

Toronto, Nov. 13.—A dwelling house and shop occupied by M. Burke, shoemaker, damaged by fire to the amount of \$500; partially insured.

Toronto, Nov. 13.—An unoccupied house owned by Mr. Hubbard destroyed by fire. Loss \$100; supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Woodstock, Ont., Nov. 13.—A grist mill owned by T. J. Clark, and occupied by P. Slaght, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Clark will lose about \$20,000, \$8,000 of which is covered by insurance. Mr. Slaght's loss is about \$5,000, on which there is an insurance of \$1,000. Fire was caused by a heated journal in the bran room.

Amherstburg, Nov. 14.—14 stores, including the Prince Albert hotel and stables, were destroyed by fire. Loss \$25,000; insurance, \$3,100; Western, \$1,800; London, Liverpool and Globe, \$2,500; Royal Canadian, \$1,200.

Drayton, Ont., Nov. 14.—A block owned by J. Echlin was burned to the ground; insured, but the amount is not ascertained.

Guelph, Ont., Nov. 14.—A barn belonging to Mr. Chubb, together with three horses, were burnt, horses valued at \$400. Total loss about \$2,500; insured in the Commercial Union. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Montreal, Nov. 15.—Three tenement houses belonging to Mr. Langlois were destroyed by fire. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

St. John, N.B., Nov. 16.—A building occupied by Gilbert Ross was destroyed by fire. Insured for \$800, partly in the Citizens' office.

St. John, N.B., Nov. 16.—Stock of J. McClure, photographer, damaged by fire, insured for \$1,000. Also the stock of H. R. Smith, bookseller, damaged by water, insured for \$2,000. McMullin's stock is insured for \$3,000.

St. John, N.B.—The insurance on the Two-mile house, burned early yesterday morning, was \$1,050—\$750 in the Citizens and \$300 in the North British. Ross and family lost everything, having hardly time to escape with their lives.

St. John, N.B.—The store of Francis Alexandre, fish merchant, at Shippeagan, was totally consumed by fire on Friday evening. The building was insured for \$500 and the stock for \$1,700 in the North British.

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MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, NOV. 18th, 1875.

The most noticeable feature we have to record since our last review is the improved condition of remittances from all sections of the country, and particularly from Ontario, where the abundant crops are being actively marketed. Although prices are not high, farmers realize the necessity of taking time by the forelock this season. Business still remains rather quiet, and country dealers are buying but very lightly, wisely resolving to get rid of their surplus stocks before launching any further into debt. It will be well for all to remember that the present financial ease may be only temporary in its entirety, that there is a severe winter to pass through during which the banks must redeem their circulation again, and before the country can hope to recover from the consequence of the reckless extravagance and careless buying of the last few years. Another pleasing feature to note is the somewhat improved condition of the lumber trade in England, which will, no doubt, re-act beneficially on this important branch of production and manufacture in Canada.

ASTES.—The receipts this week have been moderate. Early in the week First Pots sold as low as \$4.60 to 4.65, but have since been in good demand to fill up freight engagements, and \$4.70 to 4.75 has been paid from first hand,

with sales of shipping tares at \$4.80 to 4.85 in limited lots. Seconds bring \$3.70; Thirds scarce and nominal. Pearls, a couple of good bills heavy tares first sort sold at \$5.10 to 5.25, but the demand is very light and a large concession would have to be made to move any quantity. The receipts to date have been 14379 brls. Pots and 2384 brls. Pearls; the deliveries, 13195 brls Pots and 2351 brls Pearls, and the stock in store at six o'clock this evening was 1575 brls. Pots and 1026 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A steady sorting up trade is being done, and a better feeling is manifest among country dealers. Remittances have also improved. Prices are without change as follows:—Men's kip boots, \$2.75 to \$3.00; ditto French calf, \$3.00 to \$3.75; ditto buff congress, \$2.00 to 2.50; do. split brogans, \$1.10 to 1.25; ditto kip brogans, \$1.30 to \$1.50; boys' stoga boots, \$1.25 to \$1.90; ditto buff and pebbled congress, \$1.40 to \$1.50; women's buff and pebbled balmorals, \$1.30 to \$1.75; ditto prunella balmorals, 75c. to \$1.75; ditto congress, 75c. to \$1.75; misses buff and pebbled balmorals, \$1.00 to \$1.25; ditto prunella balmorals and congress, 70c. to \$1.25; children's ditto ditto, 50c. to 75c.; turned cacks, 25c. to 50c.

CATTLE.—There were 10 car loads on St. Gabriel Market on Monday, as against 16 last week, and 18 the week before. Besides these there was a large quantity left over from previous week. The demand was not very great, and the highest price paid was \$4.50 per 100 lbs. at live weight. The quality offered ranged from medium to good. At Viger last Friday there was a very large quantity on the market, but the demand was very light. As usual at this market the stock offered was very mixed ranging from medium downwards the highest price paid would be about \$4.25. On Tuesday hardly any business was done here. The supply was very small and of very inferior quality. Sheep and lambs are in fair supply, and realize good prices if in fair condition. The market to day was well supplied with good cattle, and we may quote prices: First class, \$5 to \$5.25, per 100 live weight, do good, \$4.25 to \$4.50, do. medium, \$3.50 to \$4.00; inferior, \$3.00 do.; Sheep Good quality, \$5.00 to 6.00 each. Lambs—Good, \$2.00 to 3.00; extra do, \$4 each. Sheep and lambs from \$3.50 to 5.00 each. Milch cows, in fair demand, worth \$40 and \$60 each for good; middling, \$20 to \$30. Working oxen by the yoke, \$90 to \$120. Hogs are in fair supply and have again declined in price, are now worth only \$6.25 to \$6.50 per 100 lbs live weight and \$8.00 to \$8.40 do dead weight.

