

Hon. Mr. Flint, and formerly occupied as a foundry. Both buildings were totally destroyed. Mr. Ross' loss is estimated at \$4,500; Mr. Flint \$800 to \$900. No insurance.

MR. SWINTON BOULT AND THE L., L. & G.—After a connection verging on forty years, Mr. Swinton Boulton has suddenly dissolved his connection with the company he organized, built up, and has engineered down to the present year. Our readers have already been informed of the fact. The immediate cause of Mr. Boulton's withdrawal was a disagreement with the board of which he was managing director, concerning the conduct of the American business. In view of the recent heavy losses in this country, the directors insisted on reducing the lines. Mr. Boulton, on the contrary, was in favor of carrying heavy lines while the rates continued high, and redeeming the previous losses. The directors carried their point with a high hand. Mr. Boulton resigned, and L., L. & G. stock has since been quoted at a heavy discount from its old prices. The prestige of his name has already brought him tempting offers from other offices, but we understand he is preparing to organize a new company of his own. —*Insurance Monitor.*

—English insurance companies, transacting business in the United States, issued life policies here during 1872 as follows: North British and Mercantile, 783 policies; Liverpool and London and Globe, 925 policies; Commercial Union, 602 policies.—*Chronicle.*

—A sale of Ottawa city debentures has been effected in London. These debentures were issued we believe for the construction of water works. Let us hope the citizens of the capital will not postpone any longer the necessary steps to secure an abundant supply of water for fire purposes.

—The hop crop of New York State, is this year likely to prove an average.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, July 15, 1873.

We have no improvement to record in the state of our wholesale markets this week but as this is generally a dull season of the year and many merchants are enjoying the fresh breezes at the sea-side little activity is looked for for a month to come. Hardware is especially dull. Groceries with some exceptions are generally neglected. Dry goods merchants are generally preparing for the fall trade. Breadstuffs are quiet and prices are a shade lower than last week. Drugs and chemicals are firmer. Provisions dull. Ashes steady.

Freights steady but tonnage continues scarce. The weather has been very sultry all week, but we have had some fine rain which has done a great amount of good, and the report on the crops from some districts is not quite so unfavorable as was expected.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—There has been a fair demand all week and prices have rather advanced on last weeks quotations, all offered was readily bought at \$6.32½ to 6.37½ for firsts. To-day the market closes at \$6.37½ to 6.40 for the same description. Seconds and thirds are not much sought after and bring \$5.50 to 5.60 for the former and \$5.25 for the latter. *Pearls.*—Are not plentiful the sales have been at \$8.32½ to 8.35 for firsts market to-day closing at \$8.35 to 8.40; Seconds \$6.60. The receipts for both kinds have been liberal. The stocks at present in store are pots 1910 brls; pearls 201 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is not much business doing yet but some activity is soon looked

for, it will be observed that our quotations have been slightly advanced. We now quote:—Men's No. 1 stogas \$2.60 to 2.87½; ditto No. 2 \$2.10 to 2.35; men's kip clump, \$3.25; ditto D.S. \$2.80; calf clump, \$3.62½; ditto D.S. \$3.37½; buff congress, \$1.75 to 2.30; boys' boots, \$1.60 to 2.10; youths' boots, \$1.50 to 1.75; women's calf boots, DS, \$1.60; buff ditto, DS, \$1.35 to 1.50; split ditto D.S. \$1.00; ditto S.S. 95c; buff balmorals, \$1.20 to 1.50.

CATTLE.—The supply is fully greater than the demand, prices are pretty steady first-class cattle bring from \$7 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs dressed weight. For *Sheep* the demand is quite active at from \$3 to 6. *Lambs* \$2 to 4. *Hogs.*—Sell at \$5.25 to 5.50 per 100 lbs live weight, but the demand just now is very limited.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is a somewhat firmer feeling in this branch of trade, there has been some considerable sales of *bi carb* at \$5.87½, in the earlier part of the week it was freely offered at \$5.62½ to 5.75. *Epsom salts.*—Are steady at 2c. *Sal soda.*—Very dull at 1½ to 2c. A good deal is pressed on the market at our inside quotations without finding buyers. *Alum* 2½ to 3½c; *Borax* 28 to 30c. *Cream Tartar crystals* 28 to 30c; *Madder* 12 to 15c; *Blue vitriol* 8 to 9c; *Saltpetre* \$10 to 11; *Soda ash* 3 to 3½c; *Copperas* \$1.15 to 1.25; *Caustic soda* 4½ to 5c.

DRY GOODS.—Some houses have been doing a fair business for the season, in filling sorting up orders and meeting some demand for Canadian tweeds, which judging from past experience should have been pretty active at this season. Remittances are rather slow in coming in.

FISH.—There has been a better demand this week for dry cod, but really good fish are at present scarce and would bring from \$4.25 to 4.75. No new dry cod has yet come to market. Salmon is inquired for, but there is no new in the market. Herrings are entirely neglected and nominal, with the exception of smoked and scaled which sell at 22½ to 25c.

FURS.—We have nothing to remark this week, except a reduction in the price of spring muskrat, which can be bought in an quantity at 20c. We quote:—*Beaver*, \$2.00 to 2.50 per lb; *black bear*, \$10.00 to 12.00; *fisher*, \$7 to 8; *silver fox*, \$25 to 50; *cross fox*, \$2 to 5; *red fox*, \$1.50 to 1.60; *lynx*, \$2 to 2.50; *dark marten*, \$7 to 8; *pale marten* \$2 to 2.50; *dark mink*, \$3.50 to 4; *mink, dark*, 2d \$1.50 to 2; *fall muskrat*, 15c; *winter do.*, 17c; *spring do.* 20c; *raccoon*, 25 to 50c; *skunk*, 20c; *otter*, \$10 to 12.

