

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO. *Toronto*, Feb. 28—Barker Manufacturing Co. premises destroyed. Loss \$5,000. Insurance on building \$5,000 in North British and Mercantile, on stock, Mercantile has \$2,000; Fire Insurance Association, \$1,000; Royal Canadian, \$2,000; Citizens, \$1,600.

Aurora, March. 2—The building occupied by D. W. Down, P.M., W. C. Clift, groceries, and A. H. Elliot, also telegraph and ticket offices. All insured but A. H. Elliot. *Seaford*, March. 4—Dwelling owned by J. S. Porter and occupied by Mr. Pendergast, destroyed. Loss \$1,500; insurance on building, but none on contents.

Elora, Feb. 21—C. H. Allan's building destroyed. Was occupied by Grant Bros., who lost \$10,000; insured in Northern for \$5,000; and John Jacob, who loses \$4,000. The building was valued at \$3,500; insured for \$2,500 in Royal. *Williamstown Village*, Feb. 22—James Burton's residence, destroyed. Loss \$700.

London, March. 7—Mr. Teller's residence destroyed. Loss covered by insurance. *West Winchester*, March. 8—The barns, stables and contents of C. Irving destroyed. Loss \$2,000; insured in London Mutual for \$1,100.

Ridgeway, March. 8—The large block of frame buildings on Main street destroyed. Loses are: J. Whyte, building \$1,200, insured for \$800; C. E. Dauphin, building \$350, insurance \$2,000; stock \$1,200, insurance \$800; Laing & Ruth, stock \$3,000, insurance \$800; T. Schlenker, building \$800, fully insured; J. McKinley, stock \$900, insurance \$600; E. McCallum, stock, covered by insurance; Mr. Tucker, stock partly destroyed, small insurance. *Toronto*, March. 10—Messrs. Gooderham & Worts' distillery damaged to the extent of \$2,500; insured in Commercial Union for \$3,500. March. 12—Messrs. Culp & Esso's dry goods store damaged to the extent of \$2,000; insured in Royal.

Quebec, *Montreal*, Feb. 21—The Grand Trunk pattern room and library destroyed. The building was valued at \$10,000 and contents at \$5,000; fully insured in Commercial Union. The building occupied by F. G. Lightstone, and owned by the Biron estate, burnt, loss on building \$200; Mr. Lightstone loses \$1,000; insured in Citizens Co. *St. John's*, Feb. 25—Denis Doody's carriage shop, destroyed.

Hochelaga, March 1—Mr. Girard's refreshment rooms at the C. P. R. Depot damaged to the extent of \$3,000. *Montreal*, March. 6—J. R. Reinhardt's stable damaged to the extent of \$200; insured. *Sherbrooke*, March. 5—Messrs Long and Bailey's furniture and tub factory destroyed. Loss \$10,000; insured in Hartford for \$1,000 and in Commercial Union for \$1,200. The building was owned by Smith-Elkins Mfg Co., and insured for \$2,200 in six different companies. *Montreal*, March. 5—J. Kenahan's wagon factory damaged to the extent of \$200; covered by insurance. Messrs. Larmouth and Sons' agricultural store damaged to the extent of \$2,000; fully insured in Commercial Union.

New Brunswick, *St. John*, March. 5—J. Ward's house partly destroyed. Insured in Queen for \$2,000. *Waterside*, March. 6—D. Anderson's steam mill destroyed. The loss not known; no insurance. *Sassat*, March. 11—M. Newman's house, occupied by Mr. Welton, destroyed with contents. Building was insured.

Nova Scotia, *Halifax*, Feb. 28—Two large three-storey wooden buildings owned and occupied by W. McPartridge as a marine store, and adjoining one owned and occupied by M. E. Keefe, builder, destroyed. Also two-storey building, owned by T. H. Peters and occupied by T. Offen, pump and block maker; loss \$200; insured for \$100 in Queen. McPartridge had \$800 on each building and \$2,000 on stock in western offices, also \$1,500 on building and \$3,500 on stock in Phoenix. Keefe's loss on stock amounts to \$500, no insurance, building insured for \$1,400 in Halifax offices. *Oxford*, March. 4—Oxford Woollen Mfg. Co.'s building, and adjoining grist mill, belonging to W. W. Thompson, destroyed. The woollen company's loss is \$8,000; insured for \$2,000 in Commer-

cial Union. Thompson had \$1,000 insurance in same company. *Halifax*, March. 4—Infants' Home destroyed; insured in the Acadia for \$3,000. T. Oecon's two-storey wooden building destroyed with contents. Stock insured for \$1,000 in Guardian and \$500 in Norwich.

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DISTILLER,

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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, March 13th, 1884.

