

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Sept. 27th, 1877.

Business in all lines has been moderately active during the past week, while in some lines, such as Dry Goods, a good trade has been done. There is a tendency on the part of some of the farmers, to hold back their Grain in hope of an advance above present rates (in which they may be disappointed,) but there is enough moving to cause great activity among forwarders and keep vessels fully employed. Stocks in store in Toronto have more than doubled during the past week, but yet are not half so heavy as at this time last year. Sixteen barges all laden with wheat left Kingston in one day for this port. They contained in all about 215,000 bushels, a most unusual shipment of wheat for one day. On Tuesday, some sixty grain vessels were lying in Kingston Harbour. On Saturday, 40 car loads of wheat shipped by the Grand Trunk were taken out by the Montreal Warehousing Co., on Monday, 64 cars and on Tuesday 68. The best indication of the unprecedented wheat crop in the West is found in the receipts at Chicago and Milwaukee. During the entire month of September, 1876, the receipts of wheat at Chicago were 1,325,044 bushels. This year, during the first two weeks of September, Chicago has received 1,302,869 bushels. In September, 1876, Milwaukee received 1,600,992 bushels against 2,017,512 bushels during the first two weeks of the present month. There were vessels loading and chartered at Milwaukee last Wednesday to carry at least half a million bushels of wheat. The shipping at Quebec and Montreal is one third more than at this time last year, whether as regards tonnage or number of vessels. On every hand there is the prospect of great activity among shippers, and as a result of the bountiful harvest, business of all kinds promises to be brisk. The money market is becoming animated on account of the funds required for moving the crops.

**ASIES.**—Receipts continued light till the past two days, when they were very heavy. Sales amount to about 200 brls. First Pots at \$4.07½ to 4.10 for light tares, up to \$4.15 for choice. A few Seconds sold at \$3.30; Thirds, \$2.65. Pearls are more enquired for, and sales have been made at \$4.45 to 4.50 for first sort; Seconds neglected. The stock of Pearls is heavy. The receipts since 1st January have been 10,409 brls. Pots and 1,253 brls. Pearls; the deliveries, 10,274 brls. Pots and 1,062 brls. Pearls; and the stock in store at six o'clock Thursday evening was 2,750 brls. Pots and 963 brls. Pearls.

**ROOTS AND SHOES.**—Business is still fairly active, and shows little alteration from the previous week. Very few buyers are in the market at present, but sorting up orders are beginning to come in by mail, which, with back orders yet to complete, are keeping manufacturers well employed. No change can be noted in prices.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Since our last report the general aspects of trade in this line remain unchanged, and there is nothing calling for special reference. **Oils.**—Lined Oil remains pretty firm with a slightly fluctuating tendency. Cable report to-day reports Olive firm and tending upwards, with very light stocks in England. Some large sales of S. R. Seal Oil was made during the past week, purchase being made on speculation, but as supplies are still coming forward, the price has not been affected. Other Oils are quiet and demand easy. Naval Stores are in fair demand with firm price for Turpentine, but other articles easy. **Paints** are selling pretty freely with prices in favor of buyers.

**Dry Goods.**—Our City retail trade has been quite brisk for the past week, and we are happy to learn that a more cheerful feeling than has been experienced for some time now pervades this important branch of business. A fairish number of buyers have been in our market during the past few days, and a large quantity of stuff has been sold. Travellers are beginning to prepare for the "sorting up" trip, usual about this time; but from all that we can learn,

belonging to Andrew Graham, sr., four of which were totally destroyed, valued at about \$800, and are not insured, of which one of the occupants were insured. The total loss will reach \$40,000. Marrin Bros. are insured in the Western for \$5,000 on stock; in the *Stadacona* for \$5,000.

Ottawa, Sept. 22.—A fire broke out in the bush at Nepean Point, near the magazine containing Government stores of ammunition, but was speedily quenched.

Mitchell, Ont., Sept. 20.—A fire was discovered in the building lately vacated by Edward Stiles, carriage-maker, who had still a large number of sleighs and seasoned lumber in the building, which were all destroyed. Loss \$2,000; no insurance.

Quebec, Sept. 22.—Two hangards belonging to Mr. Durveau of St. Valier st. were burned; insured in the *Stadacona* for \$500.

Carden Island, Sept. 20.—A fire broke out in one of Calvin & Breck's warehouses, containing a large stock of canvas, sails, and other vessel equipments. After a hard struggle, the fire was got under control and confined to the one warehouse, which was completely destroyed, together with the greater portion of its contents, valued at about \$10,000; no insurance.

St. John, N.B., Sept. 18.—A fire occurred in a new house not quite completed and owned by G. Hamilton. Loss very small.

York Point, N.B., Sept. 19.—A slight fire occurred in a house on the corner of Mill and Pond streets. Very little damage.

Long Creek, N.B., Sept. 19.—The post-office was burned down. Loss considerable. The Postmaster was in St. John at the time.

Wellandport, Sept. 19.—A large straw stack on Geo. Sutherland's farm caught fire, and was burned.

Ottawa, September 21.—A fire broke out in the rear of Baskerville Bros.' store, but was extinguished before much damage was done.

