

refused to handle the product in this market. Some of the canners refuse to put a label on the product at all, for fear it may be traced to their canneries.

In justice to the great salmon industry of this coast, we propose to denounce this trash in proper terms, and so far as they come to our knowledge to make known the names of the canners who put up this fish and the brand under which it is placed on the market. The two brands which are already known to us, are the "Jumbo" and the "Veteran" which are handled in Astoria by Elmore, Sanborn & Co. We learn also, that this stuff is being shipped to Western and Southern markets, to go into competition with genuine Columbia river, Sacramento river and Alaska fish. It is an outrage on dealers in the portion of the country, to which it is sent, and a greater outrage on the salmon industry of this coast. Consumers who purchase a can of this dog fish, branded salmon, will not be likely to soon again purchase any salmon product.—*San Francisco Grocer.*

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—Southampton, Nov. 4th.—J. Kelly's store destroyed together with many other stores, losses as follows:—J. M. Kelly, \$1,600; D. Macaulay, \$600; Mrs. Sinclair, \$400; Mrs. Neelands, \$400; Mrs. Noble, \$200; John A. Macdonald, \$1,000; E. Busby, Busby House, \$5,000, insured \$3,000; J. Tranter, \$150; Alex. Spence, \$800; John Rusk, \$1,200; Irwin Rusk, \$2,000, insured \$1,500; M. Macaulay, \$600, insured \$300; A. McIntosh, \$500; W. McGregor, \$1,500, insured \$700; Mrs. Stanfield, \$400; H. Harmer, \$600, insured \$300; J. Woods, \$2,500, insured; M. Hunter, \$800; B. A. Belylea, \$1,500, insured \$1,000; Dennis Teahan, \$4,000, insured \$1,800; A. Lee, \$600; T. McVittie, \$200; J. T. Conaway, \$600; H. Harmer, \$400, insured \$400; R. Buckley, \$630, insured \$550; Foresters' lodge, \$105; T. Davis, \$600; Jos. Harrison, \$1,500; A. McIntosh, \$1,000; Mrs. Gilbert, \$600; David Doty, \$100; J. A. McPherson, \$600; Wm. White, \$400; J. Tranter, \$1,000; T. Lee, \$150; Wm. Gilbert, \$3,000; Episcopal Church, \$2,000, insured \$1,000; skating rink, \$500; Mrs. Walker, \$500; Robert Hanbridge, \$400; Alex. Kennedy, \$300; G. E. Pringle, \$300; H. & D. McLeod, \$200.—Perth, 4th. County Attorney Mallock's barn consumed.—Oil Springs, 4th.—The public school burned.—Carleton.—B. McGowan's house damaged \$600, insurance \$200.—Aylmer, 5th.—R. & N. Conroy's docks at Deschene Lake, totally destroyed, insured.—Dresden, 5th.—Lewis' wagon shop destroyed along with a number of stores as follows:—Lewis \$1,100, insurance \$1,500; Barton's skating rink, \$2,500, insurance \$1,800; Hare, \$3,000, insurance \$1,500; Fire hall and contents, \$1,100, insurance, \$500; Reid, \$500, no insurance; Hazzard, store and dwelling, \$2,500, insurance \$800. Other buildings about \$5,000.—Goderich, 5th.—D. Patterson's house damaged.—Bayfield, 5th.—W. W. Connor's barn and contents burned.—Toronto, 7th.—R. West's cedar block yard, destroyed, loss \$1,000; insured.—Arthur.—Wm. Jessop's house and barn consumed, loss \$3,000, insured in Nichol Mut. \$1,000, and London Mut. \$1,200.—Elderslie.—M. McConnell's barn and contents consumed.—Fort William, 11.—J. Ryan's dwelling gutted.—Trenton.—Blain's furniture store and wareroom burned. Insurance \$700.—Omeme 13.—Laidley & Waugh's storehouse destroyed; loss on building \$1500; insurance \$850.—South Dumfries, 13.—J. A. Macdonald's barns, &c., destroyed.—Kinmount, 15.—Dovey's saw mill consumed; loss \$8,000; insurance \$3,000.—Toronto, 15.—G. A. Walton's pattern shop damaged, \$1,200 insured in L. & L. & G., building damaged \$200 insured.—Varna, 15.—Jas. Wanless' house damaged.—Battersea, 16.—Ten buildings destroyed, loss \$3,500, no insurance.—Vittoria, 16.—John Machan's barn burned, loss \$400, no insurance.—Bowmanville, 12.—Hewson's grocery store burned, loss \$400, insured.—Garden Hill, 10.—Jas. Dwyer's woollen factory destroyed, loss \$25,000, insurance \$7,000.—Hamilton, 12.—James Hannah's house slightly damaged.—Watford, 12.—Collier's blacksmith shop and Laird's showroom adjoining consumed. Collier loses \$1500, insurance \$300, Laird loses \$400, insured \$300.—Ottawa, 12.—Chas. Demerais' house at Ironsides destroyed.—Southwold, 13.—Ewen Mc-

