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EDITORS: See attached list of winners.

Pointe Claire school a double winner
in Laurier stock market competitions

Two different teams at St. Thomas High School in Pointe Claire, Quebec, were national winners in Wilfrid Laurier University's fall and spring national High School Stock Market Competition events.

In the spring competition, one St. Thomas team turned its original stake of \$100,000 into a hefty \$235,621 over a three-month trading period. The fall team ended with \$273,673.

The money was only imaginary, but the competition wasn't as the two teams turned in better performances than did their competitors in more than 1,300 teams in 250 schools from coast to coast in Canada.

The competition, now in its 20th year, began as an on-campus event at the university, later was played across Ontario, and then went national three years ago. It is by far the largest annual competition involving Canadian high school students.

Sandra Kuehl, manager of the competition, said both Quebec teams involved themselves heavily in options, a manoeuvre that has both great risks and the chance of big pay-offs. It worked for them.

The competition's purpose has remained the same since its beginning in 1968-- to give the contestants a realistic understanding of how the stock market operates in Canada.

J. Pierce Bunting, president of the Toronto Stock Exchange, which is a co-sponsor of the annual event, is a great booster. He has said the competition demonstrates how the stock market and investing works and does it in a way "that makes the whole thing fun, real and more exciting than an ordinary lecture. The students get immediate feedback and that's important."

Teams use electronic mail to participate, sending their buy and sell orders to the Laurier campus daily, and in return receive a transaction report that shows how they are doing.

In some years, a few teams manage to double their \$100,000 and other teams manage to lose most of it. "But learning takes place in both directions," Kuehl said.

The national winners received a cash award of \$500 from the TSE and a \$1,000 scholarship from Wilfrid Laurier University at the recent awards luncheon at the university.

Other sponsors and prize-givers at the luncheon included Bell Canada and a number of investment firms across Canada. They are RBC Dominion Securities Inc. in Ontario; Richardson Greenshields of Canada in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta; and Midland Doherty in British Columbia. Laurier is the sponsor in the Atlantic region.

STOCK MARKET COMPETITION
Fall 1987 National Competition

	SCHOOL	PORTFOLIO VALUE
<u>National</u>	St. Thomas High School (Team 1354) Pointe Claire, Quebec	\$273,673.70
 <u>Regional</u>		
British Columbia	Barriere S.S. (Team 4) Barriere, B.C.	\$111,065.58
Alberta	Henry Wise Wood Senior High (Team 171) Calgary, Alberta	\$ 98,324.93
Saskatchewan/Manitoba	University of Winnipeg Collegiate (Team 344) Winnipeg, Manitoba	\$136,006.58
Ontario: Greater Toronto	St. George's College (Team 593) Toronto, Ontario	\$120,484.91
Ontario: Western Lake	St. Thomas More H.S. Hamilton, Ontario	\$103,899.10
Ontario: South and West	Centre Wellington D.H.S. (Team 924) Fergus, Ontario	\$102,051.72
Ontario: North and East	Lockerby Composite (Team 1170) Sudbury, Ontario	\$110,192.52
Quebec	Lower Canada College (Team 1417) Montreal, Quebec	\$108,666.64
Maritimes	Rothsay Collegiate School (Team 1543) Rothsay, New Brunswick	\$101,352.01

STOCK MARKET COMPETITION
Spring 1988 National Competition

	SCHOOL	PORTFOLIO VALUE
<u>National</u>	St. Thomas High School (Team 1336) Pointe Claire, Quebec	\$235,621.27
<u>Regional</u>		
British Columbia/Yukon	Jeckell Junior H.S. (Team 47) Whitehorse, Yukon	\$141,776.41
Alberta	Fort McMurray Composite (Team 173) Fort McMurray, Alberta	\$110,699.02
Saskatchewan/Alberta	Lord Selkirk Regional H.S. (Team 339) Selkirk, Manitoba	\$113,845.34
Ontario - Greater Toronto	Richmond Hill H.S. (Team 511) Richmond Hill, Ontario	\$112,420.13
Ontario - Western Lake	Gordon E. Perdue H.S. (Team 722) Oakville, Ontario	\$117,721.69
Ontario - South and west	Glenview Park S.S. (Team 1008) Cambridge, Ontario	\$122,440.74
Ontario - North and East	John Diefenbaker S.S. (Team 1219) Hanover, Ontario	\$136,715.35
Quebec	Vanier College (Team 1400) Ville St. Laurent, Quebec	\$163,615.84
Maritimes	Saint John H.S. (Team 1605) Saint John, New Brunswick	\$133,695.76
Huntly McKay Award	F.E. Madill S.S. Wingham, Ontario	\$131,237.63