

FIRE RECORD—INSURANCE.

ONTARIO.

Clinton, Aug. 5.—Messrs Cooper & McKenzie's planing mill and drying kiln with contents destroyed. Loss \$6,500; insured \$1,500—\$1,000 in Middlesex Mutual and \$500 in Gore Mutual. *Brussels*, Sept. 3.—W. F. Vanstone's flour and saw mills with contents destroyed. Loss \$15,000, insured as follows:—Western, \$2,000; Northern \$5,000; Gore District, \$1,000. *Ottawa*, Sept. 4.—The tannery belonging to Mr. Vermain damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars. *March Corners*, Sept. 4.—J. McMurty's barns burnt. Loss \$500; no insurance. *Russell Road*, Sept. 4.—A barn owned by N. Tremblay destroyed with contents. Loss \$1,000; no insurance. *Kingston*, Sept. 4.—A barn owned by Mr. Wilder destroyed. Loss \$150; no insurance. *St. Williams*, Sept. 5.—Messrs. McBurney & McCall's factory burnt to the ground. Loss \$15,000; no insurance.

QUEBEC.

St. Jean Baptiste Village, Aug. 31.—The sheds and stables, in rear of 216 Caudieux street, damaged to the extent of \$5,000; partly covered by insurance.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Sussex, Aug. 31.—The Victoria Hall, owned by W. H. White, and occupied by the Savings Bank, T. T. Stumbles, White & Allison, and several others. The building was destroyed. Insured for \$3,000 in the Western.

Market Reports.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, 6th Sept., 1883.

The sudden change to colder weather this week seems to have induced the return of the majority of our wholesale merchants from their annual vacation, and in a few leading departments the Fall trade activity is gradually commencing to be felt. It is not likely, however, to become general for another fortnight, and thus far it would seem that the volume of business may not be quite so large as last Autumn, but will probably be sounder, and equally profitable. All things considered, it is, perhaps not desirable, that the trade done this year should be quite so large. The few changes noted in the tone of the markets this week, with fluctuations in values, which apply chiefly to hides, oils, and provisions, will be found recorded below, under the respective headings. Money continues quiet but in plentiful supply for all requirements, and rates of interest and discount are unaltered. In Sterling Exchange nothing doing and rates nominal. The Stock market has been rather more active the last two days, but there is no spirit or animation yet manifest, and values have been irregular and are generally lower than last week. Montreal and Merchants have each declined $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 per cent, Ontario and Toronto are each about 2 per cent lower, Commerce has dropped 1 p. c., Richelieu and City Gas 14; but City Passenger sustained a "break" yesterday, of 5 per cent, and a further decline of 1 p. c. to-day, making a total drop for the week of 8 to 10 per cent. Canada Pacific and St. Paul have advanced 2 and 1 p. c. respectively, while North-West Land has fallen off 1s 6d. See table on another page.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Shipments of goods are now going forward freely, and the orders in hand will keep manufacturers busy as possible all this month. A few buyers have been in the market selecting fair-sized parcels during the

week. As the harvest season is now well advanced, remittances begin to show some improvement, notes due on the 4th inst. being exceedingly well provided for. Prices remain steady and unchanged, there being less disposition to cut under manifest this season than in previous years.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—The Butter market remains without essential change, the orders for shipment being few and light, and scarcity of sufficient quantities of desirable goods being still a source of complaint in the trade. Sales are generally small, at steady and nominally unchanged prices from those of last week. In Cheese there has been a fair movement, at firm quotations, several round lots having changed hands at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, the latter figure being for finest August make. July cheese is quoted at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, and August at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c, but it must be very choice to command over 10c. Shipments this week will be heavy, being estimated at about 60,000 boxes; shipments from this city and New York for last week were about 116,000 boxes. The stocks of cheese in New York on September 1st were 18,780 boxes, and of butter 87,041 boxes. The New York market was reported easier yesterday by telegraph. The public Liverpool cable is reported steady and unchanged at 52s 6d, while Beerbohm has cabled an advance of 6d to 52s per cwt. At Ingersoll this week eleven factories offered 6,150 boxes, mostly August make; 600 boxes sold at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c and 1,500 at 11c; offers of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c were freely made for other lots, but not accepted, factorymen preferring to wait further developments.

