

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 9th, 1895.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average price 1894.
Montreal	220	218½	28	225	219	221½
Ontario	99	80	65	100	95	120
People's	112	112	86	118	114	180
Molson's	170	169	25			240
Toronto				246	236	
Jac. Cartier				167	164	156
Merchants	164½	163½	73	138½	137½	136
Commerce	139	139	15			
Union						
M. Teleg	157½	155	155	157½	156½	144½
Rich. & Ont	95	84½	1843	94½	93½	80½
Street Ry	174½	168	3095	174½	174	162½
do new stock	172½	166	5968	172½	172½	
Gas	194	192	1425	194	193	179
C. Pacific Ry	54	55½	925	57	56½	72½
Land gr't b'nds	109½	109½	\$500		109½	109
N. West Land				60		
Bell Tele. Co.	152½	151	75	155	150	136½
do, new stock						
Montreal 4%						

ADDITIONAL SUMMARY.

JOB DUFOUR, for some 40 years in business in Chicoutimi, Que., and said to be the first to have begun business there, has been asked to assign. Latterly advancing years have much handicapped him in competition with others, and his trade has been a small one. He has tried to get along by doing also some farming, keeping boarding house, &c., but will now likely have to give up the fight.

THE town of Perth collected \$19,406 in taxes last year, and miscellaneous revenue enough to make the total revenue \$21,446. The municipality expended on schools \$6,203, on debentures \$5,366, on electric light \$1,475, on fire department \$953; and the total expenditure was \$20,342. There is therefore a surplus. Thus the town of Perth realizes the "result, happiness," so gloriously proclaimed by Wilkins' Micawber as coming to all who bring their expenditure within their income. The town's assessment is \$1,218,715, and it owes \$32,400, as under:

High School (2 years).....	\$ 2,400
C. P. R. Bonus (8 years).....	10,400
Tay Canal (13 years)	6,800
Gore St. Bridge (6 years).....	2,600
Gemmel Bonus (17 years).....	10,200

Total\$32,400

We are decreasing the principal of the debenture debt about \$3,600 yearly, says the *Expositor*, and in two years the High School will be paid for. The rate for 1895 should be at least a mill, if not a mill and a half, less than for 1894. The finances of the town are therefore in good condition.

THE Buffalo Custom House is regarded as a barometer indicating the trade with Canada; most of the imports entered there are from Canada. It is shown by official figures that not in sixteen years have the imports entered been so small as in 1894, but there is an upward change of late. The value of goods entered this year subject to duty was \$1,078,697 and the duties collected \$472,244. The goods entered free of duty amounted in value to \$930,501, while the years previous they were valued at \$543,526. Since the adoption of the new tariff there has been a great impetus to the Canadian trade, as is shown by a statement of the value of entries of goods free of duty for the four last months of 1894 as compared with 1893:—

Month.	1894.	1893.
September	\$168,345	\$43,347
October	138,304	33,688
November	185,193	21,058
December	160,000	25,000

Details of the various commodities represented are not yet prepared, but lumber forms one of the biggest items of the free list goods increase, and we shall be surprised if barley be not another.

H. A. STONE & Co., dealer in dry goods here, succeeded Armson & Stone, dissolved in Feb., 1893. At that time there was a nominal surplus of \$15,000, and Armson, being anxious to retire, accepted \$3,000 for his interest in the business. Now we hear that his successors have assigned, with liabilities of over \$15,000. The principal

creditors reside in Montreal.—The Ontario Water Meter Company has gone into liquidation, with small liabilities.—In December, 1893, John Ferguson started a coal and wood yard. Now he assigns.

A LOFTY MISSION.

A tribute that none so eloquently as a Frenchman could pay is thus rendered to the life assurance agent by a French journal, *L'Argus*:—

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THE ORIGIN OF MARMALADE.

According to the dictionaries, the word marmalade comes from the Portuguese *marmelo*, quince, also the Latin *melimelum*, honey apple. A correspondent, however, tells the following story as the origin of Dundee's famous confection: "When Mary Queen of Scots was detained a prisoner at Loch Leven Castle," says the correspondent, "she became more and more ill and low, and suffered from a serious loss of appetite. A Scotch confectioner at that time was inspired to make a jam of oranges, and a sample was sent to the imprisoned queen, which she so much relished that it was dedicated to her memory as 'Marie Malade.' Hence marmalade." Whether right or wrong, we prefer this legend to the testimony of any cyclopædist. —*London Globe*.

BRITISH COLUMBIA GOLD SHIPMENTS

The shipments of gold dust during the year amounted to \$368,690.17. This is the largest shipment from the province in any year since 1881, when the shipments totalled upward of \$800,000. Last year \$316,279 worth was shipped.

The total exports of gold bullion for the year 1894 by Wells, Fargo & Co. are as follows:

January	\$21,038 74
February	14,541 71
March	12,921 61
April.....	16,329 52



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May	25,831 07
June	15,750 37
July	27,090 91
August	54,083 88
September	31,731 63
October	37,333 48
November	40,672 71
December	30,492 54

Total\$327,818 17

During the year the Northern Pacific Express Company shipped \$40,872 in gold dust from here. That figure does not include coin shipments, which were very large.—*Vic. Times*.

FIRES IN VICTORIA.

There were during the year in the city of Victoria, B.C., 52 fires, representing a total loss of \$57,000, and, with the exception of a few thousand dollars, covered by insurance. Three fires represented more than half the loss; they were the Westside, \$14,000; Jacob Sehl's residence, \$16,000, and the Marymont clothing store, \$8,850, totalling \$38,850. In 1893 the fire losses were \$18,900, and the average for the past nine years, since the establishment of the present fire department, is \$23,000 a year. The fires were confined to the buildings in which they originated, with the single exception of a fire in Milne street, Spring Ridge, damage \$1,700, and which is a considerable distance from the fire hall. Although there are about 500 brick buildings, not one was burned. No accidents have occurred to the firemen or any one else at fires, save a slight burn received by one of the men. There are in the fire department thirty officers and men, of whom five are officers, nine permanent men and sixteen call men.

The *Times* adds that Victoria West and the eastern portion of the city are without fire protection, but, it is understood, that the matter will receive the attention of the incoming council.

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