold Fields Syn.....	0½	5½	10	1,000,000	.....	.....	Gold.	do
California	10	9½	1 00	2,500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Evening Star.....	8½	7	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Iron Mask	75	.....	1 00	500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Monte Christo.....	4½	2½	1 00	2,500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Montreal Gold Fields	7	5	25	800,000	.....	.....	do	do
Novelty	2	1	1	150,000	.....	.....	do	do
Virginia.....	5	2	1 00	50,000	.....	.....	do	do
War Eagle xd.....	1 39	1 26	1 00	1,750,000	1½	21 paid.	do	do
Dardanelles	8½	4	1 00	100,000	.....	.....	Silver and Lead.	Slocan, B.C.
Fern.....	5	2	25	200,000	5pc.	One paid	Gold.	Nelson, B.C.
Noble Five.....	12	8	1 00	1,200,000	.....	.....	Silver and Lead.	do
Rambler Cariboo .....	.....	.....	1 00	1,250,000	.....	Monthly	Gold.	Slocan, B.C.
Slocan Sovereign	32	30	1 00	1,500,000	.....	.....	Silver and Lead.	do
Montreal-London xd.....	28	27	24	452,000	1½	Monthly.	Gold, Silver, Lead.	N.E. Slocan, B.C.
Cariboo McKinney.....	98	.....	1 00	800,000	1pc.	Monthly.	Gold.	Camp McKinney, B.C.
Fontenoy .....	.....	.....	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Minnehaha.....	15	12	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Waterloo.....	14	13	10	100,000	.....	.....	do	do
Knob Hill.....	70	40	1 00	1,500,000	.....	.....	do	Boundary, B.C.
Old Ironsides	95	50	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Pay Oro.....	8	.....	10	250,000	.....	.....	do	do
King (Oro do Noro).....	27½	1 00	2,000,000	.....	.....	.....	do	do
Rathmullen.....	6	4½	1 00	2,500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Brandon and Golden Crown	26	15	1 00	1,500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Alice A.....	12	9	1 00	1,200,000	.....	.....	do	Seine River, Ont.
Olive.....	75	69	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
J. O. 41.....	4	2	1 00	500,000	.....	.....	do	do
Decca.....	9	7	1 00	275,000	.....	.....	do	do
Golden Star	24	21	1 00	1,200,000	.....	.....	do	do
Republic xd.....	98	95	1 00	3,500,000	1pc.	nthly.	do	Republic.
Jim Blaine.....	36	31	1	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Lone Pine.....	25	20	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Black Tail.....	17½	13	1 0	1,250,000	.....	.....	do	do
Deer Trail Con.....	9½	9	1 00	2,000,000	1pc.	Monthly.	do	Spokane Co., Wash
Princess Maud.....	11	7½	10	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	do
Smuggler	3½	6½	1 0	1,200,000	.....	.....	do	Fairview Camp, B.C.
Virtue.....	76	75	1 00	2,000,000	.....	.....	do	Baker City, Ore.
Payne.....	1 22	1 21½	1 00	3,00,000	.....	.....	Silver and Lead.	Sandon, B.C.
Crow's Nest Pass Coal.....	\$38 00	30 00	25 00	2,000,000	.....	.....	Coal.	Crow's Nest Pass.
Cariboo-Hydraulic.....	.....	.....	5 00	5,000,000	.....	.....	Gold.	Cariboo District.
Van Andu.....	9	7½	1 00	5,000,000	.....	.....	do	Texada Island.
Ormes Creek Cons.....	10½	.....	1 00	1,000,000	.....	.....	do	Revelstoke, B.C.

BONDS AND DEBENTURES.

