

in two companies for \$3,000.—Underwood, 1st. Jno. Schultz, Jr's., dwelling burned.—

OTHER PROVINCES—Portage La Prairie, Jan. 26.—A fierce fire last night swept away a number of buildings. Patterson & McLenehan's general stock was removed much damaged. The stores belonged to S. M. Campbell, and contained the Review office, plant all lost, insured in Citizens \$500, C. Graham's boot store, and Robert Stalker's harness shop. Mrs. Fellowes' millinery stock saved, but building gutted. Messrs. Gordon & Adamson's banking house was torn down. The losses are:—S. M. Campbell, \$1,700, Patterson & McLenehan's by removal, unascertained, but insured, Graham, \$1,400, Stalker, \$1,600. There is no insurance on either of the last two.—Terrebonne, Que., 30th.—D. Limoge's stables and outbuildings burned, loss, \$1,000, not insured.—Gentilly, Que., 30th.—Lt. Col. Defoy's residence destroyed, loss, \$2,000, insured \$1,500.—Penobscis, N. B., 28th.—The paper mill took fire, but damage was not serious. Insured in ten companies for \$15,750 in all.—Quebec, 31st.—A. H. White's large residence burned; insured \$10,000 in Imperial on house, and \$4,000 on furniture; \$3,700 in Royal on furniture.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2nd, 1881.

STOCKS.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transac'n in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Average Price, like Date 1880.
Montreal	173	176	2304	174	174	137
Ontario	97	98	866	97	97	71
People's	190	92	475	99	93	61
Molson's	105	106	100	106	107	107
Toronto	143	144	150	143	141	121
Jac. Cartier	116	117	398	116	98	59
Merchants	136	137	2135	137	137	87
Commerce					115	115
Eastern Tps.				89		
Union						
Hamilton						
Exchange	61	62	150	60	64	35
Mon. Tel.	120	128	3935	125	126	91
Dom. Tel.		94	20	92	94	
Rich. & O. Nav.	54	56	1621	55	54	37
City Pass.	110	112	313	109	110	82
Gas.	150	154	1601	153	153	116
R. C. Ins. Co.					38	

RAILWAY NOTES.

The continuance of the improved condition of mercantile affairs is shown unmistakably in the increased traffic of the railways. The returns of the principal roads show a gain over last year thus far this month. The Grand Trunk shows a gain of \$70,456 on the receipts for four January weeks this year over 1880, but then there are 131 miles more of track open. The Great Western has earned \$4,927 more for the week ending 21st inst. than in the same period last year. The Northern & North Western shows \$4,094 gain in three weeks traffic, its total traffic thus far this year yielding \$49,665, as against \$45,571 last year. The earnings of the Midland are \$615 greater for the first three weeks of January. The Toronto & Nipissing exhibits an increase on the period since 1st July last, but a decrease as compared with 1880. The Canada Central, which now uses 210 miles of road against 162½ at same period last year, shows a growth of 32 per cent. in number of passengers and even more in fares paid by them: and has almost doubled its receipts from freight and live stock. The aggregate receipts for three weeks this month were \$21,930, against only \$12,942 in three weeks 1880.

—The annual meeting of the directors of the London & Port Stanley Railway Co. was held in

London last Friday. Mr. James Egan was elected president; Dr. VanBuskirk, Mayor of St. Thomas, Vice-President; and Major Ellison, of Port Stanley, one of the directors. The annual report stated that the property of the company was in excellent repair, and that the lease to the G. W. R. Co. has been carried out satisfactorily. The large bridges have all been repaired and some 15 miles of steel rails laid. After pointing out that the harbor tolls on coal at Port Stanley had been reduced from 20 to 5 cents, making a saving of 15 cents, the following resolution was submitted and carried: That in the opinion of this meeting the proposed London Junction Railway is unnecessary and likely to be highly injurious to the interests of the proprietors and bondholders of this company, and that the seal of the company be affixed by the President to a petition praying that the Bill respecting the said proposed railway be not passed.

The traffic of the Intercolonial Railway at Halifax station shows increased receipts for the year 1880 over 1879 of \$112,793, and increase of some thirty per cent. The figures are \$461,980, (\$58,422 from passengers, and \$403,388 for 199,344 tons freight) against \$57,065 from passengers and \$292,121 from 131,499 tons freight in 1879. The December receipts were smaller from passengers but larger from freight, the net increase being \$2,962.

—Few things are more easy than to get rich. It needs only to trust nobody, to befriend none, to get everything and save all you get, to stint ourselves and everybody belonging to us, to be the friend of no man and to have no man for our friend, to heap interest upon interest; to be mean, miserable, and despised, for some twenty or thirty years, and riches will come as surely as disease and disappointment. And, when nearly enough wealth is collected, by a disregard of all the charities of the human heart, and at the expense of every enjoyment, death comes to finish the work, the body is buried in a hole, the heirs rejoice over it, and the spirit goes—whither? Ah! whither?

—The first time a white man from this side the "big pond" sees an English passenger coach, says the Burlington *Hawkeye*, he thinks he has struck a travelling American photograph car on rails.

