

worth 107½. 112 is offered for Eastern Townships Bank, no shares on market. There are sellers of Union at 108½, buyers offer 107½. \$5 would be paid for Mechanics. Commerce has been sold in round lots at 118 and 118½. Royal Canadian, nominal at 88½ to 89½.

Debentures.—Nothing doing in Governments; there is a good demand for Consolidated five per cents. at 97½. No Dominion stock in market; we have a small sale of bonds to report at 111. Sales of Montreal Corporation bonds at 101, closing dull and inactive at 100½ to 101½; 104½ is to-day offered for limited amounts of stock; holders ask 105. No Harbor bonds of any issue in market; 104½ would be paid for 6½ per cents.

Railway Stocks and Bonds.—We have no business to report since our last prices are unchanged.

Sundries.—Montreal Telegraph sold at 177½—to-day's quotations being 177 to 177½. Richelieu Navigation is nominal at 190 to 195 ex-div.; no business doing. There are sellers of Canadian Navigation at 100½; buyers at 98. City Passenger Railway is in demand at 175; holders ask 180. City Gas is inactive at 177 to 180. Since the payment just made of \$2.50 per share, Montreal Mining Co.'s stock is offered at \$2.75 per share, with buyers at \$2.25.

Exchange.—Bank and Bank endorsed bills are worth 9½ to 9¾; very few private bills making—they are nominally worth 8½ to 9.

HAMILTON MONEY MARKET.

Reported by Stinson's Bank.

HAMILTON, Feb. 15, 1871.

Since the 1st inst., more activity has been noticed in the money and Stock Market. The demand for all descriptions of Securities has increased, and in Bank stocks, in some instances a rise of fully three per cent. has taken place—stockholders look for a further rise. The demand for New York and Sterling Exchange is improving.

FRAUDULENT ISSUE OF BANK NOTES.—At a late meeting of the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick, in liquidation, it was discovered that there has been a considerable issue of notes beyond what is shown in the books. The developments of the last two years ought to suggest to our fellow-citizens at the seaboard the necessity of revising their methods of banking, so as to close up the wide avenues for fraud which seem to have tempted several weak-kneed members of the banking fraternity to shipwreck themselves and the interests confided to their trust within a very brief period.

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Hamilton, Feb. 13.—A fire was discovered in the top storey windows of Messrs. Field & Davidson's extensive saddlery, hardware, and coach trimming establishment, on the east side of James Street. After some delay, the city fire brigade, under command of Chief Ormand, arrived, and did their utmost to check the flames. Not having sufficient hose, Mr. Ormand sent to the Great Western Railway, and the three reels were immediately placed at the disposal of the Hamilton firemen. The Chief and Assistant Chief of the Western firemen also rendered good assistance. However, all their efforts could not save the building, which in an hour or so was completely gutted. Messrs. Field & Davidson estimate their stock on hand at no less than \$40,000. It was insured as follows:—The Royal, \$6,500; the Northern, \$6,500; the Scottish Fire, \$4,000; and the British America, \$2,000—\$19,000 in all. The loss is put down at from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Although a large proportion of the stock was removed from the premises, it was much damaged by water and smoke. The building belongs to the

estate of Mrs. Green, and was insured to the amount of \$4,000, divided between the Victoria Mutual and the Home Mutual Insurance Companies. The damaged stock was removed to the premises of Messrs. F. W. Gates & Co., and in the course of a few days the firm will be in a position to resume business. The fire originated in the neighbourhood of the furnace in the cellar, and appears to have followed the hoist, at once igniting the third and fourth stories, the contents of which were entirely consumed. The tools of all the workmen in the employ of the firm were destroyed, but the vault containing the books, papers, &c., was uninjured. The furniture of Mr. Thurston's restaurant, was badly injured by water and removal, and the rear part of the building suffered considerable damage. In some parts of the house the water was nearly a foot deep. The furniture was insured for \$2,500 in the Scottish Imperial, which, it is considered, will not cover the loss.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—A house on the south-west corner of Terauley and Albert Streets, and belonging to Wilson R. Abbott, was discovered to be on fire. The engines were quickly on the spot, and by five minutes past one, two streams were brought to play upon the building, which comprised two houses. Notwithstanding the exertions of the firemen, the flames soon spread from the one house to the other, and the structure speedily became a mass of flame. The premises were gutted, but the most of the furniture in one of the houses was saved; they were rented to a Mr. Clark. Damage done will probably amount to from \$1,000 to \$1,200. Insured in the Western for \$600.

Woodstock, Feb. 13.—A fire took place in the confectionery store of William Pearson, originating in the drying room of the store. The greater portion of the goods was saved. His loss will be comparatively light, and, it is supposed, will be covered by insurance.