AMOUNT ISSUED.	%	INTEREST PAYABLE	*BONDS.	LAST SALES.	REDEMMABLE.	WHERE PAYABLE.
600,000	7	May Nov.	Mont. Corporation Consol'd. Stock.	1924	Permanent.....	Bank of Montreal.
240,000	5	Jan. July	do do do	.....	1910.....	" "
1,050,000	4	May Nov.	do Stook.....	101½	1925.....	" "
7,080,000	3	" "	do do	100	Permanent.....	" "
5	Jan. July	Montreal Harbor Bonds Cur ency....	116	1913 & 1914 5 Jly	" "	
136,700	5	" "	Toronto City do do	117-120	.....	Lloyds, Banetts & Bosanqua
874,260	4	" "	do do do	101-106	1904, 1894.....	" "
22,500	6	.....	Auer Light.....	100	.....
940,000	5	April Oct.	Bell Telephone.....	116	1925.....	Bank of Montreal.
6	May Nov.	Canada Central R'y. ....	... .....	1925 1st Nov	" "	
2,000,000	6	2nd April Oct.	Canada Colored Cotton Mills.....	60	1902 April	" "
3,423,000	5	1st April Oct.	Canadian Pacific R'y. Land Grant...	110	1931.....	" "
200,000	5	1st May Nov.	Canada Paper Co.....	106½	1917	
{ 20,000,000	4	Ja. Ap. Ju. Oc.	Commercial Cable Coupons. }	103½	2397	
£300,000	4½	Jan. July	do do Registered. }	.....	.....
600,000	5	1st Jan. July	Dominion Cotton.....	100	1916 1st Jan	
350,000	5	1st Ap'l 1st Oct.	Halifax Electric Tranway.	106	1916 Jan.....	Bank of Nova Scotia.
6	2nd Jan. July	Intercolonial Coal Co.....	100	1918 April	Bank of Montreal.	
5	" "	Lk. Champlain & St. Lawrence Je.	100	1910.....	" "	
292,000	5	1st Moh 1st Sep.	Montreal Loan & Mortgage.....	.....	1906 1st Moh	
681,333	4½	1st Feb. 1st Aug	Montreal Street R'y. ....	.....	1922 1st Aug	
700,000	5	1st April Oct.	Peoples Heat & Light.	69	1917 April	
554,313	5	1st Moh Sep.	Richelieu & Mt. Nav.	100	1915 1st Moh	
674,360	5	1st April Oct.	Royal Elec'to. ....	.....	Merchants Bank of Halifax	
2,789,933	4½	Moh Sep.	Toronto Railway.....	108	1931 31st Aug	
450,000	4½	1st Jan. July	Windsor Hotel.....	100	1912.....	Bank of Montreal.
		Dom. Coal Bonds.....	111			

*The accrued interest upon all Bonds, Debentures, Dominion Stock and Montreal Corporation Stock sold in this Market is payable by the purchaser in addition to market price.

CHICAGO MARKET.

ANOTHER DECLINE IN WHEAT AT CHICAGO—CORN STEADY—PROVISIONS WEAK—TIME TO HAVE A RALLY NOW.

Chicago, February 26.

Liverpool wheat, after opening $\frac{1}{2}$ lower for March and May, closed same as Saturday's close, dull and very little demand. Corn unchanged, but rather weak.

March opened 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, May 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, July 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$. " closed 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, " 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$, " 5-8 $\frac{1}{2}$.

There is a holiday in Paris to-day and to-morrow.

New York opened $\frac{1}{2}$ lower and weak, at a loss of $\frac{1}{2}$ from Saturday.

Chicago—Wheat opened $\frac{1}{2}$ higher, but on good selling by shorts lost $\frac{1}{2}$ -cent, and is steady at 65 $\frac{1}{2}$. The movement in North-West is increasing, and unless the demand improves we look for still lower prices.

Corn opened strong and sold higher, in spite of heaviness in wheat.

Commission houses are buying corn. Country acceptances in corn are light, but cash demand is poor. Export limits out of line. Speculation sentiment is bullish, and that holds the market.

Oats quiet but strong, at Saturday's closing.

Provisions opened at about Saturday's closing, and sold 6 cents lower after the opening. There is good liquidation in provisions, and they should be good for a rally.

Hogs to-day, 32,000; to-morrow, 30,000.

Wheat in sight and on passage.

Vis'de s'p- 1900. 1900. 1899.ply U.S. Feb. 26, Feb. 19, Feb. 27, & Ca'du. 53,444,000 53,219,000 29,920,000

On pass. to U.K. 20,560,000 18,220,000 21,360,000

On pass. to C'nt'ent. 7,846,000 7,520,000 10,160,000

Total..... 81,844,000 79,951,000 61,440,000

The total amount of wheat in sight and on passage shows an increase of 2,785,000 bushels compared with a week ago and an increase of 20,404,000 a year ago.

The amount of wheat on passage to the United Kingdom shows an increase of 2,240,000 bushels compared with a week ago, and a decrease of 800,000 compared with a year ago.

The amount of wheat on passage to the continent shows an increase of 320,000 bushels compared with a week ago, and a decrease of 2,320,000 bushels compared with a year ago.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN U. S AND CANADA.

	Feb. 26,	Feb. 19,	Feb. 27,
	1900.	1900.	1899.
Wheat	53,444,000	53,219,000	29,920,000
Corn..	16,332,000	14,315,000	31,821,000
Oats ...	5,755,000	5,743,000	9,39,000
Barley	1,341,000	1,422,000	2,674,000

On last week. On last year.

Wheat inc.....	221,000	Inc....	23,520,000
Corn inc	1,517,000	Dec ...	15,489,000
Oats inc.....	12,000	Dec....	3,614,000
Barley dec....	81,000	Dec....	1,833,000

CHICAGO MARKET—February 26, 1900.

From the Bartlett Frazier Co., Chicago. H. J. Coon, Manager, 89 St, Sacramento St.