FREIGHTS.—Tonnage is scarce and rates are now rather higher than last week. To Liverpool and Glasgow by steamer heavy grain is taken at 9/6 to 9/9. Flour 4/6 to 5/0. Per sailing vessel wooden to Liverpool, heavy grain 8/0 and flour 4/0.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week 20,763 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 500,312 brls, being an increase of 74,441 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. Shipments for the past week 17,724 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date 363,051 brls, being an increase on the shipments for the corresponding period of 113,849 brls. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning were 75,015 brls, against 92,016 brls on the 1st inst., and 92,912 brls on the 15th of July 1873. The market this week has not been so active as the previous one. Prices on the whole have been steady, but to-day a decline of about 5 cents was recorded, and the market closes steady as follows:—*Extra* \$6.45 to 6.50; *Fancy* \$6.10 to 6.20; *Ordinary supers from Canada wheat* \$5.55 to 5.60; *Strong Bakers Flour* \$6.00 to 6.25; *Welland Canal, flour* \$5.55; *Ordinary super No. 2* \$4.87½; *Fine* \$4.25 to 4.30; *Middlings* \$3.90; *Pollards* \$3.00; *Upper Canada Bags* \$2.50 to 2.60; *Oat-*

meal quiet \$5.25 to 5.40, and *Cornmeal* \$2.75 to 2.85.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 397,935 bush. total receipts from 1st January to date 2,954,417 bush. being an increase of 2,177,889 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. Shipments for the past week 246,886 bush. total shipment from 1st January to date 2,155,772 bush. being an increase of 1,382,303 bush on the shipment for the corresponding period of 1872. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning were 335,115 bush. against 339,581 bush. on the 1st inst., and 119,712 bush. on the 15th of July 1872. Business in this grain has not been large although a number of cargoes have been changing hands. To-day the market closes quiet U. C. spring \$1.29; *Treadwell* \$1.35½ we heard of no transactions in other kinds. *Maize.*—Some few cargoes have been changing hands from 45 to 46c to-day market closes nominal at 47½c. *Peas.* Market has ruled firm all week at 70½ to 75½c closing at 78 to 82c. *Oats* steady at 32 to 35c. *Barley* 50 to 55c. There is still a large demand for *Pot* and *Pearl Barley* at \$5.75 and \$10.00 respectively.

GROCERIES.—*Sugars.*—This article is dull and difficult to move, some refining lots have been selling at 6½ to 6½c. Grocery grades 7½ to 7½c and *Scotch* refined at 8 to 8½c. Some small sales of New York refined at the following rates are reported. Dry crushed 9½ to 9½c; local refined sells at 9½c for dry crushed; *yellow* 8 to 8½c. *Molasses.*—A very quiet market some small quantities of Barbadoes to arrive is offered at 42½c, the present warm weather interferes with this line of business. *Teas.*—There have been no large transactions in this market during the week. Our quotations are unchanged but they are relatively higher than the reduced prices now in China and Japan. *Coffee.*—The market just now is fairly supplied with all kinds of *Coffees* prices rule high and from appearance in the producing countries still higher prices maybe looked for. We quote *Laguagra* 22 to 23c; *Java* 24 to 26c; *Rio* 21 to 23c; *Ceylon* 21 to 25c; *Singapore* 21 to 22½. *Rice.*—Market well stocked sales from \$3.75 to 4.25 according to quality. *Spices.*—Very little doing in these condiments just now quotations are unchanged but the high prices prevent business. *Fruit.*—*Layer raisins* are now in good supply and are procurable at \$1.52½ for round lots small parcels in proportion. *Sultanas* 10 to 10½; *Valencias* 4½ to 4½c; *Currents* have been pretty extensively dealt in 4½ to 5c being the market value at which prices it is firm. *Almonds* 12 to 15c; *shelled ditto* 15 to 20c.

HIDES AND PELTS.—A very quiet trade doing but no change to note in prices, which are steady as follows:—*Salted hides* \$9.00 to 9.50; *No. 1 Green hides* \$9.00 to 9.50; *No. 2 ditto* \$8.50 to 9; *No. 3 ditto* and *Bulls* \$7.00 to 7.50; *Sheepskins* clipped 30c; *Lambskins* 40 to 50c; *Calfskins* 13 to 15c per lb.

HARDWARE.—Prices seem more settled now than for sometime past, and buyers are likely to operate more freely, as the impression gains ground that bottom has been touched at last. *Pig Iron* is now in few hands, but is moving very slowly. We give what are called current quotations, but they must be taken as nominal, for at present it is impossible to give reliable quotations, and the general belief is that a plump offer at a good deal under our nominal list would buy any of the brands. *Bars Hoops and Sheets* are fairly active at our quotations. *Canada Plates* are in limited supply, and may advance immediately that a few large buyers come into the market. *Tin Plates* do not meet a ready sale at our reduced rates. *Cut nails* are but slow of sale at our quotations. Travelers report an improving prospect for fall trade. The following are our revised quotations:—*Pig Iron* per ton 2240 lbs. *Gartsherrie No. 1* \$39