

The loss to the stock of Elliot & Co. is probably over \$50,000, their last stock-taking showing contents \$97,000, and the insurance, in sixteen companies, is \$67,000. The firm owns the building, which is damaged to the extent of \$7,500, covered by insurance. There is also an insurance of \$4,000 on fixtures. We understand that Mr. Henry Lye will act as adjuster for all the companies.

TRAFFIC on the Intercolonial Railway is reported to be exceedingly good—both inward and outward. During the last month 14,000 barrels of flour were received at the Halifax depot more than during the corresponding month last year.

A DETROIT paper having stated that no dynamite was made in Michigan, the Amherst-burg *Echo* corrects the statement, recalling the fact that tons upon tons of this dangerous material are manufactured yearly on Dunbar Island, in American waters, opposite Amherst-burg. About 173,000 lbs. of dynamite has been used on the Limekiln works, Detroit River, and nearly every pound was manufactured on Dunbar Island. The Detroit *News* understands that there are a number of dynamite factories in the country, and the proprietors are all in a strong combination as regards prices, output, &c. There are three in Illinois, three in Indiana, and one at least in Ohio, 20 miles from Toledo.

ONE does not readily grasp the magnitude of the trade in breadstuffs done at such a point as Minneapolis. Enough flour is ground by the mills of that city to supply for a whole year, thirty thousand families, supposing them to bake their own bread. Describing a week's operations, the North-Western *Miller* says: "The total product was 151,885 barrels, averaging 25,214 barrels daily. The number of mills running to-day was 17, with an output of 24,000 barrels. It appears that the mills are using new wheat freely, and the water power remains good. The flour market is quiet; millers complain of the situation being far from satisfactory. Receipts for the week—Wheat, 1,128,050 bushels. Shipments—Wheat, 200,200 bushels; flour, 145,893 barrels; millstuff, 4,343 tons. Wheat in store in public elevator—Minneapolis, 2,746,363 bushels; Duluth, 6,661,055 bushels; St. Paul, 185,000 bushels."

A SUB-COMMITTEE of the Tobacco Trade section of the London Chamber of Commerce, after looking over and sampling tobacco and cigars from various colonies, had this to say with respect to Canadian tobacco—"Some samples of this growth were considered favourable, and with care in the cultivation and curing it might be made desirable both for cutting and spinning purposes. The Montcalm sample was approved because of its colour and the shape of the leaf, which was of a suitable size and had a small stalk. Most of the other growths were too tapering." The Chamber of Commerce *Journal* adds that at the next meeting of the Tobacco Trade section committee, a proposal will be submitted that with a view to encouraging the cultivation of British tobacco a prize of 50l. should be offered by the section for the best specimen of home grown tobacco and another prize of 50l. for the best specimen of colonial grown tobacco.

THE Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, well-known to the lovers of manly sports in the east as the "A. A. A.," consists of the Montreal Lacrosse Club, the Montreal Snow-Shoe Club, the Montreal Bicycle Club, the Montreal Football Club and the Tuque Blue Toboggan Club. It has just issued through the press of that city a circular to the

citizens, representing that as the grounds it now occupies on Sherbrooke St., have been sold for building lots—the association being unable to afford their purchase, which would amount to \$300,000 or more—and as a desirable place further west on the same street is offered for \$100,000, the appeal is made to the public to contribute one half this sum, while the association will undertake the burden of the other half. The argument is used in the circular that, "as a business investment it will pay Montrealers to help buy this ground, for if employers know that the time of their employees is spent in the healthy atmosphere of the lacrosse field, toboggan slide, or in the equally healthy indoor recreations of the gymnasium, they should be satisfied that good returns will be made them in better work of brain or limb, as a result of the training they received." The public spirit of the business men of Montreal is well-known; and we shall be glad to see it exercised in so favorable a direction as the encouragement, in this way, of out-door sports.

We note the following changes in Ontario and Manitoba business circles. *Sold out*:—Mrs. R. Gould, grocer, London; H. R. Graham, general store, Meaford, to Wm. Graham & Co.; Baird & Irvine, grocers, to J. B. Bradshaw; R. Smith, grocer, to Redfern & Bates; R. G. Bredin, drugs, to J. A. Allen; P. N. Judah, fruit, to Lumbers & Glasgow and J. S. Macdonald, provisions, to Wm. Thompson, all in Toronto; R. J. Quigley, general store, Centralia, to B. P. Quarry; Jos. Eyres, grocer, Chatham; W. H. Simpson, fancy goods, Clinton, to A. Worthington; Jno. Jewell, general store, Harriston, to Slimmon & Cummings; J. H. Ley, boots and shoes, St. Thomas; Cable & Caswell, tins, Stratfordville; W. Mullett, harness, Tweed, to A. Grant; F. McGibbon, lumber, Watford; Chas. Young, plumber, Windsor; W. F. Wilson, furniture, Boissevain, Man., to Lambert Bros.; Loggan & Rowell, lumber, Wapella, Man., to T. J. Smith. *Removed*:—R. S. McCrea, general store, from Glen Williams to Chelsea; F. Walden, drugs, Harriston, to Stratford; R. J. Stewart, tins, Keene to Norwood; Alex. Grant, harness, Lonsdale to Tweed; W. H. Ridley, general store, Goderich to Paris. *Dissolved*:—A. W. Oliver & Co., vinegar, London; Deitrich & Starr, general store, St. Clements, Schumacher continues. *Giving up business*:—F. W. Lipsett, general store, Sittakaw, Man.; J. H. Clare, grocer, Winnipeg; D. A. Hopper & Co., gen-

eral store, Brandon; Mrs. Curry, general store, Pomeroy, Man.; V. Taranto, grocer, Winnipeg. *Partnerships*:—A. M. Foster, brass works, Hamilton, admitted T. J. Carroll, style A. M. Foster & Co.; Jas. Osborne & Son, grocers, Hamilton, Mr. Jas. Osborne, an old and respected citizen of Hamilton for many years, is dead, business continued by J. Y. Osborne under same style; Powell & Jones, Mfg. Co., Peterboro, now Peterboro Stove Co'y.

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