"If the company consented to the assignment, YES; as they thereby recognized B as well as C. If the company did *not* consent to the assignment, NO, because neither B or C are known to the company, or named in the contract, and of course could not set up any claim. Whether A could recover for his interest would depend somewhat upon the "conditions" of the policy. If it contained the usual clause "that any transfer or change of title in the property shall avoid the policy," he could not, because the goods on which the policy was issued were the property of an individual, and the goods burned were the property of a firm; there had been a "change in the title," and the policy had been voided."

UNSEAWORTHINESS. — At the last Liverpool Assizes, the case of Sheraton v. Oldham, an action on a policy of insurance effected on the ship Cambyses, came before Mr. Justice Brett. The defendant pleaded that the vessel was unseaworthy. The policy covered a voyage from Liverpool to Cuba and home. The sum was £400, and it was underwritten for £100, the latter amount being that which was actually in question. The ship was built in 1848 at Shields' and was classed A 1 at Lloyd's in 1867 for five years. On July 3rd, she started from Liverpool for the voyage in question, and on July 8 came in collision during a fog off the cost of Ireland, and put back for repairs to Liverpool. She started again on July 29. Shortly afterwards she began to leak, and on August 10 she was abandoned, and became a total loss. For the defendant it was contended that she was unseaworthy at starting, even after repair, and that she was overladen, having two boilers on her deck as cargo. These, it was alleged, overstrained her and caused the leak, as she went down in calm water when sailing at two knots an hour. The jury found a verdict for the defendant.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, Jan. 31, 1871.

During the past week the weather has been hard, and the temperature has ranged lower than in former years. To-day the change is very visible and the mildness of the weather is fully appreciated by all who have to buy wood and coal. Business in most departments has been active. Breadstuffs are active and higher with a large speculative demand. Ashes are steady, but lower than last week. Provisions are steady but without much animation. In the Stock market there is no material change to note. Sterling exchange is firm at 109¾ for Banker's 60 day Bills.

ASHES.—During the week there has been a decline in the market and first Pots have been sold at from $5.90 to $6.00, but within the last few days there has been a decline and to-day the market closes at $5.90; for seconds $5.00 to $5.05 could be obtained, and the price of thirds is $4.50. *Pearls*—Very little has been done during the week and prices are steady without any material change. The Stocks in store at this date are Pots, 564 brls. Pearls, 554 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There has been a fair movement in this description of goods, and although the winter demand is over, there is a degree of firmness which has not been experienced in former years, prices are steady at late rates, and higher prices are looked for in consequence of the firmness in the leather market.

CATTLE.—There has been the usual demand, but the supply for the past week has been hardly equal to requirements of trade. Prices are steady, and lasts week's rates could be obtained for all kinds of stock. Really good Beef is scarce and can always command high prices.

COALS.—As may be expected the severe weather which has prevailed for some time past has given an impulse to this trade, and the demand for house coal is good. In American coal the feeling has been firm, owing to the strike among the miners in Pennsylvania, but no change can be noted either in Welsh or American for the past week.

DRUGS & CHEMICALS.—There has been very little change in this market during the week. Soda Ash is firm and is quoted at 2c to 2¼c; Caustic soda 3¼c. Saltpetre nominal at $12.00, held in few hands. There has been no change to note in other articles.

FISH.—The demand has been small but prices of last week have been well maintained; no change in any kind of fish can be noted, but a brisk demand is now looked for.

FURS.—The demand for furs has been good, and shipments are fair; the prices for last week continue, and are firm, some change is looked for soon, and the shipments are expected to be in excess of former years.

FLOUR.—The receipts this week are 6,200 brls. Total receipts from 1st January to date, 20,863 brls., being a decrease of 1,503 brls., on the receipts to the same date of 1870. During the week market has been buoyant and an upward tendency has been visible all week owing to the state of the English and Western markets. The market to-day closes firm and stiff at the following quotations: Superior Extra, $7.00 to $7.25; Extra, $6.85 to $6.95; Fancy, $6.60 to $6.75; Fresh Supers, (Canada wheat) $6.40 to $6.50; Western States supers, in bond, $6.25; Medium Strong supers, (Canada wheat) $6.30 to $6.50; Strong Bakers' $6.45 to $6.50; Supers, city brrnds, (Western wheat) in bond, nominal, $6.25, Canada Supers, No. 2, $6.00 to $6.10; Fine, $5.40 to $5.50; Middlings, $4.80 to $5.00; Pollards, $4.00 to $4.15; U. C. bag flour, per 100 lbs, $3.10 to $3.15; City bags, (delivered) $3.25 to $3.30. Oatmeal is firm and unchanged.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*—During the week there have been some sales of No. 1 Milwaukee Spring at $1.40, and No. 1 Chicago Spring at $1.45, but beyond this nothing has been done, and prices to-day are nominal. *Corn*—Market is quiet and nominal at 90c. to 95c. per 56 lbs. *Oats*—There has been a steady feeling in the market, and prices remain about 45c. to 47c. per 32 lbs. *Barley*—The prices for the past week are steady, and good samples in this market are worth 60c. to 62½c. *Pease*—The amount of business done has been small, but prices are steady and firm at 88c. for 66 lbs.

