

23.—An unoccupied house on Dunlop street damaged. Insured in the Liverpool and London and Globe, and Hartford Co's. *Gorrie*, 23.—A. Carson's steam saw and shingle mill totally destroyed. Loss about \$4,000; no insurance. *Brantford*, 25.—Aird's livery stable destroyed, together with six horses, cab, buggies and sleighs. No insurance. *Harrietsville*, 25.—Hotel kept by C. Norris destroyed, together with contents, including \$300 in cash. Total loss about \$2,500; no insurance. A dwelling adjoining was also destroyed. *Ancaster*, 21.—Bowman's Church destroyed. *Belleville*, 25.—An unoccupied house owned by Mrs. Short destroyed. Loss \$400; insured. The English Church destroyed with contents, including a valuable organ. The church was valued at \$5,000; insured for \$3,000. *Saltford*, 24.—A blacksmith shop and store owned by John McIntyre both totally destroyed, also the residence of Andrew Beck; fully insured. *Uxbridge*, 23.—A barn owned by F. J. McCann, and occupied by Chas. Nix, destroyed. *Guelph*, 25.—Barn and outbuildings owned by Neil Jadie, and occupied by E. Hood, destroyed, together with ten head of cattle and five horses and other contents. Loss about \$4,000; insured for \$800 in the Wellington Mutual. *Portsmouth*, 26.—The steam sole leather tannery with adjoining buildings, owned by A. Gunn & Co., of Kingston, totally destroyed, together with contents, also a dwelling house adjoining. Loss heavy, probably \$100,000; insured for \$14,000 in the Northern, Royal Canadian and Phoenix Co's. *Ottawa*, 25.—100,000 feet of lumber, siding and strips, owned by J. R. Booth, destroyed. Loss \$1,500. *St. Catharines*, 27.—A block of buildings occupied by C. Steinberg, cigar dealer; Mr. Downing, residence; Mr. Smith, oils; and Mr. Crobb, furniture dealer, damaged mostly by water. The latter, whose loss is about \$500, is fully insured. *Port Hope*, 27.—Building owned by J. J. Turner, and occupied by J. Kuffin as a storeroom, which contained about 70 tons of hay, destroyed. Building insured for \$100 in the Royal Canadian, and contents for \$845 in the North British. *Prescott*, 29.—A destructive fire broke out destroying property to the extent of \$40,000. The following is a list of the losses and insurance:—J. G. Strohmeyer, hatter and furrier. Total loss. Insurance, stock, \$500 in the North of England; \$500 in the Union, \$500 in the Mercantile; furniture, \$700 in the British America. Chamberlin & Co., total loss; insured, \$3,000 in the Lancashire, \$3,000 in the Queen, \$10,000 additional loss. James Buckley, total loss; building insured, \$3,000 in the Citizen, \$3,000 in the Royal Canadian. Nesfield Ward, partial loss; building insured for \$2,500 in the Western. J. V. Miller, stock removed and damaged; insured for \$3,000 in the Mercantile and \$2,000 in the Union. S. M. Coons, partial loss; building insured for \$3,000 in the Royal. Mrs. Evans' loss slight. Building insured for \$1,000 in the Lancashire. P. Coughlin's loss slight. Building insured for \$800 in the Lancashire. The following are the losses to the different insurance companies:—Lancashire, \$5,000; Royal, \$3,000; Queen's, \$3,000; Citizens', \$3,000; Royal Canadian, \$3,000; Western (Toronto), \$2,500; Mercantile, \$3,500; Norwich, of England, \$500; British American, \$700; Union (Toronto), \$2,500; Imperial, \$700. *London*, May 3.—An hotel about to be occupied by Mrs. Moohan totally destroyed. Mrs. Moohan's loss is \$2,300; insured for \$1,500 in the Royal. *Ottawa*, 3.—Buildings occupied by Messrs. Ross, Critchley & Cummings damaged; fully insured. *Williamsburg*, 3.—Cliff & Shaw's woollen factory destroyed. Loss heavy; no insurance. *St. Thomas*, 3.—The Canada Southern freight house totally destroyed. Loss heavy. *Goderich*, 4.—Dwelling of James Keigh destroyed with contents. Insured in the Standard Co. *London*, 4.—Messrs. E. Leonard & Sons' foundry totally destroyed. Loss estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000; insured for \$15,000 as follows:—\$5,000 in the Lancashire and \$2,500 each in the Phoenix of Brooklyn, Aina and Hartford of Hartford, and Imperial. *Petrolia*, 3.—Scott Bros livery stable destroyed. Loss \$1,200; no insurance.

