

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Bissett's foundry and house, and also that of his son, with all the furniture, were destroyed. The buildings occupy about an acre of ground. Loss stated at \$24,000; insurance, \$10,000 in the Quebec Fire office. Boswell's brewery took fire several times, and was damaged to the amount of about \$3,000; covered by insurance in the Phoenix. The loss in patterns at the foundry is heavy. No cause has been assigned for the fire. By this disaster, several contracts on the Intercolonial and the Gosford Railway will be interrupted.

Erin Township, Aug. 8.—House of Wm. Green, on lot 27, con. 8, was destroyed, with the furniture; no insurance.

Bowmanville, Aug. 12.—The lighthouse, office of the Harbor Master, in which was the office of the Montreal Telegraph Company, and a large storehouse situated on the end of the pier at Port Darlington, were destroyed by fire. The fire originated from a spark falling upon the shingles of the roof from the smoke-pipe of the mail steamer, which had left only a short time previously. Nothing was got out of the office; loss not yet known.

Woodhouse Township, Aug. 5.—Barn of Benj. Butler, with contents, was consumed; insurance, \$600.

Quebec, Aug.—A large brick house, occupied by Mr. Milloux, was seriously damaged. Insured in the Liverpool and London and Globe for \$5,000; Quebec, \$4,000; Home on furniture, \$2,000.

York Township, Aug. 15.—House, barn, and sheds, owned by John Dunlops, and occupied by Wm. Brown, were consumed with contents. Loss on buildings \$5,000, partly insured. Brown's loss, is \$1,200, with a small insurance. Cause unknown.

St. John, P.Q., Aug.—A fire broken out in the office of the *News*; damage not heavy, and insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe, the Missisquoi Mutual and Home.

Montreal, Aug. 17.—The Insurances on the Caledonia Spring's Hotel were as follows:—Liverpool and London and Globe on building, \$7,500; on contents, \$3,200; Aetna on building, \$3,750; on contents, \$1,600; Imperial on building, \$3,750; on contents, \$1,600—Total, \$21,400.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—The Terrapin was burnt out this morning.

—The St. John papers contain an order made by the judge of the County Court, that all the estate of the Columbian Insurance Company of New York, an absent debtor be signed unless payment is made of its debts in that province within three months.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, Aug. 16.

The early part of the week was very sultry and warm, Wednesday was the hottest day of the season, the thermometer in some places having indicated 97 degrees in the shade. On Saturday morning, rain began to fall which continued most part of the day, cooling the air and freshening up the gardens which stood in great want of it, since then the weather has been fine and cool.

A fair amount of business is reported as being done in most branches, with the exception of breadstuffs which has been completely paralyzed, owing to the steady decline in the European and Western markets. Provisions active. Ashes dull and declining.

The stock market closes with firmer prices, but the amount of transactions is very small; Sterling Exchange is quoted dull at 9½ for bankers 60 day bills.

ASHES.—*Pots*—The market has been dull and inactive all the week. In the early part, sales

were effected at \$7.10, which afterwards dropped to \$6.95. Market closing dull and declining at \$6.50. *Seconds*—sold from \$5.10, down to \$5.75, closing at the latter price. *Thirds*—nominal. *Pearls*

—This ash has declined somewhat, considerable sales were made at \$7.30 to \$7.35. The market closes with a good demand, but there are none offering. The English market continues firm, and an advance is looked for here. The stock at present in store, are Pots 1,919 brls.; Pearls, 335 brls.; being an increase of 3 brls. Pots, and 703 brls. Pearls, on the quantity in store on the same date of 1869.

BOOT AND SHOES.—There is no change to note in prices this week, but there is a firmer feeling in the market and higher prices are looked for. The amount of business from the country is larger than usual, and manufacturers are very busy filling up orders, stocks are rather below the requirements of trade.

COAL.—As is usual at this season of the year business is very quiet, and no wholesale transactions are taking place; American coal has not advanced as was at one time anticipated and the mines are now in full operation.

DRY GOODS.—All the dry goods houses are busy receiving goods, and the amount entered inwards this week is larger than usual, the assortment is very fine, and after this week a brisk trade is looked for. The aggregate value of woollens, cottons, and silks imported in July, 1870, was \$958,065 against \$741,905 in July, 1869, being an increase of \$216,156.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been a fair demand for most of the leading articles, and higher prices are noted. Bleaching powder is in moderate request at 2c.; Alum has advanced 12½c. on last week's quotation; Bi Carb is firm, and sales have been made at \$3.25; Caustic Soda is quiet at 3½c.; Soda Ash in small request at 2c.; Sal Soda is firm and higher being now held at \$1.35 to \$1.40; Saltpetre is still in one or two hands, and is held for extreme rates; Epsom Salts have been sold from \$2.15 to \$2.25; Cream Tartar Crystals are quoted, 22c. to 23c.; Licorice paste, 14c. to 17c.; Copperas, 95c. to \$1.05; Sulphur and Brimstone are unchanged in price.

FISH.—There was more activity noticed in the market this week for Table fish and Salmon, there were sales of Dry Cod at \$5.37½ to \$5.50, and Salmon at \$14.50 to \$15.00; Round Herring are enquired for at \$3.75 to \$3.80, no Cans or Herring in the market, very little demand for other kinds of Herrings at late quotations.