TIMOTHY SEED.—Prices during the week have been steady at $3.60 to $3.80 per 45 lbs.

GROCERIES.—*Tea*—During the week the trade has been principally confined to small lots for local consumption. Prices are unchanged but firm at late rates. *Sugar*—The market for this staple, in sympathy with the English market, has been firmer, with an upward tendency. Sales of fair to good Grocery are reported at 8½c. to 9c., and Choice at 9¼ to 9¾; Scotch Refined is still held firm, and is now quoted rather higher than last week. Refinery prices are firm but unchanged. *Molasses* are in moderate demand; Muscovado at 33 to 34c.; Barbadoes, 40c. to 45c.; Clayed, 22c. to 24c.; Centrifugal, 21c. to 22c. *Fruit* is dull, without quotable change; some sales of Layer Raisins have taken place at $1.62¼ to $1.72½; Valentias changed hands at 7c. for good samples. Almonds are quoted at 13c. to 16c., with some considerable sales within the range.

HARDWARE.—A considerable amount of business have been done during the week, and prices of all articles has been well sustained, but without any quotable alteration. The supply of some articles is limited, and higher prices may soon be looked for for Boiler Plate, Hoops and Sheets.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy*—is still firm, with a fair business doing, but no change in price. *Gin*—steady. DeKuyper's, $3.60 for green, and $6¼ for red. No change in the price of Rum, which is held firm at last week's quotations. *High Wines*—have been sold at 52½c. to 65c. for Upper Canada and Montreal grades.

LEATHER.—There has been a marked firmness in this market during the week, with a strong upward tendency. *Calf*—has advanced from 10c. to 15c., and is now scarce, and the supply not equal to the demand. *Pebble* and *Buff*—have also advanced in price, and are quoted 16c. to 17c.

NAVAL STORES.—*Turpentine*—continues firm. *Rosins.*—Coal Pitch and Tar are now held at late quotations, the stock here being only about equal to the demand.

OILS.—There has been rather more business done, and the marked has ruled steady. *Cod*—has been placed in small lots at from 53c. to 55c., and some lots within that range. *Seal*—is nominal. *Whale*—55c. for crude. *Lard Oil*—from $1 for No. 1, to 90c. for No. 2.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts, 1,013 kegs. Shipments, 3,029 kegs. Market has been very firm, with a good enquiry for choice grades; the quotations at close of marked, to-day, were—15c. to 17c. for common to medium; 18c. to 20c. for fair to good; extra, 22c. *Cheese.*—Receipts during the week have been very small; the market has been quiet, but steady, at 10¼c. to 11¼c. for common to medium; 12c. to 13c. for good to choice. *Pork*—without any marked change in the market, the feeling has been upward, and the demand for Mess has been active at $22; Thin Mess has been rather quiet, but firm, at $19.50 to $20; Extra Prime, $15 to $15.60. *Lard*—has been in better request; prices have slightly advanced, being now quoted, 12½c. to 13c.

PETROLEUM.—Market steady, and without quotable change, 24c to 30c., being the present prices, according to quality.

RICE.—A good deal of business has been done during the week in this article, in lots varying in price from $3.80 to $3.90, according to the size of the lot.

SALT.—Very little doing. *Fine* is now quoted at 75c., and *Coarse*, 52½c. to 55c.

WOOL.—Prices of all grades remain unchanged; market without much animation. Black Wool is rather lower, being now quoted, 23c. to 28c.

TORONTO MARKET.

The wholesale trade of this city has again been dull and inactive, with only a very moderate business doing in any branch. Produce has been rather irregular, with no great number of transactions reported. Provisions have been excited, and close, firm and higher; but receipts have not been large, and this has checked operations. The weather has moderated greatly since last week, and several days' thaw has removed a great part of the snow which had fallen, injuring the sleighing in the city considerably.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade is still quiet; and there is no change to note in the prices of winter goods. The following are the quotations of spring goods now sampled: Men's calf boots, $3.37 to $3.75; men's No. 1 x kip do., $3 to $3.15; men's top kip boots, $2.50; men's thick boots, $2 to $2.65; gaiters and balmorals, $1.75 to $2.50; prunella gaiters, $1.35 to $2; boy's boots, $1.80 to $1.90; boy's gaiters and balmorals, $1.50 to $1.80; youth's boots, $1.45 to $155; youth's gaiters and balmorals, $1.30 to $1.50; women's fine kid balmorals and congress, $2 to $2.75; women's prunella balmorals and congress, 90c. to $1.75; women's buff and pebble balmorals and congress, $1.20 to $1.90; women's calf and pebble batts, $1 to $1.40; miss'es fine balmorals and congress $1.20 to $1.60; miss'es prunella balmorals and congress 85c. to $1.30; miss'es buff and pebble 80c. to $1.10; children's fine balmorals and congress Soc. to $1.20; children's buff and pebble balmorals and congress 60c. to 90c.

DRUGS.—Trade has been only moderately active. No change to note in prices. Bi-Carb Soda is held a trifle more firmly.

DRY GOODS.—Business is inactive, and chiefly limited to small sorting-up orders in winter goods