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MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Trading this Morning was Brisk--
The Closing Prices.

Montreal, March 15.—(Special).—Trading this morning on the stock exchange was brisk.
The prices were as follows:
Dominion Coal, 75, 75½.
Dominion Iron and Steel, 24½.
Dominion Iron and Steel, pld, 73, 72.
Nova Scotia Steel, 62, 62½.
C. P. R., 148, 148½.
Twin City, 109½, 109¾.
Montreal Power, 89½, 89½.
Richelleu and Ontario Navigation Co., 70, 69½.

SHOT HIMSELF DEAD.

Former Hotel Proprietor Committed
Suicide.

Campbellford, Ont., March 15.—(Special).—Thos. Blute, a former proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself through the lower part of the body with a shot gun.

His daughter found him in a wood shed dead.

Dependancy following illness is the supposed cause of suicide.

NORTH SYDNEY ENTERPRISE.

Council Wants Authority to Bonus
Marine Ship Co.

North Sydney, N. S., March 15.—(Special).—The town council has decided to ask citizens to bonus the Marine Ship Co. at \$3,000 a year and exempt it from taxes. There will probably be a plebiscite. The Company intends to erect a large dry dock at North Sydney.

WANT DUTY INCREASED.

Ottawa, March 15.—(Special).—The Canadian cement manufacturers ask the ministers of finance and customs to increase the duty on Portland cement from 12½ to 17½ per cent., and the government promises consideration.

SHORT COURSE OFFICERS.

St. John, March 15.—(Special).—Lieutenant Herbert J. Smith, R. L. Sippell, and E. K. McKay of the 62nd Regiment, left for Fredericton today, to take a short course at the Infantry school.

NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE.

Has Important Business for Meeting
Opening March 23.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 15.—(Special).—The legislature of this colony has been summoned to meet March 23 to consider many important measures, including regulations for policing the French shore fisheries, action on the Bond-Hay treaty, approval of the Harmsworth pulp making project and various fishery bills.

HAVE 40,000 PRISONERS

And the Japs Expect the Number to
Increase to 50,000.

A RUSSIAN CAVALRY DETACHMENT WITH ONLY TWO SURVIVORS

From the Awful Carnage of a Rear Guard
Action.

MEN WERE SACRIFICED TO PROTECT KUROPATIN'S RETREAT.

Indications that Japs are Preparing to Besiege
Vladivostok.

New York, March 15.—(Special).—A St. Petersburg despatch to the Times says, "According to the latest news from the Pass, the Japanese are within a few miles of the Russian position, and resumption of fighting is hourly expected."

The general staff however declares that the enemy is too much exhausted for immediate attack.

According to General Kuropatkin the Russians are fast re-organizing their forces and are on the alert.

According to General Mastoff, the extent of the losses of the third army is still uncertain.

General Kuropatkin is highly recommended for leading the onslaught against General Nogi near Hashatai, March 10, which is believed to have prevented the complete loss of the second and third armies.

There is no news from General Rennenkampf, and it is feared that his division of the Trans-Baikal Cossacks have shared the fate of the Caucasian cavalry brigade.

Two officers, Albright and Hartman to tell the tale of the fighting survivors of the brigade who remain to tell the tale of the fighting of Friday and Saturday.

The Cavalry were sacrificed in

order to cover the retreat of the rear guard.

A Japanese force of infantry and artillery are reported as approaching Vladivostok.

This gives rise to the belief that a siege is contemplated.

In connection with the announcement of General Kuropatkin's offer to resign, comes the statement from an equally authoritative source, that Kuropatkin attributes his failures to the inadequacy of his reinforcements and points to the hopelessness of achieving a conclusive result until overwhelming reinforcements are sent to the Far East.

With General Oku's Headquarters, March 14, 4 p. m.—Fusan, (delayed in transmission)—Reports received last night show that over 40,000 Russian prisoners have been captured by the Japanese armies, and that over 50 Russian guns have been taken.

Reports still coming, say that the Russians are still surrendering.

Many villages within the Japanese lines are unoccupied and it is probable they contain many more prisoners.

The total number of prisoners expected reaches 50,000.

WEATHER INTERFERED.

And Departure of Royal Party for
Lisbon was Further Postponed.

