

last week, of an official on a road running into Toronto who stated that his company was being swindled by people who crowded 40,000 lbs. of freight upon a car of 24,000 lbs. capacity, and he vowed to put an end to it. Besides, the official whose name authorizes the circular enclosed would not be a party to "robbery." He was considered an honest and a competent man when he lived Ontario, and we don't believe that residence in the Great North-West has made him a rogue.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—Midland, May 18th.—The Commercial hotel, occupied by O. A. Philips, burned. Insurance on hotel \$2,100 in the North of Scotland, on contents \$900 in Northern and \$900 in the Hartford. Shelburne, 19th.—The house, barn, and outhouses, belonging to Jas. McCue burned, loss heavy, partially insured. Belleville, 20th.—Jas. McCarty's house burned, insured for \$500 in Royal. Ottawa, 20th.—The job-room of the Free Press office burned, damage \$3,000, fully insured. Ancaster, 17th.—Ancaster Carriage Works burned out, building and machinery total loss. Rolling stock saved partly damaged. Loss \$10,000. Building insured with machinery for about \$5,000 in the Waterloo Mutual, the Mercantile, and the Perth Co's. Madoc, 19th.—Roller rink, three-story brick building and frame building destroyed. O'Flynn loses \$3,000 and has \$1,600 insurance on rink and contents. John Harper, merchant, loses \$4,000, has \$6,400 insurance. Ferguson has \$400 ins. on frame building. Casement's hardware property injured, insured.—Bloomington, 19th.—Mr. Erb's cabinet factory took fire, loss \$300, covered by insurance in Waterloo Mutual. Toronto, 29th.—The Davies pork packing establishment partially burned, loss \$4,000, insurance as follows:—On building—Lancashire, \$3,000 and \$2,000, and N. B. & M., \$4,000; on machinery and plant—Western, \$1,300, and Quebec, \$2,000; on stock—Citizens', \$2,500, and Scottish Union & National, \$2,500; total, \$17,300.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Somerset, Que., 25th.—This village has been almost swept out of existence by fire, 144 buildings were destroyed in 3½ hours, most of them uninsured. The parish church, is insured for \$29,000. There is much destitution and suffering among the burned out population. Miltown, N. B., 28th May.—Liquor store of H. Coughlin burned, loss \$600, not insured, 29th, 400,000 feet dry pine burned. C. F. Todd loses 7,000, insurance \$3,600.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, June 3rd, 1868.

STOCKS	Highest Point in Week.	Lowest Point in Week.	Total Transactions in Week.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average Price like date 1861.
Montreal	193½	187½	2360	190½	190	190
Ontario	106	104½	230	106	104½	104½
People's	62	60½	4	61	56½	56½
Molson's	114	104	31	115	114	108½
Toronto	177½	176½	191	177	176	173½
Jac. Cartier	111½	110	72	111½	110½	107½
Merchants	123	120	618	122½	122	121½
Commerce	40	25	40	40	40	40
Eastern Tys	122½	122½	137	122½	121	111
Mon. Tel.	58½	58	485	57½	57	58
Dom. Tel.	116	114½	410	116	114½	114½
Rich. & O.	183	181½	1870	183½	182½	178
City Pass	38½	25	40	38	38	38
Gas	38½	25	39	38	38	41
O. Pacific R. R.						
N. W. Land						
Mon. Cotton						

—Paper manufacturers expect a change in the letter-writing public toward the use of heavier grades of paper and envelopes in correspondence after the single letter postage weight goes into effect in the States. Now that a two cent stamp covers only half an ounce, business men must use very thin paper in order not to exceed the limit of single-rate postage. Where bills, checks or drafts are to be enclosed, the letter sheet and the envelope must be thin in order to keep the weight of the whole within the limit; but when after July 1st, one sends an ounce for two cents, people can use much heavier and thicker paper at the same cost for postage.

CUSTOMS' AND EXCISE RETURNS.

CITY.	May. '85	May. '84	Inc. or Dec.
Montreal customs...	\$608,307	\$664,773	61,466 D
" excise ...	221,002	126,583	94,419 I
Toronto customs...	187,139	222,809	25,670 D
" excise ...	581,466	68,043	463,423 I
Halifax customs...	99,550	141,928	42,378 D
" excise ...	20,586	16,174	4,412 I
Hamilton customs...	54,128	69,394	15,266 D
" excise ...	62,717	24,729	37,988 I
St. John customs...	30,023	18,177	11,846 I
" excise ...	30,259	22,583	7,676 I
London customs...	13,690	8,509	5,181 I
" excise ...	16,464	12,520	3,944 I
Ottawa customs...	10,273	2,904	7,369 I
" excise ...	40,24	4,875	35,365 I
Belleville customs...	7,960	11,991	4,031 I
" excise ...	8,652	11,231	2,579 D
Brantford customs...	7,931	5,895	2,036 I
" excise ...	4,676	5,888	1,212 D
Guelph customs...	42,486	9,855	32,631 I
" excise ...			
Winnipeg customs...			
" excise ...			
Victoria customs...			
" excise ...			

—“English as She is Spoke” by foreigners is always amusing, and “English as She is Wrote.” Here is a Japanese specimen: Notice. Shoe manufacturer. Design at my choice. The undersigned being engaged long and succeeded with their capacity at the shoe factory of Isekats, in Tokio, it is established in my liability at undermentioned lot all furnishment will be attended in moderate term with good quality. An order is acceptable, in receive a post, being called upon the measure, and it will be forwarded in furnish. U. Inova.”

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