DRY GOODS.—No stir in this department since our last issue. Travellers report a most persistent feeling on the part of buyers, not to add to their stocks anything they can in the meantime do without, no matter at what price offered. We can only repeat that this persistence is quite in accord with our idea as to what will soon bring about that much to be desired healthy condition of this important branch of commerce. We repeat what we said a week ago in reference to stocks being still well assorted. Money receipts continue about up to expectations.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Only a very moderate demand existing during the week for heavy chemicals without any change to note in price.—Most manufacturing consumers have laid in their stocks for the winter, and the demand now will be confined to retail requirements which will be light. We quote: Soda Ash at \$1.90 to 2.25; Sal Soda, \$1.50 to 1.75, according to quantity; Soda Bicarb, \$4 to 4.25; Caustic Soda, 3½c to 3¼c.; Alum, 2 to 2¼. Extract Log-wood continues scarce and firm at 12c. to 12½c. for bulk, and for packages in proportion. Bleaching Powder, 2½c. to 2¼c.

FISH.—The enquiry for fish during the past week has only been a moderate one, but a few sales have been made. To-day an auction sale of Labrador Herrings took place, when about 1200 brls were disposed of, most of them being of an inferior quality, consisting of a traders cargo in which some few were good, and realized \$4.25, the others selling down to \$3.50. The prices realized during the week in the ordi-

nary course of business are as follows: Labrador Herrings, \$4.50; Dry Cod continues very scarce and is much wanted; cwt. \$5.50; brl. No. 1, \$5.75, No 2, \$4.75; Hhds., No. 1, \$7.60; No. 2, \$6.65. Green Cod \$5.50 to \$6.00; Mackerel steady and in fair demand, No. 1, \$8.75; No. 2, \$7.75; No. 3, \$6.75. Canned goods nominal. Salmon in good supply and steady. No. 1 \$15, No. 2, \$14; No. 3 \$13. White fish quiet \$4.50 for round lots; Trout \$4.25 for quantities.

FLOUR.—Market very quiet, sales difficult to effect, and market 10 to 15c. lower, the decline principally on White Wheat flour. The shipping demand about over, a sale of a City Brand of Spring Extra reported for May delivery at \$5.15; other quotations in our prices current.

FREIGHTS.—Business has almost finished *via* the St. Lawrence for the season. There was a steamer taken this week for Glasgow at 7s. and there is another to arrive, for which it is doubtful if the same rate could be obtained. Freights are offering *via* Portland at 8s and 9d.

FURS & SKINS.—Fresh Musk are being brought in in small lots and sold at \$2.50 to \$3.00 for prime. There are but few of other descriptions offering. The supply of skins coming into the market has been large for the early season; many of the skins brought in thus far have been caught out of season and are unprime. This is a serious loss in money to the trapper and dealer, for on unprime skins there is a loss of about 50 per cent. The hunters when asked why they persist in catching skins out of season say that after the snow falls they get but few. One strong argument is if they do not catch them when they get the chance, they will not see them again. We quote: Beaver, \$2.00 to 2.25; Prime Black Bear, \$6 to \$12.00 according to size; Fisher, \$5.00 to \$7.50; Silver Fox, \$25 to \$50; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Red Fox, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Lynx, \$1.50 to \$1.75; dark Labrador Martin, \$7 to \$8; pale Martin, \$1.50 to \$3.00; prime fresh dark Mink, \$2.50 to \$3.00; fine dark Otter \$8 to \$10; Fall Muskrat, 12c. to 14c.; Winter do, 18 to 20c.; Spring do, 25c.; Raccoon, 25c. to 30c.; Skunk, 20c. to 50c.

GRAIN.—A sale of a cargo of Canadian Spring and a small lot of wheat this p.m. at \$1.10. This is a decline of 5c. on the week—only one ocean vessel taking in grain now in port. See prices current for other quotations.

GROCERIES.—A considerable portion of the S.S. "Colombo's" cargo of Valencia Raisins has been sold for city and Western trade. Some heavy lots 7½ at first, now held, for best fruit, about ½c. higher in quantity. Stock of Malaga fruit is light, and Layer Raisins have sold higher, held now at \$2.25 to 2.30. Some old fruit offered at irregular figures. Currants are higher. Anything good is 6½c to 6¼c and scarce. Imports have been light, owing chiefly to high figures abroad. Tea—Quiet. Sugar, rather firmer for bright yellow refined. Rice held more firmly. Spices—Pepper and Cloves firm at full prices.

HARDWARE.—There are no changes to note in the English market. Pig iron has declined slightly. Tin Plates are firm, although the late rise is hardly maintained. Makers, however, do not care to book orders for future delivery at prices they would accept for immediate specifications. The unsettled state of the colliers in South Staffordshire has had the effect of materially advancing coal, and although the iron masters would prefer making such concessions as would induce more business, still the action of the men prevents, for the time, any further reductions. We quote: Pig Iron, Eglington & Clyde, per ton of 2240 lbs., Cambree, \$21.50 to 22.00; Summerlee & Calder, \$23 to 23.50; Langloan & Gartsherrie, \$23 to 23.50; American, \$26 to 28; Hematite, \$30 to 31. Bar, per 100 lbs.—Scotch and Staffordshire, \$23.00 to 2.50; best do., \$2.55 to 2.75; Swedes & Norway, \$5 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7. Canada Plates, per Box—Swansea, \$4.60 to 4.70, or Pem., \$4.60 to 4.70; Arrow, \$4.75 to 5.00; Hatton, \$4.25 to \$1.50.