London, March 15.—(Special).—The departure of Queen Alexandra, Princess Victoria and other members of the Royal family from Portsmouth to Lisbon, to return the visit of the King and Queen of Portugal, which was to have occurred yesterday and which was prevented by the weather, was again postponed, this time until tomorrow.

NEW CITY COUNCIL.

Speculation as to the Probable Make
Up of the Committees.

The city council will hold a meeting in the near future to order the assessment for the current year, and also to appoint standing committees. Already the individual aldermen are busy preparing "slates" but as yet who the several chairmen may be is only a matter of speculation. It is generally conceded that Ald. Ross will retain the fire committee. Ald. Everett may possibly be chairman of roads and streets, and it would not be surprising if Ald. Hanlon should be placed in charge of the city hall. Ald. Barbour is in favor of the chairmanship of the water committee and Ald. Chestnut may be appointed chairman of the finance committee.

YOUR AMBITION.

Keep It Stimulated and Do Not Per-
mit It to Wane.

The idea seems to be pretty general that ambition is born in us, that we have little or nothing to do with its acquisition or cultivation and that we cannot modify, enlarge, stimulate or improve it to any great extent. A study of life does not confirm this idea. That the ambition is a cultivable quality, capable of being molded or destroyed according as we will, is demonstrated every day in the lives of those about us. We see people in whom the spark of ambition is kindled suddenly by the reading of a book, the hearing of a lecture or the speaking of a kindly word by a friend or teacher, and, on the other hand, we see those who allow their ambition slowly to die out for want of fuel.

The death of ambition is one of the tragedies of life. When a young man feels his ambition begin to fade there is trouble somewhere. Either he is in the wrong environment and his faculties protest against what he is trying to do, or his health is poor, or he is being led into dissipation by bad companions. A youth whose ambition begins to wane is not in a normal condition. When he is not stimulated by a noble purpose and filled with a desire to become a strong man among men there is something wrong somewhere.—Success.

VICTOR HUGO.

Everything About Him Was Extraor-
dinary, Even His Digestion.

Never to be forgotten were those evenings when we were lucky enough to find neither minister, senator nor deputy—for in the presence of political men Victor Hugo always seemed to me somewhat stiff—when he warmed to his subject, let himself go, as it were, and his conversation took a natural turn full of charm.

How he would then have astonished those who had represented him as being exceedingly solemn—in fact, a poseur! If they had seen him so it was doubtless due to themselves. Perhaps to the bumpiness and self opinionated he gave himself the air of an oracle, but with poets, I repeat, he was ease and simplicity—I might even say familiarity—himself.

At these dinners we could not help admiring his formidable appetite. He ate enormous pieces of roast meat and drank large glasses of undiluted wine. A typical detail struck me particularly. At the end of his meal he dipped orange quarters into his wine and ate them with marked satisfaction. Everything about Victor Hugo was extraordinary, even his digestion.—François Coppée in Critic.

OFFER MAY BE ACCEPTED.

United States Willing to Buy Canadian Sealing Rights
in Behring Sea at Half a Million Dollars.

Ottawa, March 15.—(Special).—It is understood that the British Ambassador at Washington has again recommended to the Imperial authorities that the offer of the United States to purchase the rights of

Canadian sealers in Behring sea be accepted at \$500,000.

Twice before the government of Canada refused to accept a similar offer, but it is believed it will be accepted this time.

TERRIBLE STORM ON BRITISH COAST.

Many Disasters Feared—Ship Wrecked and Twenty-
three of Her Crew Perished.

London, March 15.—(Special).—A storm of hurricane force burst over the Irish and English coasts during last night, and it is feared that many disasters have occurred but telegraph lines are broken at many points.

The British ship, Khyber, was totally wrecked off the Cornish coast, and 23 of her crew drowned, and but 3 saved.

The Khyber was on her way home from Melbourne, Australia.

The storm swept over North Ireland this morning, and did great damage to property.

Fears are entertained for the safety of the fishing fleets,

HAVE FLED TO ENGLAND.

Chicagoans Staying at St. John Made a Hasty De-
parture—The Reason.

St. John, March 15.—(Special).—Four Chicago men who have been here several days at the Royal Hotel, sailed suddenly this afternoon on the Lake Erie.

It is believed they are fleeing to England to escape service of subpoenas in connection with the Chicago

beef trust cases, coming on at Chicago March 20th before the federal grand jury.

A great fund has been raised to prosecute the trust.

The presence of the men here has occasioned much comment.

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