Trade in general has ruled quiet during the week, although a fair proportion of orders by mail and telegraph has been received for staples. Heavy snow blockades at interior points and along the several railway lines have again much interfered with general traffic, and travelers have experienced great difficulty in reaching objective points. Buyers from a distance have had to experience the same trouble, and hence have been less numerous on the spot than they undoubtedly otherwise would have been. In several lines of merchandise buyers are only beginning to make purchases, that were made last season a month earlier. Notwithstanding unfavorable weather, merchants expect that the season's trade will yet sum up to an average volume. Money rules easy with a plenitude of loanable funds for all requirements. Call loans rule at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 per cent, and prime commercial discounts at 7 per cent. Sterling Exchange is steady, the main feature being the purchase of £1,000,000 through a leading bank by the Government, presumably for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Sixties between banks are quoted at 9-15 premium and demand bills at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$. New York currency drafts are selling at $\frac{1}{4}$ premium. The stock market in the main has been irregular, and early in the week suffered the severe decline of $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 per cent. A much better feeling now prevails, but the general disposition of operators is to go slow, and await further developments. The following table gives the number of shares sold with the highest and lowest prices for the week:—

Banks.	Shares sold.	Highest price.	Lowest price.
Commerce.....	1136	126 $\frac{1}{2}$	125
Federal.....	214	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	137
Montreal.....	2911	192 $\frac{1}{2}$	186 $\frac{1}{2}$
Merchants.....	708	115 $\frac{1}{2}$	111
Molson's.....	240	118	116
Ontario.....	320	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	103
Peoples.....	29	65	64
Toronto.....	365	185	182
Union.....	70	70	70

Miscellaneous.

City Passenger Ry	3485	123 $\frac{1}{2}$	120
Can. Pac. Ry.....	1450	55	54
Mont. Gas Co.....	6400	192 $\frac{1}{2}$	188 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mont. Tel. Co.....	535	125	122 $\frac{1}{2}$
N. W. Land Co.....	125	62	61s. 6d.
Guarantee Co.....	100	91 $\frac{1}{2}$	91 $\frac{1}{2}$
Richelieu & Ont....	1158	64	61 $\frac{1}{2}$

ASRUS.—Receipts have been small, owing to the severe snow storms. Pots sold after our last issue at \$4.42 $\frac{1}{2}$ to \$4.50 for first sort, since when sales of light lots have been made at \$4.30, and less would now have to be taken. The market closes weak; a few seconds sold at \$3.65 to \$3.70. Pearls are quiet, at a little over \$6. Receipts for the year, 1,136 Pots, 127 Pearls. Deliveries, 879 Pots, 811 Pearls. Stock in store at six o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 1,574 brls Pots, 195 brls Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Manufacturing operations continue on a somewhat limited scale. Thus far there is but a two-thirds trade doing, especially in the lighter class of goods, and indications are that this month will present no material change in the proportional trade on any class of goods. Payments are fully up to expectations.

COAL.—A diminution in the demand from consumers is noticeable with the milder weather, but values remain steady. During the week several heavy contracts in Steam coal have been filled, the terms of which have not transpired. We quote: Stove and Chestnut at \$8.00, and Egg and Furnace \$7.75; Scotch steam, \$4.75; and Cape Breton, \$3.75 to \$3.80 per ton.

COAL OIL.—Trade is seasonably dull, and the consumptive demand shows a decrease as the days lengthen, while speculation fails to assert itself in the smallest degree. Prices all round remain as they were.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Advices from abroad on the finest quality of butter are encouraging to shippers, but it is understood that really finest goods are all that would meet a ready market at satisfactory prices, and of such our market is bare. The local trade continues fair on actual consumptive account for medium, and fine Morrisburgh and Eastern Townships make of which there is a fair supply arriving. The position of the cheese market, both at home and abroad, is one of strength at full prices. We quote: choice, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$; and other qualities, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Liverpool remains at 71s.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A fair order business is reported by mail and wire for the week in the drug department. The speculative "boom" in quinine has subsided and a lower range of values submitted to. For heavy chemicals there is little or no demand on the spot basis, as upon the opening of navigation considerably lower prices are certain to be the rule. For future Soda Ash is quoted at \$1.60 to \$1.75; Bicarb Soda, \$2.40 to \$2.62 $\frac{1}{2}$; Sal Soda, \$1.00 to \$1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$; Bleaching Powder, \$2.50 to \$2.62 $\frac{1}{2}$; Alum, \$1.55 to \$1.65; Caustic Soda \$2.50 to \$2.62 $\frac{1}{2}$; and Potash Bicrome, 8c to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

FURS.—We quote. Beaver, per lb., Winter, \$3 to \$4; Otter, per skin, \$8 to \$10 and \$11 as to quality; Fox is quoted at \$1 to \$1.40; Martin 75c to \$1; Lynx \$2 to \$3.50; Mink 75c to \$1.25 as to quality; Muskrat, 8c to 15c for winter; Kitten, 2c to 3c; Raccoon, 20c to 75c (average about 50c); Skunk, 20c to 75c; Fisher, \$5 to \$7.50; Bear \$3 to \$10; Cubs, \$2 to \$5, all according to quality.