It takes four thousand cords of wood to heat the Ottawa Houses of Parliament and Departmental Buildings. The quantity ordered this year has been increased by 500 cords, by reason of the long and severe winter.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 1st February 1881.

During all the past week the thermometer has been below zero every night and never above 10° even in the middle of the day. Whether this weather has occasioned it or no, business has been very quiet this week although there is a confident degree of firmness shown in all quarters. Breadstuffs are quiet and as will be seen by the following figures, stocks do not accumulate. Some shoe houses are cutting down prices below a living margin of profit but our quotations are unchanged.

ASHES.—Pots.—Owing to the active demand prices went up last week to \$4 85, latterly there has not been so much enquiry, and prices have come back to \$4.60 to 4.70. Pearls.—No transactions, prices entirely nominal. Stocks at present in store are Pots 721 brls. and Pearls 130 brls.

Boots and Shoes.—Business on the whole is

good, profits are barely maintained at a living figure however, and were bad debts to come along with the old time persistency, some manufacturers would find themselves on the wrong side of the hedge. We quote, *Men's Split Boots*, \$1.75 to 2.25; ditto *Cowhide Boots*, \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto *Kip Boots*, \$2.50 to 3.25; ditto *Split Brogans*, 90c to \$1.10; ditto *Buff Congress*, \$2.00 to 2.25; *Women's Pebble and Buff Balmora's*, \$1.15 to 1.50; ditto *Split Bals*, 90c and \$1.00, ditto *Prunella*, 60c to \$1.60; *Misses Pebble and Buff Bals*, \$1.00 to 1.20.

CATTLE.—The high prices asked yesterday by drovers rather curtailed the demand, and butchers were shy of buying in hopes that large supplies would arrive during the week, when they would be able to lay in supplies at easier rates. Butchers' cattle were sold at 3½ to 4½c. per lb. for common to good animals. A few were taken up by shippers at 5c. per lb. *Live Hogs* were offered to-day at 6.50 per 100 lbs. but did not find buyers. *Dressed Hogs* are scarce, sales at 7.20 to 7.35.

DRUGS.—There is not much demand at the moment for heavy chemicals, but a fair trade for the season is doing in other lines. Cream Tartar has advanced very considerably in England and we raise our quotations again this week, and probabilities are that the article will still go higher. With this exception our quotations are same as last week. *Bicarb Soda* \$3.30 to 3.50; *Soda Ash*, \$1.60 to 1.90; *Bichromate of Potash* 14 to 15; *Borax* 15 to 16c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 31 to 32; ditto ground 35 to 00; *Caustic Soda*, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Sugar of Lead*, 13 to 14c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.75; *Alum*, \$1.90; *Copperas*, 100 lbs, 90c. to \$1.00; *Flour Sulphur*, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.40 to 2.50; *Epsom Salts*, \$1.30 to 1.50; *Sal Soda*, \$1.15 to 1.25; *Saltpetre*, per keg, \$9.50 to 10.00; *Sulphate of Copper*, 5½ to 7c.; *Whiting*, 70 to 80c.; *Opium* \$8.50 to 8.75; *Quinine*, \$3.60 to 3.80; *Morphia*, \$3.75 4.00; *Castor oil*, 10 to 11c; *Shellac*, 45 to 50c.

DRY GOODS.—All travellers are now out, and are on the whole doing very fairly, although hardly up to what was anticipated, as they find for the most part that stocks in the hands of country dealers are still pretty full. But all seem to agree that the business done so far this season is in excess of last year. Spring stocks are very complete and an active demand is fully expected; collections continue to be satisfactory.

FLOUR.—The stock in store and in the hands of millers this morning was 42,024 brls. against 42,393 brls on the 15th ult., and 39,655 brls on 1st February 1880. Receipts for the past week 8958 brls: Total receipts from 1st January to date 35,525 brls, being an increase of 7,255 brls on the receipts for the same period of 1880: Shipments for the week 3499 brls: Total shipments from 1st January to date 21,065 brls being an increase of 11,290 brls on the shipments for the same period of 1880—There is really very little change to report in the state of this market since this day week, prices if anything favor buyers, trade is confined to the supply of the local consumption and for round lots it is questionable if our inside quotations could be obtained. On 'Change to day only 200 brls and 500 U. C. bags were reported as sold, market closed quiet and weak. We quote *Superior Extra*, \$5.30 to 5.35; *Extra Superfine*, \$5.20 to 5.25; *Fancy*, \$5.15 to 5.25; *Spring Extra*, \$5.00 to 5.10; *Superfine*, \$4.75 to 4.85; *Strong Bakers' Flour*, \$5.75 to 6.20; *Fine*, \$4.15 to 4.40; *Middlings*, \$3.65 to 3.75; *Pollards*, \$3.10 to 3.30; *U. C. Bags*, \$2.55 to 2.60; *U. C. Oatmeal*, \$4.40 to 4.45; *Cornmeal*, \$3.00 to 3.10.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—The stock in store and in the hands of millers this morning was 80,826 bushels against 92,713 bushels on the 15th ult., and 155,162 bushels on the 1st February, 1880. Receipts for the past week 18,720 bushels; total