

COAL is a serious item in the expense of ocean-going steamers in these days of fast ships and quick passages. Two thousand dollars per day spent for fuel is a sum exceeded by several of the swift trans-Atlantic ships, and few if any of them are making money. Some of the lines, it is said, will withdraw certain steamers "for repairs," and thus reduce expenses. It may be observed from the table below what the actual cost of fuel alone is for these largest vessels:—

Vessels.	Coal consumed per day.	Average knots per hour.	Cost of coal per voyage.
Oregon.....	337	17 9-10	\$18,872
City of Rome.....	304	16	17,024
Alaska.....	253	16 8-10	15,168
Servia.....	214	16 5-10	11,956
Aurania.....	214	16 7-10	11,956
America.....	182	17 3-10	10,192
Austral.....	115	16 3-10	6,440

H. W. SMITH, a fancy goods dealer in Chatham, who has been doing a small business for about four years, has assigned.—Messrs. Salisbury & Son, who have long done a book and stationery business in Cobourg, are in trouble, the direct cause of which is the Campbell & Son failure. It is thought that their liabilities will reach nearly \$12,000.—The saddlery hardware firm of Field & Davidson, at Hamilton, compromised liabilities of \$62,000 in January last at 50 per cent. This settlement gave the firm a surplus of \$13,000 but it appears to have been insufficient as they have failed to make payments as arranged, and have assigned.—D. H. Dorman, woollen manufacturer at Mitchell, is in financial trouble after having worked hard for nearly twenty years to succeed. In 1880 after having settled a loss by fire with the insurance companies, he was considered worth \$5,000. About four years ago he purchased the building which he occupies at present. This purchase it is feared has crippled him. At any rate he has found it needful to assign.—A manufacturer of slippers in this city, J. F. Rogers, is reported to have left town with all he could manage to "scoop in."—Mrs. E. A. Warne, dealer in fancy goods at Brampton, was certainly very accommodating to the house of Campbells. She gave that firm paper to the extent of \$1,000 to help to tide over its difficulties. The kind hearted but imprudent woman, is now called upon for payment, although it would seem that she never received any value.—Another victim to the Campbell failure is W. T. Watson, of Harriston, who is said to have signed accommodation paper to the extent of \$4,000 or \$5,000. He was not supposed to be worth much more than half this sum; however he has been compelled to assign.—Mrs. W. F. Cowan, doing business as a milliner in Chatham in a very

small way, has failed.—A Dresden harness maker, J. T. Bridgewater, has assigned to his father.—W. H. Patterson, maker of wagons in Sunderland, has got into trouble by being over ambitious. He has assigned.—The effects of M. Allen, confectioner in this city, have been sold by bailiff.—F. Benyon, druggist, Toronto, finds the sheriff in possession of his premises, and his stock is advertised for sale.—The stock of John Wellington, furniture dealer, also in this city, has been seized and sold.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Nov. 5, 1884.

STOCKS.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transacted in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Average Price in 1884.
Montreal.....	189½	189½	42	189½	190	189½
" x.d.....	184½	185	95	184	185	184½
Ontario.....	107	107	2	108	108	104
People's.....	107	108	51	107	109½	104
Molson's x.d.....	173	173	1	172	173	171
Toronto.....	110	110½	161	110	110½	115½
Jac. Cartier.....	116½	117	320	116½	117	121½
Merchants.....	110	110	89	110	110½	116½
Commerce.....	110	110	89	110	110½	116½
Eastern Tps.....	110	110	89	110	110½	116½
Union.....	110	110	89	110	110½	116½
Hamilton.....	110	110	89	110	110½	116½
Exchange.....	110	110	89	110	110½	116½
Mon. Tel.....	110	110	89	110	110½	116½
Dom. Tel.....	110	110	89	110	110½	116½
Rich. & O.....	113½	116	512	114½	115½	110½
City Pass.....	174½	175½	1095	174½	175	166½
Gas.....	174½	175½	1095	174½	175	166½
" x.d.....	174½	175½	1095	174½	175	166½
R. C. Ins. Co.....	174½	175½	1095	174½	175	166½

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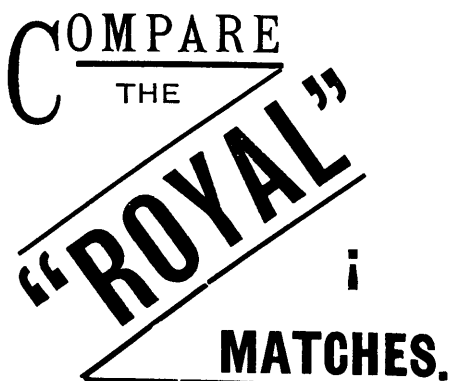
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