Intyre's barns totally destroyed, loss \$4,000, insured \$1800 in Southwold Mut.—Guelph, 13.—The Arkell woollen mills, occupied by McMurphy & Hillis, consumed. Arkell loses \$5,500, ins. \$2500, McMurphy loses \$1200, insurance \$700.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Havelock, Kings Co. N. B., 4th.—R. G. Thompson's barns burned, loss \$2,000, no insurance.—Dalhousie, N. B., 4th.—Fire destroyed twenty-two dwellings and stores, loss about \$80,000 insurance small.—Bayfield, N.B., 4th.—H. G. Wall's saw mill consumed, loss \$1,500, no insurance.—Battleford, N. W. T., 4.—The Police Barracks, Town Hall, Agnew's, McDonald's and Baker's stores burned.—Windsor, N. S., 6th.—The cheese factory and four tons of cheese destroyed, loss \$1,700, partly insured.—Holland, Que., 4th.—Caswell & French's lumber mill consumed, loss \$10,000, insurance \$4,500.—Montreal, 6th.—H. E. Chabarsol's residence in St. Jean Baptiste burned along with Bryson's house adjoining. Bryson loses \$1,800, and Chabarsol \$1,500; no insurance.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Nov. 17th, 1886.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average %.
Montreal.....	237	234	237			
Ontario.....	120	116	125			
Peoples.....	99	96		98	95	74
Molsons.....	145	140		143	142	125
Toronto.....	215	210	70.	209	208 1/2	188
Jac. Cartier.....						72
Merchants.....	131	130	488			
Commerce.....	127 1/2	124 1/2	1866	126 1/2	125 1/2	130 1/2
Union.....		89				55
Montreal Tel.....	116 1/2	114	2900	114 1/2	115	129
Rich. & Ont.....	70 1/2	66 1/2	3753	67 1/2	66 1/2	60 1/2
City Passenger.....	237 1/2	220 1/2	1743	227 1/2	224	124
Gas.....	216 1/2	213 1/2	1825	215 1/2	214 1/2	195 1/2
C. Pacific R. R.....	71 1/2	69 1/2	575	70 1/2	70 1/2	55
N. W. Land.....	64	60		62	60	45 1/2
Gas.....						

—A statement which appears in the Halifax Chronicle indicates the utter failure of American mackerel fisheries, but a great haul was made in the North Bay. The total quantity of mackerel landed at all New England ports last week, says that journal of Nov. 9th, was 2,959 barrels, against 10,147 barrels for the corresponding week last year. The catch to date, as made up by the Boston fish bureau, is 78,703 barrels, of which 14,776 barrels were taken on the American coasts, and 63,927 barrels were brought from the North Bay—Canadian waters. For the same period in 1885 the catch was 327,005 barrels, and in 1884 415,993 barrels. Remember these figures. To November 5th:

1884..... 415,993 barrels.
1885..... 327,005 barrels.
1886..... 78,703 barrels.