## QUEBEC.

*Quebec*, April 24.—The St. Andrew's Church almost totally destroyed. An organ valued at over \$2,000 was burnt; insured for \$2,000 in the Commercial Union; there was also an insurance in the same office for \$1,000 on the stained glass windows. The building with other contents insured for \$13,000. *Hull*, 25.—E. B. Eddy's match factory damaged to the extent of about \$13,000; insured for \$10,000. *Quebec*, 26.—Fifteen tenement houses owned by Mr. Gagnon, Mr. Serat, Mr. Baril, and the Permanent Building Society destroyed. Insurance losses are as follows:—Liverpool and London and Globe, \$1,600 on house of D. Fiset and \$1,200 on house of Mr. Robitaille; Royal of England, \$800 on building owned by Mr. Trepanier; \$1,000 on building owned by O. Gagnon, and \$300 on furniture; Northern, \$400 on Trepanier's buildings; Canada, \$800 on same building, and Quebec, \$400 on furniture of A. Fiset. *Quebec*, 30.—A block of four stores occupied by Casey & Co., auctioneers; Côté, hardware merchant; H. Linfesty, commission merchant; and Renaud & Co., glassware, almost totally destroyed. Total loss about \$20,000; insured in the North British and Mercantile, Royal, Imperial, Queen, Western and Quebec. *Montreal*, May 5.—Mr. J. H. Mooney's tannery with contents and adjoining building totally destroyed. Total insurance \$30,000 divided between the North British and Mercantile, Phoenix, Lancashire, Royal Canadian, Commercial Union and Guardian.

## Financial and Commercial.

## MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, 5th May, 1881.

There has been no material increase in trade manifested since our last reference. A steady consumptive demand for all leading staples is reported, and, with the exception of sugars, which have been remarkably strong and advancing this week, values rule generally steady, at about former figures. New butter is slightly lower, and hides have advanced about  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. within the week; hardware continues brisk to the extent of the country demand, and pig iron continues weak and unsettled. In bread-stuffs little has been done on export account; shippers are deterred from operating by the high freights asked at this port, vessel owners wanting 1s. 6d. more than the ruling rates at New York. Otherwise, the shipping season has been fairly inaugurated; regular line steamships have arrived in port from Liverpool, and at least two have sailed again for that port, with cargoes, chiefly cattle. The Richelieu line of boats have commenced running between Hamilton and Montreal, and several freight vessels are in the canal. The rates of discount, and of interest on loans are unchanged. Sterling Exchange rules firm at 94 to 95 prem, for round amounts, and 94 prem cash over the counter. Drafts on New York drawn at  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  prem. On the Stock Exchange business has been increasingly active, with a strong advancing market, Montreal Bank leading in the upward movement, having advanced for the week about 11 per cent. The market closes strong, with an advance to-day of  $\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. for Montreal and Merchants, buyers closing at 207 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and holders at 207 $\frac{1}{2}$  for the former, and at 127 and 127 $\frac{1}{2}$  respectively for the latter. Montreal Telegraph fell  $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent., closing at 123 bid. Richelieu, also, declined 1 per cent.; it is stated on good authority that arrangements are all but complete for the running of an opposition Steamboat line this summer, the promoters being American capitalists. A large business was done in stocks to-day; the afternoon transactions were: 43 Montreal at 207 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 6 do at 207 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 60 do, ex-div., at 202 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 10 do at 202 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 25 Ontario at 103; 51 Molsons at 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 25 Jacques Cartier at 103; 75 Merchants at 125 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 85 do at 126; 50 do at 127 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 50 do ex-div. at 123 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 100 Commerce at 148 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 350 do at 148 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 50 do at 148 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 15 do at 149; 5 Exchange at 137 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 5 do at 137 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 125 Montreal Telegraph at 123 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 25 do at 123; 70 Richelieu at 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 75 do