	CLOSING PRICES FEB. 10 TO FEB. 24.						TO-DAY'S PRICES.			
	19	20	21	23	24	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closin.	
Wheat—										
Feb.										
May.....	68 $\frac{1}{2}$ -A	68	A	68 $\frac{1}{2}$ -A	68	B	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	65 $\frac{1}{2}$ -A
July.....	69 B	68 $\frac{1}{2}$ -B	68 $\frac{1}{2}$ -A	68 $\frac{1}{2}$ -B	68	B	67	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$	68 $\frac{1}{2}$ -A
Corn—										
Feb.										
May.....	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ -A	35	A	35A	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ -B	35	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ -B
July.....	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ -B	35	A	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ -B	35 $\frac{1}{2}$ -A	35	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$ B
Oats—										
Feb.										
May.....	23 $\frac{1}{2}$ -B	23		23 $\frac{1}{2}$ -A	23	R	23	23	23	23
July.....	23 $\frac{1}{2}$ -B	22		22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22		22	22	22	22
Pork—										
Feb.										
May.....	11 00	10 97	11 10 83	10 73-76	10 75	10 82-87	10 67	10 67	10 67	10 63 A
July.....	11 00-21 02	A	10 87	10 77	10 77-80	10 70	10 70	10 70	10 70	10 66
Lard—										
March.....										
May.....	6 17	6 07	5 92	6 00 B	5 87-90	5 82	5 82	5 75-77	5 77	
July.....	6 15-17	6 17 A	6 00	6 97-6	5 95-97	5 90	5 90	5 85	5 85-87	
Shorts—										
Feb.										
May.....	6 02 B	6 03 A	5 92	5 85-87	5 85-87	5 80-82	5 80-82	5 77-77	5 77B	
July.....	6 02 B	6 06	5 92	5 67-90	5 57	6 80	5 82	5 77	5 77-80	

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES.

STOCKS.	Shares. Par Value	CAPITAL.		Div. per cent.	Buy- ers
		Paid up.	Res. as per statutes.		
MISCELLANEOUS.					
British America.....	\$ 50	\$ 750,000	\$ 79,881	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	122 $\frac{1}{2}$
Western Assurance.....	40	1,000,000	1296,743	5	160
Canada Life.....	400	125,000	.....	10	535
Confederation Life Association.....	100	100,000	.....	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	277 $\frac{1}{2}$
Imperial Life Assurance Co.....	100	450,000	47,821	147	
Consumers' Gas.....	50	1,70 $\frac{1}{2}$ 90	.....	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ qr	200
Ontario and Qu'Appelle Land Co.....	40	400,000	.....	54	
Victoria Rolling Stock Co.....	5000	60,000	60,000	10	...
Toronto Electric Light Co., Old.....	100	1,400,000	.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	34 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " " New.....	.....	240,000	.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	134
Canadian General Electric Co.....	100	900,000	40,000	4	18 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " " 20 p.c.....	100	300,000	.....	3	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Hamilton Electric Light.....	100	250,000	60,003	1	80
LOAN and SAVINGS CO.					
British Canadian L'n & Invest. Co.....	100	398,481	120,000	3	.....
Building and Loan Association.....	25	750,000	100,000	1	38
Can. Landed & Nat'l. Inv't. Co.....	100	1,004,000	350,000	3	83
Canada Permanent L'n. & Sav. Co.....	} 50	2,000,000	1,200,000	3	124
" 20 per cent.....	} 600,000	} 1,200,000	} 10 ²		
Canadian Savings & Loan Co.....	50	734,175	220,000	3	113
Central Canada L'n. & Sav's Co.....	} 100	875,000	} 360,000	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ qr	134
" 20 per cent.....	} 325,000	} 360,000	} 10 ²		
Dominion Savings and Invest. Soc.....	50	930,627	10,000	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	75
Freehold " " 20 per cent.....	100	476,100	300,000	3	75
" 843,600	.....	.....	3		
Hamilton Provident & Inv't Soc.....	100	1,100,000	300,000	3	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Huron & Erie L'n. & Sav'ys Co.....	50	1,000,000	750,000	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	177
" 400,000	.....	.....	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		
Imperial Loan & Inv't Co.....	0	725,155	160,000	3	80
Landed Banking & Loan Co.....	50	700,000	160,000	3	100
London & Can. L'n. & Agency Co.....	50	700,000	210,000	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ qr	52
London Loan Co.....	50	631,500	83,000	3	85
London & Ontario Investment.....	100	550,000	100,000	3	45
Manitoba & North-West Loan Co.....	100	375,000	50,000	5	.....
North of Scotland Can. Mortg. Co.....	£10	730,000	18,533	5	.....
Ontario Loan & Debenture Co.....	50	1,200,000	400,000	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	121
Peoples Loan & D. Co.....	50	599,429	41,000	25	
Real Estate Loan Co.....	40	373,721	61,000	2	62
Toronto Savings & Loan.....	100	610,000	105,000	3	16
Union Loan & Savings Co.....	50	699,.....	200,100	1	38
Western Canada " " 25 per cent.....	50	1,000,000	770,000	3	95
" 500,000	3		

* After deducting \$511,982 for reinsurance.
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 † After deducting \$789,049 for reinsurance.