

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.

Lefroy, April 2.—The Belle Ewart Rustic factory destroyed. Loss about \$2,000; no insurance. *Yorkville*, 1.—Shoe shop of Wm. Wheatley damaged. Insured. *Toronto*, 1.—House occupied by John McGregor and owned by Mrs. Spotteswood damaged to the extent of about \$300. *Thorold*, 3.—The City Hotel and stables, Brown & Williams' livery stable, with contents including a number of cutters, four new buggies and six hundred bushels of oats destroyed, also the residence and stable of J. Rogers. Loss and insurance as follows:—City Hotel and stables, loss \$4,000, insured for \$2,200; furniture and stock, loss \$1,200, insured for \$800, all in the *Atina* Insurance Co.; Brown & Williams' livery stable, loss \$2,000, insured for \$1,500; stock and contents, loss \$3,000, insured for \$2,500 in Hartford Insurance Co.; J. S. Rogers' house, loss \$2,000, insured for \$1,500; furniture, loss \$1,000, insured for \$600; bus burn, loss \$600, insured for \$400; stock and contents, loss \$1,200, insured for \$800, all in the *Atina*. Hendershot's row badly damaged, but covered by insurance; Geo. McIntosh's loss on building \$100, no insurance; W. F. Ellison, rooms in City Hotel, loss \$500, insured for \$200 in the London, Liverpool & Globe. The furniture of Wm. A. Walker, E. Liddycot, D. A. McFarland and Charles Limer, living in Hendershot row, was somewhat damaged by removal. Cause of fire unknown. *Ottawa*, 4.—Bank street Presbyterian Church badly damaged. Fully insured. *Berlin*, 4.—Simpson, Anthes & Co.'s furniture works damaged. Fully insured. *Thorold*, 5.—Dwelling of Mr. Kerr with contents destroyed. *London*, 3.—Planing mill owned by John Haines destroyed, together with all the machinery. Loss about \$5,000; insured for \$3,000 in the Mercantile Union. *Cobourg*, 4.—Building owned by Mr. Winn destroyed. No insurance. *London*, 6.—Forestall's cooper shop totally destroyed, together with contents. Loss about \$4,000; partially insured. *Newcastle*, 6.—McNaughton's block of frame buildings, containing the offices of A. McNaughton, Dominion Telegraph Company, and Dr. McNaughton, destroyed.

QUEBEC.

Coteau Landing, April 2.—Grist mill destroyed. Loss about \$10,000. *Côte St. Louis*, 4.—A. King's stables with contents destroyed. Loss about \$700, partly insured in the Royal Canadian.

ATTACHED.

ONTARIO.

Mires Simmons, Kingston; George G. Martin, Chatham; John Shatery, Almonte; Maria Campbell, Colborne; G. L. Hodges, hatter and furrier, Ottawa; Cragan & McIntosh, Hawkesbury; Joseph Strachin, St. Catharines; John Fraser, Beaverton; Duncan McLaurin, Dominionville; Brown & Dean, photographers, Belleville; Thomas Berriman, Welland; J. C. Stewart, Belleville; John Chandler, Toronto; John J. Esmond, Peterborough; James Pastle, Barrie; Isaac Nelson, Belleville; Blunden & Osborne, Sarnia; J. H. Delamore, Minden; S. L. Beebe, Uxbridge; Timothy Coughlin, Guelph; Malcomb McBride, Southwold; Gavin Burns, Guelph; Elisha Sutton, Owen Sound; James Hines & Co., Prescott; Alex. Young, boots and shoes, Chatham; Robt. W. Dawson, lumber, Paris; Jas. Glass, hardware, Belleville; Wm. Way, grocer, Blyth; Geo. Martin, cigars, Chatham; Danl. Burrett, general store, Kingsburgh; T. Dodge, mills, Milford; Jas. Goodall, general store, Ottawa; R. Dalby & Co., brushes, Elora.

QUEBEC.

Benjamin Little, Sherbrooke; Hugh Myers, hotel, Sherbrooke; Brown & Lacroix, musical instruments, St. Jean Baptiste; Sawyer, Bessey & Harvey, Montreal; H. T. Chagnon, grocer, Montreal; T. H. Cox, groceries, Montreal.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Jas. Adam & Co., dry goods, St. John.

ASSIGNED.

ONTARIO.

Northcott Bros, Toronto; Mira Jane Sargent, Toronto; Henry Hicks, hotelkeeper, Colborne; Charles G. Gordin, furrier, Brockville; D. G. Ross, Beaverton; P. B. Jamieson & Brother, Brockville; J. W. Anderson, Guelph; C. H. Cull, Seaforth.

QUEBEC.

F. X. Trudel, saloon, Quebec; A. S. Frenette, general store, St. Narcisse; T. D. Monat, dry goods, St. Johns.

Financial and Commercial.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Thursday, April 8th, 1880.