at 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 200 City Passenger at 129 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 50 City Gas at 139; 25 do at 138.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—There is little change to report. Our manufacturers are kept fairly busy executing the last of the early spring orders and attending to sorting-up orders per mail. A few travellers have gone out during the week, and they report stocks in the country not much reduced. The spring movement in this, as in other branches, has been retarded by the unfavorable weather. The requirements of fall stock are commencing to attract more attention, but there will be little done in this direction for some weeks. Remittances continue good; few renewals were asked on the 4th inst.

**COAL.**—The opening of navigation, and arrival of Anthracite coal by water, has had the effect of reducing prices materially in this market; some leading dealers are now selling stove coal at \$6.50, and egg and chestnut at \$6.25. The demand is reported fair for the season. The first cargo of Scotch steam coal from Leith has arrived at Quebec, and been sold at \$5 per chaldron.

**CATTLE, ETC.**—The supply at the market on Monday list was not large, but good prices were obtained for butchers' cattle throughout. The demand for shipment was light, owing partially to the rumors afloat of the appearance of foot and mouth disease among the cattle in England. Prices paid for choice stock ranged from 5¢ to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, and for poor to medium,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to  $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per lb. Sheep sold at 6 and 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb., some for shipment. Live hogs sold at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. in small lots.

**DRY GOODS.**—Trade generally is quiet; one or two leading houses have experienced a rather dull week, while others, more especially those favored with the visits of Lower St. Lawrence merchants, coming in by boat, have done a tolerably good business for the time of year. Purchases at this stage of the season are naturally small, and business for the next few weeks is expected to be of a light sorting-up character. The weather, up to date, has been quite unfavorable to this trade; complaints against the weather are heard from all parts of the country. Travellers have been leaving almost every day during the week, and scarcely sufficient time has elapsed for them to give an account of themselves. Stocks in the warehouses here, though well assorted still, are pretty well reduced. In England prices rule low and in buyers' favor for nearly all kinds of cotton and woollen goods. Payments have exhibited an improvement; a large amount of money on paper became due yesterday, 4th inst., and was generally promptly paid. Only a few short-time renewals were asked for. A leading firm here, on making up the returns for April, were pleased to discover that remittances had been much better than for the corresponding month for several years, and showed about 30 per cent. increase on those for the like period last year.

**DAIRY PRODUCE.**—In the local Butter market business has been confined to supplying the local trade with new make, the supply of which has been steadily increasing. Prices have continued to rule in buyers' favor, and, as predicted in our last report, have further declined; 18¢ is about the highest figure that will be paid to-day for fine new Townships or Morrisburgs. Inferior grades are obtainable at 15¢ to 16¢. Receipts are liberal, and, with stocks accumulating, dealers willingly part with their fine goods at 18¢. In old butter there is little or no interest manifested; stocks are about exhausted, and our "prices current" on another page are entirely for the new make. A new feature is the demand in Liverpool for the Newfoundland market; during the past few days some 1,500 pkgs. butter have been bought in Liverpool for Newfoundland, at from 40s to 60s. In New York business is rather slow; the even disposition of buyers is to move with caution, but, on the whole, the market shows signs of steadiness, though there is no evidence of positive reaction. But few sales have been made to exporters. Creameries quoted at 22¢ to 23¢, stale butter at 20¢ to 21¢, and Western rarely brings over 17¢. The local Cheese market has ruled quiet and steady all week; buyers in