St. Thomas, Feb. 12.—A fire issued from the premises of David Gardner, corner of Talbot and Queen streets and occupied by the cabinet shop of Mr. Thomson, the law office of McDougall, McLean, and Mann, the tailor shop of Mr. Cruise the bakery of Mr. Gardner, and the dwelling of Miss McCallum. The alarm was promptly given but owing to the inflammable nature of the material the fire spread with great rapidity, and in few minutes had gained such headway that all hopes of saving the block were abandoned. The Fire engine, as usual was unmanageable, and was only got into working order when work was useless. A little hand engine, under the control of Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson, rendered valuable service, and though Mr. Cuthbertson's pluck and energy the spread of the fire westward, and across the street, was prevented. The loss is in the neighborhood of \$6,000. A portion of the furniture in Mr. Thomson's ware-house was saved, also, the contents of Messrs. McLean and Mann's offices, and of Mr. Cruise's shop. Mr. McDougall's books and papers, were all destroyed, and he sustains a loss of about \$200. Mr. Gardner saved nothing. Mr. Claris was insured for \$300, and Mr. Thomson for \$2,000,—one half on the building and one half on stock.

Township of Carden, Jan. 22.—A tavern, owned and occupied by Mr. Cummins, on the Victoria Road, was burned to the ground. A considerable amount of property was destroyed. No insurance.

Newmarket, Feb'y 3.—Immediately after the large fire reported last week had subsided, the alarm came that the dry goods store of R. H. Smith was on fire. Its origin is a mystery. The building was seriously damaged, and also the goods. The loss is stated at \$4,000, and fully insured, both on stock and buildings.

Dundas, Feb. 14.—An unoccupied building, formerly Scott's agricultural implement works, was destroyed by fire. The property was owned by Mr. Pepper, of Carlisle; reported to be insured for \$3,000, which must fully cover the loss. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary, as it seemed to ignite simultaneously from every part of the building.

Brantford, Feb. 14.—A fire originated in James McKay's harness shop, Colborne street, and communicated to Minor's confectionary through a slight partition. The water works recently put in operation here were found equal to the emergency, and the flames were confined to the building where they originated. Minor's loss is about \$800, insured for \$400; McKay's loss is not known; he was insured for \$3,000. Some goods in the store of J. W. Wilkinson and A. & J. Morton, were slightly damaged by removal and water. Cause unknown.

Hawkesville, Ont., Feb. 5.—The store of M. P. Empey, was burned with contents. The only thing saved was the safe. Everything in the store and post-office was destroyed. It is not known how the fire originated. The entire loss is estimated at \$5,355, of which \$4,100 is covered by insurance in the Waterloo Mutual and Home District Companies.

St. Catharines, Feb. 14.—The residence on Ontario street, of Thomas Adams, Paymaster in the Welland Canal office, was destroyed by fire this morning. The fire was supposed to have originated from a spark from the stove in Col. Adams' own room falling on some paper in a bureau drawer. Mr. Adams' son had his whiskers and hair burnt off. The family escaped in their night clothes. Four gold watches, two hundred dollars in money, and all the furniture were destroyed. The loss is between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

QUEBEC FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.—The following gentlemen were elected directors of this company for the ensuing year, viz:—J. Greaves Clapham, George Hall, W. J. Withall, H. S. Scott, J. B. Renaud, Vital Tetu, and E. Chinic, Esquires. At a meeting of the Board held yesterday, Vital Tetu, Esq., was elected President, J. Greaves Clapham, Esq., Vice-President, and Wm. J. Withall, Esq., Treasurer.

—The *Stanstead Journal* says that Mr. E. H. Goff—formerly the agent of the Home of New Haven in the Eastern Townships, and now representing the Provincial and other companies in that territory,—“is cancelling all the policies of the Home throughout his extensive agency, renewing the assurance in either the Provincial or Agricultural, and allowing the holders *pro rata* value for the cancelled policies. In order to do this, and pay the premiums to the other companies, Mr. Goff, we are assured, has been obliged to effect a credit of \$20,000.

Railways.

GREAT WESTERN.—These shares, the quotation for which has for several months been immeasurably below their intrinsic worth, are now in active request. From whatever point of view this line be regarded, its prospects were never more encouraging. The recent advance of 20 p. c. in the rates of through traffic has naturally resulted in a considerable increase in receipts. It is estimated that the traffic returns during the ensuing month will show an average increase of some £3,000 per week, the comparison figures being extremely low, owing to the exceptionally heavy snow storms of last January. Another favorable feature worthy of notice is the large amount which will be saved in the conversion of currency in the present half-year, being more than sufficient to pay 1 p. c. additional dividend.”—*Railway Times*, January 14.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—Traffic for week ending Dec. 16, 1870.

Passengers.....	\$18,525 26
Freight and Live Stock.....	58,146 25
Mails and Sundries.....	2,309 12

Total Receipts for week.....	\$78,980 63
Corresponding week, 1869....	78,812 67

Increase..... \$ 167 96