

\$3,000, insured in National of Ireland for \$700 and the Gore Mutual for \$1,800. *Pictou, Dec. 9.*—Building owned by R. Hadden and occupied by F. Cadarette, barber shop and residence, badly damaged, also the Post Office. All parties fully insured. Loss \$2,500; the companies interested are British American, Western, Queen, Royal, Lancashire, Imperial, Norwich Union and Commercial Union. *Orangeville, Dec. 6.*—An old house owned by T. Stevenson and occupied by Stevenson & Co. as warehouse destroyed with contents. Building insured for \$300 and the contents for \$3,000.

QUEBEC.

Quebec, Nov. 29.—Montcalm Market Hall damaged to the extent of \$3,000; covered by insurance. *Montreal, Nov. 30.*—The White house, Napoleon Road, occupied by F. Haddlessey, destroyed. Loss \$3,000. Dec. 1.—Fire in the store of R. Beullac, and spread to the cigar room of Dufresne & Mongenais, damaging both places badly. Loss on whole \$15,000, the greater part of which is sustained by Mr. Beullac, but covered by insurance. Dec. 5.—The three-storey building occupied by H. Haswell & Co.'s wholesale drug store badly gutted and stock partly destroyed, also L. H. Packard & Co.'s stock damaged by water. Loss on building \$10,000, fully covered by insurance; on stock \$60,000, covered by insurance. *Montreal, Dec. 8.*—J. A. I. Craig & Co., manufacturers of furniture, and the Phoenix Electrical Company, totally destroyed. Loss \$100,000; insured for \$30,000 as follows:—North British, \$12,000; Royal, 12,000; Scottish Union, \$3,000, and Western, \$3,000. The Phoenix Electrical Company damaged to the extent of \$6,000; covered by insurance. Dec. 10.—P. Gervais' blacksmith shop damaged to the extent of \$1,000; insured for \$500.

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Market Reports.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, Dec. 13, 1883.

The mild weather is adverse to business; the tolerable sleighing of the last few days in this Province has disappeared under the warm sun of to-day, and wheels are again in the majority. Retailers are busy brightening their shops for holiday purchasers, and many of them present a brilliant and rich appearance. Throughout the greater part of Ontario the weather has been very mild. Wholesale houses keep fairly busy with parcel orders. Money is held closely by the banks. Bank and other stocks have taken an upward movement, but there appears to be some doubt of its continuing, the advance being attributed to the position of the "shorts," who, although not likely to be cornered as badly as in Ontario Bank, are

nevertheless undergoing a little uncomfortable pressure. Even Federal, of which there is such abundance in the hands of speculators, has recovered a few points. Should dividends be maintained nearly all the stocks are a good investment at present prices. Transactions to-day are as follow: Forenoon:—50 Montreal 179; 350 do 178½; 25 do 177½; 25 do 177½; 25 do 178; 50 do 178½; 67 Peoples 61½; 125 do 161; 65 Merchants 110½; 110 do 111; 75 do 110½; 100 Ontario 106½; 75 Toronto 167; 13 Eastern Townships 112; 275 Telegraph 117; 25 Gas 171½; 225 do 171½; 600 do 172; 25 do 173½; 75 do 173½; 200 do 174; 200 do 174½; 325 do 174½; 25 North West 68s.; 200 Pacific 56½; 3 Royal Canadian Ins. Co. 50; \$5,000 Land grant bonds 96½. Afternoon:—50 Montreal 178; 105 do 177½; 25 do 177½; 85 do 177½; 105 do 177; 5 do 176½; 10 Merchants 110½; 25 do 110½; 10 do 110; 25 Toronto 167; 16 Rich. 55; 200 do 54½; 675 Gas 174; 100 do 173½; 375 do 173; 4 Pass. 110½. Consols in London are 100 for money and 100 3-16 for the account to-day. The following table shows the number of shares sold and the highest and lowest prices for the week.

