

to conclude by saying that the general opinion is that legislation is necessary, but it must be in a different shape to that now presented to us, which will do infinitely more harm than good.—*The Review, London, England.*

FIRE RECORD.—Prescott, Aug. 17.—A fire here to-day at noon consumed Asa Gerald's frame dwelling-house; total loss. Insured in Royal for \$900.

Montreal, Aug. 22.—The following are the full details of the insurances on the Canada Hotel, Caledonia Springs:

	Liv. & Lon. & Globe.	Ætna.	Imperial.	Total.
Buildings	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$15,000
H'hold F'niture	2,800	1,400	1,400	5,600
Plate	300	150	150	600
Piano-forte	100	50	50	200
	\$10,700	\$5,350	\$5,350	\$21,400

The building containing the bar-room, ball-room, billiard-room, bowling-alley, &c., was not injured. The loss has not yet been ascertained.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—The Crystal Block, Notre Dame street, is chiefly constructed of iron, and belongs to the Masson estate. The stores are occupied respectively by Rice Sharpley, jeweller and dealer in fancy goods; J. Henderson & Co., hatters and furriers; [G. W. Fandeward & Co., dealers in fancy goods; and Joseph Carlisle, Terrapin tavern and restaurant. The fire broke out in a wooden shed attached to the Terrapin, which is entirely destroyed in the interior. Fandeward's store and stock are much damaged by water. Henderson's and Sharpley's damage is chiefly confined to blinds and windows. The insurances are:

Carlisle's building, North British and Mercantile	\$5,000
Fandeward's building, North British and Mercantile	4,000
Carlisle, on contents, Imperial	\$9,000
Fandeward " " Home	\$2,000
" " Western	\$1,500
	1,400
	\$3,000
Total	\$14,000

The amount of losses is not yet ascertained, but Carlisle will come out a heavy loser.

Fergus, Aug. 22.—A fire was discovered in a frame building on St. Andrew street, belonging to Wm. Robertson, Esq., and used as a store-house. There were 247 barrels of whiskey, owned by Geo. G. Wyllie, and about 300 bushels of wheat owned by Mr. Robertson, in the building. Part of the whiskey was saved in a damaged state, but the grain was entirely consumed. A small frame bakery alongside, was also burned down. The whiskey was insured for \$4,000, but there was no insurance on the buildings or grain.

Whitby, Aug. 20.—The barns on the farm of Nathaniel Ray, with their contents were destroyed the loss including the value of the implements, harness, &c., and four pigs was \$1,400; insured in the Ontario Farmers for \$800. The fire is alleged to have been the work of an incendiary.

Barford, E. T., Aug. 18.—The house and out-buildings of George Thomas, with contents, were burned. Insured.

North Ely, E. T., Aug. 12.—The lightning truck a barn, setting it on fire and consuming it, together with another barn and two stables. They belonged to John Brock.

Ottawa, July 19.—A dreadful conflagration has been raging in the country round here for some days. The village of Bells Corners on Richmond road is all destroyed except three or four buildings and several lives have been lost. As far as has been ascertained the following is the destruction of property in the different townships:

March.—Citron's two barns and house—all his property. Mrs. Hopper, house; A. Sharp, sheds and barns. Kelly, barns, sheds, house and all. Hugh Parker, house, barn and sheds; this man

and family had to rush into the river to their necks to save their lives.

Nepean.—Robert Shirley, houses, barns, sheds and waggons, &c. Thomas Shirley, houses, barns, sheds and waggons, &c. Mrs. Boucher, house and barns—all her property. Wm. Boucher, house and barns—all his property. Beatty, house and barns—all his property. T. Hounan, house and barns—all his property. Watts, house and a span of horses worth \$400, and all his property. James Graham, hotel and barns—all his property. John Christian, barn and crop; house saved. Shouldice, house and barns—all his property. John Nesbit, stone house, barns and sheds—all his property. John Graham, (Bay) house and barn—all his property. Thos. Graham, (Creek) house, barn and sheds—all his property. Mrs. Bell, (hotel) Richmond Road, houses, barns, sheds and school house. N. G. Robinson, house and stacks of hay. Thomas Hyde, barns and sheds, with contents; house saved. Mr. Pritchard, old wood house; the house safe. In Nepean and March only three houses stand in fifteen miles. Fences, telegraph posts, and crops in this district, are all destroyed. What other damage has been done beyond the township of March has to be told. It is very great. The townships of Huntely and Fitzroy are actually in a blaze. A distance of ten miles above the Carp is in flames.

Gloucester.—In this township, at the Railroad crossing at Doney's the people have been burnt out, and three houses burnt down. James Joyée and thirteen families are houseless this morning. Mr. Hopkin's house and barn. A. Brown had his house burned. Thomas Hill's house and barn. House and barn on A. Featherston's farm. Mr. Lusk's whole premises were destroyed. Mr. P. O'Meara's barn and its contents. The farms of the above gentlemen were completely over run by fire.