This year the Yankees only got 14,776 barrels of mackerel on their own shores, but succeeded in taking 63,927 barrels in Canadian waters, outside the three-mile limit. The Boston Journal reports that prices at outports have stiffened up a little, the latest at Gloucester being reported at \$16 per barrel; sea-packed, inspected cargo lots sold there at \$25 to \$30 for extra No. 1; \$16 to \$20 for ordinary No. 1; \$12 to \$15 for No. 2, and \$8 to \$8.50 per barrel for tinkers. Boston dealers have not changed their prices since last week. We hear of occasional small lots of No. 3 selling at \$8.50 to \$9 per barrel, but nobody has any stock of this description. A few old No. 2 can be still obtained at \$9 to \$11 per barrel. No. 2 are firm at \$13 to \$16, with very few offering under \$14. Ordinary No. 1 ranges from \$18 to \$20. Extras take a much higher range.

—Letters Patent have been issued to the North-West Buffalo Breeding Company, with a capital stock of \$75,000. The incorporators are Samuel Lawrence Bedson, Stoney Mountain; Hon. John Norquay, Hon. Thomas Howard, Winnipeg; W. R. Bell, Indian Head; A. F. Eden, Manitoba. Mr. Bedson has made experiments in crossing the buffalo with western cattle, which lead him to think that a new and valuable breed of animals may be propagated.

—Many members have signed a petition asking the directors of the Chicago Board of Trade to submit for ballot the repeal of the rules providing for the maintenance of a market department. The object is to kill bucket shops throughout the country. By the proposed plan the tickers' service in Chicago would be dispensed with altogether in grain and provision speculation, and the present system of market reports from that city discontinued.

—The Sherbrooke Gas and Water Company has elected Mr. R. W. Hall, president; Messrs. R. W. Heneker, T. J. Tuck, J. A. Archambault and W. C. Lyford, directors; E. F. Waterhouse is Sec.-Treas.

—A partner in the firm of Messrs. Peter Wright & Son, of New York, who have acquired the old Inman Line of ocean steamers, stated that it is their intention to have built several fast steamships of the most approved pattern.

—A shipbuilding firm on the Tyne has booked an order for six vessels.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, November 17th, 1886.

There are no features of a especially novel character to be noted in the trade situation. Some falling-off is observable in the movement of metals and heavy hardware, but grocers, dry goods, and most other lines have been rather benefitted by the change to more wintry weather. On the whole there is a satisfactory distribution in progress. Payments are reported by wholesale merchants as being very fair.

ASHES.—Shipments to Britain have been considerably more free since a week ago owing to close of navigation, and stocks in store are now pretty well reduced, consisting only of about 400 brls. of pots, and say 20 of pearls. Receipts are small, but market a shade weaker quotations being \$3.75 to \$3.80 for No. 1 pots; seconds \$3.40; pearls nominally \$5.50 with little doing in them.

DRY GOODS.—The atmospheric change, since last writing, to bright cold weather, has benefitted retail affairs in both city and country, and our wholesale friends are satisfied with the volume of trade passing. Travelers' orders are improved, and a good many spring goods are being sold, payments too show a further improvement, and are at the moment very fair indeed. There is continued firmness in most lines; advices to hand from Europe state that there can be no question that the high prices of the finer dress goods will be fully maintained till after the spring trade at any rate.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade continues of a satisfactory character, and values generally tend to firmness. Glycerine continues to strengthen, present quotations showing an advance of 50 per cent. upon prices of three months ago; gum arabic is also firmer. We quote:—Sal Soda, 90 to \$1.00 Bi-Carb Soda, \$2.50 to \$2.60; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8 to \$9.00; Borax, refined, 9 to 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 31 to 33c.; do. ground, 35 to 36c.; Tartaric Acid crystals, 80 to 90c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 80 to 90; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.25 to \$2.75, according to lot; Alum, \$1.60 to \$1.75; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$3; Roll Sulphur, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Sulphate of Copper, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to \$9.50; American Quinine, 65 to 70c.; Howard's quinine, 70 to 80c.; Opium, \$2.75 to \$3.25; Morphia, \$1.50 to \$1.70; Gum Arabic sorts, 70 to 80c.; White \$1 to \$1.10; Carbolic acid, 45 to 60c.; Iodide Potassium, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Iodoform, \$6.00 to \$7.00. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.50 to \$3.00; oil bergamot \$3.25 to \$3.75; Orange, \$3.50.

FURS.—Advices received from country traders show that raw furs are being freely collected. Receipts in towns are increasing, and the quality shows material improvement. A slight