Janetville Ont., Sept. 20.—A house owned by J. Lechire was destroyed by fire. Loss \$400; no insurance.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 18.—The Bible Christian Church was partially destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,000; no insurance.

Thomasburg, Sept. 19.—The blacksmith shop belonging to Thomas Graham took fire this morning, and was burned down with contents. Loss \$1,000; no insurance.

Napierville, Que., Sept. 18.—The farm-house owned by a man named Duguay, outside the city limits, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$500; no insurance.

Boularderie, C.B., Sept. 18.—The schooner *May Queen*, together with her cargo, was burned to the water's edge. She was insured in Halifax.

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—A fire broke out in the boiler house of A. Fleck's foundry, and damaged to the extent of \$150.

Papineauville, Sept. 25.—The stables, barns, and all the crops belonging to Seraphin Charron were struck by lightning and speedily consumed.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—A fire originated in the roof of the large building formerly known as St. George's Church, now used for manufacturing purposes. The building is occupied by three firms, namely, C. D. Edwards, safe manufacturer, who occupies the basement and half the ground floor; Miller Bros. & Mitchell, pattern makers, &c., the other portion of the ground floor and the first floor, and Jas. Wright & Co., manufacturers of church and fancy furniture and parquet flooring, the top floor and loft under the roof; the latter was stored full of dried lumber ready for manufacture, which is of very little use now, being damaged both by fire and water. The boiler and engine which supply the motive power to the three firms were being cleaned and repaired, and as there was no steam as usual to heat the glue used in the business of Jas. Wright & Co., the foreman had a stove fitted up and the pipes extended to a chimney having both flue and stove pipe hole; at the time the

church was converted into a factory, the chimney, into which the pipe was put, was built up as far as the roof and then covered over by it, as it was at that time thought it would be of no use in any future time. Neither any of the firm or employees knew of this fact, and consequently the roof slowly ignited until it increased so as to attract the public eye. Chas. D. Edwards' loss will not exceed \$1000, and is insured for \$8000 in the British American on stock, and for \$6000 in the Citizens and British American on engine, boiler and tools. Miller Bros. & Mitchell lose \$1,000 by water on machinery, original plans, &c., and are insured for \$5,000 in the Commercial Union and an English Company. Jas. Wright & Co., whose loss will not exceed \$800, are insured for \$2,000 in the Lancashire Insurance Company on lumber and unfinished work. They also lose some machinery, plans, etc., which are not insured, which amount to about \$500. W. L. Jobbitt, occupying part of the second flat as a cabinet-maker, loses about \$250, no insurance. The building belongs to the estate of the late Oliver Edwards, and is insured for \$12,000 in the Royal.

Campbellford, Sept. 19.—Two dwelling houses, two barns, out-buildings, a reaper, and mower, a large quantity of grain and straw, and the whole contents were destroyed by fire. One of the barns, which contained a threshing machine, was owned by Joseph Ellison, who is partly insured.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—A shed on the east end of Ontario street was consumed by fire.

Cornwall, Sept. 25.—The barns and out-building, containing a barrel of petroleum, a quantity of hay, dried lumber, salt, etc., belonging to C. P. Adams, were consumed by fire. Loss about \$2,000; no insurance.

Nelles' Corners, Sept. 22.—The dwelling and contents belonging to Joseph Rutherford, with the exception of the furniture belonging to Wm. Hawsen, who occupied the rear portion of the house, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,500; insurance \$900.

Beauport, Sept. 24.—A large barn near to and owned by the Lunatic Asylum, containing five thousand bundles of hay, was entirely consumed. Insured for \$200.

Montreal, Sept. 24.—A fire took place in the upper portion of the residence of Mr. J. Smith, Papineau road. Three well furnished rooms were considerably damaged. The family went out, leaving a lighted coal oil lamp on one of the tables, which exploded. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Cranbrook, Ont., Sept. 23.—A cheese factory and a large quantity of cheese were destroyed by fire.

St. George, Ont., Sept. 25.—A fire broke out in a wood pile belonging to the foundry of B. Bell & Sons, and was not extinguished before about 150 cords of wood and a quantity of lumber were consumed.

Musquash, N.B., Sept. 25.—The "Twelve Mile House" and outbuildings were destroyed by fire. Loss about \$1000; no insurance.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—The barns and shed with their contents belonging to J. Gamble near Troy, Beverly, were burned to the ground. Loss \$4000; buildings alone are insured.

St. Andrews, Que., Sept. 25.—Lightning struck and set fire to a barn belonging to John Watson, a farmer on the Lachute Road, three miles from here, and spreading to his stable and destroying everything in its reach, namely, a mowing machine, a horse rake, three sheep and all his crops. Partially insured.

Maskinongé, Sept. 26.—A dwelling house occupied by Mrs. Monray, and belonging to the Montreal Lumber Company, was destroyed by fire; part of the furniture was saved. Loss \$1000.

Boucherville, Sept. 25.—Two large barns filled with hay and grain, belonging to Adolphe Dubé, half a mile from here, were set on fire by lightning and totally destroyed. Loss \$200; insurance \$500.