FLOUR.—Receipts by Canal and Railway for the week were 24,362 brls. being a decrease of 5,806 brls. on the receipts of the preceeding week. Total receipts from 1st January to date 545,746 brls. against 507,126 brls. in corresponding period of 1869 being an increase of 38,620 brls. Shipments via River St. Lawrence for the week 14,057 brls. Total Shipments by all channels from 1st January to date 376,221 brls. against 420,309 brls. in corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 44,088 brls. The stock in store and in hands of Millers this morning was 120,925 brls. against 100,580 brls. on the 1st, being an increase of 20,345 brls. The stock in store on the 15th August, 1869, was 52,976 brls. being 67,949 brls. less than the stock now on hand. The market since my last report has been very unsettled, but the amount of business done was very small, the downward tendency noted last week was rather checked on Friday, but no advance took place in price. Saturday, yesterday and to-day, flour was not saleable, buyers apparently afraid to buy owing to the uncertainty of affairs in Europe, and in the face of declining markets in England, and in the Western States. The nominal rates for this market are Superior Extra, \$7.00; Extra, \$6.00 to \$6.50; Fancy, \$6.00; ordinary Supers from Canada wheat, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Medium Bakers flour, \$5.65; Strong Supers from Canada wheat, \$6.00; Supers from Western wheat (Welland Canal), \$5.52½; Canada Super No. 2, \$5.25; Western States No. 2,

\$5.10 to \$5.20; Fine, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Middlings, \$4.40; U. C. Bag flour, \$2.90 per 100 lbs.; City Bags, \$3.00 per 100 lbs. delivered. *Oatmeal*—Is rather scarce and firm at \$4.50 to \$5.00, at which prices the latest sales were reported.

FREIGHTS.—For ocean tonnage there has been a fair demand at higher rates. By sailing vessel to Cork for orders, 8s.; for wheat to Liverpool and Glasgow by steamer, 7s. to 7s. 6d.; to London, 7s. 6d. to 8s.; flour, 3s. 6d. Steamers' rates for ashes are: Pot 30s., pearls 35s., per gross ton; provisions, 45s.; butter, 50s.; cheese, 52s. 6d.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*—Receipts by railway and canal for past week, 373,408 bus. Total receipts from 1st Jan. to date, 3,446,665 bus., against 3,068,396 bus. in corresponding period of 1869, being an increase of 378,269 bus. Shipments for the past week, 148,754 bus. Total shipments by all channels from 1st Jan. to date, 2,861,352 bus., against 2,258,547 bus. in corresponding period of 1869, being an increase of 602,805 bus. The stock in store and in hands of millers this morning was 495,351 bus., against 370,000 on the 1st inst., being an increase of 125,351 bus., and an increase of 333,921 bus. on the stock in store on the 15th Aug., 1869. The market all week has been flat and inactive. No. 2 Western Wheat has been offered from \$1.17 down to \$1.07½, without finding buyers. It would be useless to give any quotations under the existing state of the market, as they would only be nominal. *Peas*—are dull and lower; some small sales were reported early in the week at 94c. to 95c., markets closing quiet at 90c. to 92½c. per 66 lbs. *Barley*—is nominal; no transactions reported. *Oats*—Some sales took place at 42c. to 44c., market closing quiet and lower, with very few offering, at 40c. to 43c.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*—A good many sales of small lots of Twankays, Young Hysons, and uncolored Japans are reported at last week's rates, which we repeat: Young Hyson, 42½c. to \$1; Twankay, 30c. to 42½c.; Congou, 35c. to 85c.; Oolong, 30c. to 55c., Uncolored Japan, 42½c. to 65c.; Gunpowder do., 50c. to 95c. *Sugars*—The prices are: For Porto Rico, \$8.25 to \$8.50; Cuba, \$8.50; Barbadoes, \$8.25 to \$8.75. Some sales have been made of low grade Grocery at from 7½c. to 8½c. Refined Sugar is in active demand at the following rates: Yellow, 9½c. to 9¾c.; Crushed A, 11½c.; Dry Crushed, 12c.; Standard Syrup, 42c.; Golden, 46c.; Amber, 74c. *Molasses*—have been in fair demand. Good Clayed brought 26c.. Barbadoes, 42½c. to 43½c. *Coffee*—Market has been quiet, with very little offering. Java was sold at 19½c. to 24c., according to quality; Laguayra, 16½c. to 18c.; Rio, 15½c. to 16c.; Jamaica, 16c. to 18c. *Fruit*—The prices are inclined upwards, but no advance in the meantime has taken place. Layer Raisins are quoted, \$2.60 to \$2.65; Valencia, 8½c. to 8¾c.; Currants, 5c. to 7c.; Filberts, 7½c. to 8½c.; Walnuts, 7c. to 10c.

HARDWARE.—The Fall business has now fairly commenced, and a good healthy trade is looked for. Glass has again advanced, and is now quoted \$1.85 to \$2.09. Iron, Shot and Tin are very firm, but unchanged in price. Cut Nails are scarce and firm at \$3.00 to \$3.15. The arrivals of both Heavy and Shelf Hardware are steady, stocks are well assorted. No change in prices is anticipated for the present.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy*—Market firm for Hennessy's, \$2.30 to \$2.60; Martels, \$2.25 to \$2.60; Otard Dupuy & Co., \$2.10; Jules Robins, \$2.10 to \$2.30. The above in cases is procurable at from \$6.75 to \$9.00 per dozen. *Gin*—De Kuypers, has been sold to some extent at \$1.42½ to \$1.45; Houtman's brought \$1.36 to \$1.37½; De Kuypers' Green cases, \$3.75 to \$3.80; Red ditto, \$7.25 to \$7.40; Houtman's Green, \$3.60 to \$3.65, and Red, \$6.82½ to \$7.00. *Rum*—Is dearer, Jamaica, \$1.92½ to \$2.10; Demerara, \$1.75 to \$1.80; Cuba, \$1.60 to \$1.70. *High Wines*—Have advanced and are now not procurable under \$1.57½ to \$1.60; Porter and Ale in fair request, Jeffrey Ale quarts, \$2.40 to \$2.50; ditto pints, \$1.50; Dublin Porter quarts, \$2.10 to \$2.25.