	Shares sold.	Highest price.	Lowest price.
<i>Banks.</i>			
Montreal.....	3,158	179	172½
Ontario.....	927	106½	102
Toronto.....	243	167	163
Peoples.....	404	61½	61
Federal.....	260	128	121½
Commerce.....	832	124	120½
Merchants.....	770	111	106
Townships.....	13	112
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>			
Mont. Tel. Co.....	425	118	117½
Richelieu & Ont.....	863	57½	54
Can. Pac. Ry.....	500	57	56
St. P. & Man. Ry....	50	101	100½
N. W. Land.....	500	71s	71s 6d
Montreal Gas Co....	11,555	174½	166
City Passenger Ry	986	112	110½
Roy. Can. Ins. Co....	3	55
Can. Pac. Land G. Bonds.....	\$5,000	96½

ASHES.—Receipts the past week have been liberal for the season. There have been sales to extent of about 150 barrels First Pots, ranging from \$4.60 to \$4.70; in one case \$4.80 for fine tares. Seconds \$4.20. No Thirds. In *Pearls* there is nothing doing—we quote nominal at \$6.75 for First Sorts. Receipts since 1st January, 7,825 barrels Pots, 538 barrels *Pearls*. Deliveries, 7,060 barrels Pots, 578 barrels *Pearls*. Stock in store at 6 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, 1,080 barrels Pots, 102 barrels *Pearls*.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—As usual at this season, business is rather quiet. Payments continue to be reported good.

CATTLE.—At the local market last Monday there was an absence of choice cattle, which ruled steady at full prices, export beefs being quoted at 5c to 5½c. The offerings of butchers' cattle comprised about 250 head, and a slight falling off in quality was noticeable, although best lots sold at 5c, and ordinary to fair grades from 3½c to 4½c. A few sheep changed hands at \$3.75 to \$6 each. Live hogs 5c to 5½c per lb., live weight.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is very little doing in this line, and prices are merely nominal. In England the markets are rather un-

settled on account of expected troubles in the coal-trade, and *Salt Cake* has advanced, causing a corresponding advance in *Caustic Soda*, of which *Salt Cake* is an important element. *Caustic* is now quoted at £9 3s 9d to £9 6s 3d per lb.

FLOUR.—The market is dull and inactive and we hear of no transactions. **GRAIN.**—The market continues quiet and unchanged.

FURS AND SKINS.—The weather continues rather mild for raw furs. Mink is freely offered, but it is not very saleable except for fine qualities, which are worth about \$1; other qualities in proportion. The quotations for other furs are about as given last week. Retail trade is scarcely up to the average of former seasons, being still affected in ordinary goods by the number of bankrupt stocks, and is not likely to experience much improvement till these are worked off.

GROCERIES.—*Sugars* only maintain moderate steadiness, and values barely supported. As usual at this season no particular activity to report. *Teas.*—Japanese advices of late date show some advance and firmness. Our market is steady for all kinds of Japans. China Green and Black Teas in moderate demand. The tone abroad is improved for desirable Teas. *Molasses* dull: Barbadoes 43½c to 49c. Syrups quiet. *Rice,* steady at previous figures. *Coffees.*—Moderate business to report, with a continuation of values for all kinds about for some time current. *Spices.*—Pepper is in light supply here. Holders' views are but little altered. Cloves dull. Ginger—East India and African in small stock. Nutmegs firm. *Fruit.*—Some considerable sales of *Valencias* reported about 6c. High-class fruit is without much change, say 6½c to 7½c. Malaga Raisins firm. Currants dull. Figs, supply being reduced. Prunes, Walnuts, to arrive, lower. Filberts and Almonds quite firm.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Business is quiet in hardware and metals. A fair business is noted in sorting-up parcels. There is a further advance in glass, for which see prices current.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Business is quiet, and the demand for domestic stock is moderate. Western States hides have not been in much request for some weeks past, and prices for these rule easy and unchanged. Offerings of *Sheepskins*, for which there is always a fair demand, continue to be fairly large, and are bought up at 60c to 65c.

HOPS.—There is nothing doing here, and no sales are reported. In New York during the past week the demand has been light and transactions very moderate. The higher grades are now in the ascendancy over inferior goods, which is quite the reverse of the case of last week; but choice stocks are as scarce as ever, and prices principally nominal. Sales are mainly under 26 cents, but as high as 30 cents has been realized on one occasion. Yearlings very scarce at 25½c to 27c. English markets continue firm with a good demand and full prices.

LEATHER.—Business is very quiet, and there is little prospect of any stir till after the first week in January, when manufacturers begin in full blast on Spring orders. Although prices