Our port is awakening from its winter's sleep, and, if we may press the figure, yawning, stretching and inquiry as to the hour find their parallels in the shoving of ice, the rising of the river and talk about freight rates. There is the usual divergence of opinion as to what these will be when once navigation is fairly open, but the expectation is general that the shipping business of the season will be lively, and the enterprise of the Grand Trunk, now that it has established its through route to Chicago, is counted upon to make it so. A steamer has already been chartered for grain to U. K. or Continent at 5s. 6d: the offerings are not yet sufficient to establish quotations, but, so far as they go, point to 5s. to 6s. as the opening rates. The business of the week has been fair. In dry goods there is rather more doing, and payments are somewhat better than anticipated. The Brunswick Mills, and the Lybster have again advanced prices. Pig iron has been decidedly weak, and the hardware trade is rather flat in consequence. Holders still express full confidence in the situation, and while making some concessions to conform with the lower prices cabled from Glasgow, they do so grudgingly, and, as it were, under protest. Latest cables advise an upward reaction of 2s. 6d. per ton in warrants. Leather is still firm, with special strength in black. Hides are scarce and higher. A genuine famine has suddenly appeared in the butter market, and some dealers have been able to exact as high as 35c. per lb. The wool market continues strong, with an improved inquiry for foreign, and prices a shade better. Money is unchanged. In Sterling Exchange a considerable activity is reported, with rates firm at 9½ to 10 for 60-day bills between banks, and 9½ to 10 for counter business. The stock market has been gaining strength slowly but steadily throughout the week, the extreme advance reaching about 2 per cent. Recorded sales are as follows: 433 Bank of Montreal at 139 to 140½; also 392 ex-dividend at 135½ to 136½; 277 Ontario at 77½ to 78 to 77½; 11 Molsons at 78; 68 Merchants at 94½ to 95½ to 95½; 17 Toronto at 126; 197 Commerce at 118½ to 119 to 118½; 194 Jacques Cartier at 71 to 71½; 7 Exchange at 40; 6 Union at 69; 100 Peoples at 71; 551 Montreal Telegraph at 94½ to 95; 285 Richelieu Navigation at 42½ to 42½ to 42; 330 City Gas at 118½ to 120 to 119½; also 30 new stock at 107½; 50 City Passenger Railway at 93. Today the market is very strong at advanced prices under light sales as follows: 130 Bank

of Montreal at 140½ to 143, and 89 shares at 137½ to 138 ex dividend; 190 Ontario at 78½ to 80; 9 Toronto at 125; 245 Merchants at 95½ to 96½, and 25 Montreal Telegraph at 94½.

ASHES.—Receipts of Pots have been light and prices have been rather firmer, \$3.70 to \$3.75 for small bills of light tares, and \$3.80 for a round lot has been paid. Seconds and Thirds nominal. In Pearls nothing has been done during the week—they are unquotable. Receipts since 1st January, 2126 brls. Pots, 352 brls. Pearls; deliveries, 1,773 brls. Pots, 108 brls. Pearls; stock in store at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening 815 brls. Pots, and 348 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is no change from last reports. Few orders are now being received from country dealers, but most houses are still fully occupied with back orders. Prices are firm at previous rates.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business has been pretty active during the past week, and orders have been coming in freely for shipment when summer rates of freight come into force. Locally there is a fair demand without any speculative feeling, and those who have not already purchased are waiting for arrival of spring fleet. In prices we have to note that Borax is considerably higher, the price in England having nearly doubled within a year. Opium remains firm. Latest reports from England show a downward tendency in chemicals, and an expectation of lower prices in the near future.

DRY GOODS.—The number of buyers coming to town is still very small compared with the expectations to which the lively business earlier in the season gave rise, though an improvement over last week is admitted in this respect. A gradual change has for a long time been taking place in the method of doing business, the commercial travellers now commanding a far larger percentage of the business done than years ago. The operation of this movement is especially noticeable this season, and may quite account for the disappointment as to the effect of cheap passenger rates noticed in our late reports of this market. Payments for April have averaged fair, with one or two instances in which expectations have been greatly exceeded. We are informed at second hand of one case in which 90 per cent. of the bills falling due on the 4th inst. were promptly met and directly of another case in which payments on or before date of maturity reached 75 per cent. of the total amount due. As the bad roads had prepared the wholesale merchants for an extensive demand for renewals they are naturally greatly pleased with these results. These instances, we take it, are, however, exceptional, the general report being that payments, if not of a character to justify complaint, certainly give no occasion for gratulation. The surmises of the trade as to the house issuing the circular offering cotton yarns at \$1.30, mentioned in a recent report, we are now permitted to say are correct, and we presume the leading Toronto house in question makes no secret of the matter. The Lybster Mills are out with a new list at the following advanced prices: No. 2, 32 in., 7½c.; No. 2, 35 in., 8½c.; No. 1, 35 in., 9½c.; XX 36 in., full, 10½c.; heavy twills, 11½c. The New Brunswick Mills, (Parks) have also again advanced their prices for yarns as follows: white yarn, 28c.; colored, 40c.; white warp, 30c.; colored, 42c. This is ½c. advance for white yarn and 2½c. for colored; 2c. advance for white warp and 4c. for colored. Freedom from competition in the colored manufactures will account for the disparity in the advances of the two articles.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The only sales of wheat reported in this market are a few car-loads of Canada Spring No. 2 at \$1.38, and at a point west, some 5 car loads at \$1.32, equal to \$1.40 laid down here. The Liverpool market is lower again, the decline since last week reaching about 2s 6d per quarter. The elections are cited as a greatly disturbing element, giving