DRY GOODS.—The opening out of millinery displays, which were surpassingly good, this week have attracted a large number of buyers to the city from nearly all parts of the Dominion. In the general dry goods houses there were few distinguishable features noticeable; North-West merchants, especially one or two from Portage la Prairie, report a better feeling among the trade of the North-West, with business brightening up, under the influence of good crops, all round; Western Ontario merchants have been in the market, buying fair-sized parcels of all kinds of seasonal goods, dress and fancy goods being in special request. Some leading houses, however, report the volume of sales thus far this season as smaller than for the like period last year, but a large excursion party arrived in the city from points west of Toronto yesterday afternoon, and an increasingly active business at wholesale is likely to be done during the remainder of the season. Payments show some improvement, and are generally good, one or two houses realizing an increase as compared with the like period last year. The city retail trade is generally reported good, the larger houses being especially busy.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—English wheat markets have generally ruled dull this week. Cable advices to-day report a decline of 3d to 6d on wheat cargoes on passage, and of 6d on corn for prompt shipment. Imports in the U. K. for the week show a decrease of 5,000 brels flour, and 25,000 qrs. corn, and an increase of 95,000 qrs. wheat. The continued depreciation in prices for wheat in the American markets has upset the calculations of shippers in this market and rendered business extremely dull, with declining values for nearly all kinds of grain. To-day, however, Chicago market has advanced 1c to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c for wheat, and $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 1c for corn. In the local market there was little or no business transacted, and the general tendency in values is in buyers' favor; in fact, to do business in wheat, considerably lower prices would have to be accepted. Quotations for flour show little change from last week, but the tendency is downward. Ocean freights are dull and easy at 2s 3d and 2s 6d Liverpool, 3s London, and about the same to Glasgow.

FRUITS.—Trade continues good, Peaches commanding the chief attention, and selling at

\$2.50 to \$3.25 per crate; in carriers at \$4.50, and in baskets at \$1 to \$1.50 each. Receipts of Bartlett Pears during the week have been heavy; the demand is not equal to the supply. Prices range from \$6 to \$7.50 per bbl. Of Apples receipts for the week have been light, and there are few, if any, lots of American fruit in the market. The farmers' offerings, in baskets, have been sufficient to supply the local trade. Fancy stock, such as the Duchess, command \$4, and other varieties from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per bbl. Lemons in light supply, but demand also light; selling at from \$6 to \$7.50 per box. Red Bananas are in moderate request, at \$2.50 per bunch.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The travellers are starting out this week, but sufficient time has not yet elapsed to afford an idea of the prospects. Meanwhile a steady, fair trade is being done in general assortments of shelf and heavy hardware, at unchanged price-lists. Remittances generally fair. For Pig Iron there has been an improved enquiry, chiefly for Full delivery; there have been sales this week of round lots of Summerlee & Carruboe, also of about 500 tons, in the aggregate, of Calder, for delivery in the West, on the basis of last week's quotations. Spot transactions for immediate delivery have been confined to lots of five to ten tons each. Freights from Glasgow to this port are firm and advancing, and values in this market seem likely to continue firm for the remainder of the season. General metals remain quiet and unchanged, no increased activity, or advices from foreign markets being reported.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The long expected "break" in prices for native Hides has taken place this week, dealers having agreed to pay butchers only 8c, 7c and 6c, for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, respectively, and are charging to per lb. advance for cured and inspected hides. The offerings are about as large as usual, but are not expected to be large until colder weather sets in. Two carloads of Western States hides have been sold here this week at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 9c for prime No. 1. Western Canada hides quiet and unchanged. Offerings of Lambskins are rather liberal, and the prices to be paid this month shows only a slight advance, 55c being the quotation. Calfskins dull and nominal.

GROCERIES.—Business not specially active, but prospects are fair as to Fall trade. Teas.—Quietness prevails at most points. Values fairly steady for high-class Japans. The English market is firm for the choice grades of Green Teas. Sugars.—Prices show but very slight variations, with demand up to average. Molasses.—Market firm for good Barbadoes, some ask 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c in moderate quantities. Syrups in ordinary request. Rice is dull, \$3.30 to \$3.80. Coffees.—The fearful calamity at Java doubtless will have some effect on market for production. In meantime the advance is trifling in Java Coffees; other kinds firm. Spices.—Pepper is cabled 7d in London lately, and is firmer here, with advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ c to 1c. Other Spices not active. Fruits.—A small lot of new Valentins sold in New York lately at 10c, say 8c, deducting duty. With us good Valentins, crop 1882, are steady. Inferior and out-of-condition fruit are neglected. Malaga.—Opening prices are fully over expectation. Currants.—Damage to drying, reported from Greece. Opening prices are pretty high and kept up largely by French demand expected. With us stock is low of crop 1882, and firm in price. Sultanins slow, better than last season, prices moderate. In meantime the business in crop 1882 fruits is light. Tarragona Almonds firm, with sales at Liverpool for Fance.

LEATHER.—In Sole leather a fair average business is being done with jobbers and shoe manufacturers, at firm but unchanged prices. There is rather more doing in all kinds than earlier in the season, but there is no marked activity in anything, and, on the whole, the market rules quiet. Shoe manufacturers are