Templeton.—In Templeton, Mr. McLatchie lost 200 tons of hay and his stone house. John Smith's house and outbuildings were all destroyed, he and his family escaping with scarcely enough clothing to cover them. Mr. Hopkin's, Mr. Potter and Mr. David likewise had all destroyed. The fences on Mr. Lewis' property, about 3 miles from the city, have all been burned, his house and other buildings, however, having been saved by great exertions.

Ironsides Village.—Comprising over fifty houses of the employees at the iron mines, was destroyed, the smelting house among the other buildings. The smelting house was valued at fifty thousand dollars. [Since the above was in type a much fuller list has been sent us; the above does not include half the property destroyed.—Ed. M. TIMES.]

Lindsay, Aug. 23.—Last night about 10 o'clock a fire broke out in the building owned by Thomas Bradburn, and occupied by Larmour & Williams, boot and shoe store on Yonge St., Stephens, printing office and book bindery; Dr. McCulloch, office and drug store, and W. J. Larmour as a dwelling. The building was totally consumed, and was uninsured. Williams & Larmour's stock was insured in the Queen for \$600—a partial loss; James Stephens was insured in the Western for \$400—partial loss; Dr. McCulloch and W. J. Larmour were uninsured. The fire originated in Williams' & Larmour's boot and shoe store, cause is unknown.

—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway Company sold at auction, July 27, 80,000 tons of Scranton coal. A general improvement over the prices obtained at the sale last month was realized, notwithstanding the impression then existing regarding a scarcity has been removed. There are said to be 1,000,000 tons more on hand than was the case last year at the period. High prices during the coming fall and winter are not anticipated, inasmuch as the laborers at nearly all the mines are at work on satisfactory terms.

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MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, Aug. 23.

We have had another week of very dry weather, but by no means so warm and oppressive as it has been for some time past. Since last week the air has been filled with smoke which has almost kept the sun obscured, coming doubtless from the extensive fires in the bush in the Ottawa Region, and on the south bank of the St. Lawrence.

In some branches of trade business has been fair, Breadstuffs are still unsettled, without much doing. Ashes are active at lower rates. Provisions are active and steady. Freights are lower. Stocks are generally firmer, but the amount of transactions have been comparatively small. Sterling Exchange for Bankers Bills closes flat at 94 to 95c.

ASHES.—Pots.—There has been considerable activity in the market this week, and sales have made principally at \$6.50 closing firm at \$6.50 to \$6.60. Seconds have been in moderate request at \$5.75 to \$5.80. Thirds are nominal, none being offered for sale. Pearls.—Sales of this ash have been made to some extent at \$7.30 to \$7.40. Some holders are firm refusing to part with their stock at these figures. Seconds—There are very few offerings at present, and the price is nominal at \$7.15. The stock at present in store, are Pots 1507 brls.; Pearls 326 brls., being a decrease of 353 brls. Pots, and 736 brls. Pearls, on the stock in store on the same date of 1869.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade has been very active this week, and manufacturers are kept very busy in supplying orders from the country, which continue to come in freely. No advance in price has yet taken place, but as leather has advanced in price a corresponding rise is now looked for in the manufactured article.

COAL.—Business has been rather quiet, and prices are unchanged, American Anthracite has been sold to some extent. Lehigh Lump is sold by the cargo at \$8.25.

DRY GOODS.—There is no particular feature to notice in this branch of trade. The fall business has hardly yet begun. Wholesale houses are still fully occupied receiving and assorting importations which are unusually large, but believed not to be beyond the legitimate requirements of trade.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Market continues firm, and the advance on some articles noted last week has been maintained. Bleaching powder is unchanged and inactive at 2c.; Alum has been in fair demand at \$2.12½ to \$2.20; Bi Carb has been sold in small quantities at \$3.23, but it is now held for 5c. more; Caustic Soda is firm at 3½c.; Soda Ash continues in small demand at 1c. under last weeks quotation; Sal Soda is firm at \$1.40; Saltpetre is easier, and sales have taken place at \$11 to \$12; Epsom has been sold at rather lower rates and is quoted at \$2.10 to \$2.25. Nothing particular doing in other articles which are unchanged in price.

FISH.—There have been an active demand for Salmon this week for the United States market at \$14.50 to \$15; Dry Cod sells freely at \$5.37½ to \$5.50, the stock is very light at present; Herrings of all kinds are neglected, the quotations are for Labrador Herrings, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Bay of Island Herrings, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Round Herrings, \$3.75.

FLOUR.—Receipts by Canal and Railway for the past week were 31,851 brls being an increase of 7489 brls. on the preceding week. Total receipts from 1st January to date 577,597 brls. against 522,105 brls. in corresponding period of 1869 being an increase of 55,492 brls. Shipments by the River St. Lawrence for the week 14,645 brls., total shipments from 1st January to date 395,453 brls. against 438,146 brls. in corresponding period of 1869 being a decrease of 42,693 brls. There has been rather more business done in flour this week, but at the same time it has been dull and unsettled. In the early part of the week considerable sales of City Brands were made at \$5.25 free, for September delivery, Welland