

from here, crude, 25,981 brls.; distillate, 840 brls.; refined, 2,197 barrels. For the week ending 20th February there was shipped, crude, 6,790 brls.; refined, 280 brls.

Feb. 22.—Crude, home use, \$1.70 per barrel; refined, per wine gallon, 13½c.

New York.—Refined, per wine measure, 9½ to 10½c.

Antwerp, per kil., 23½ F.

Business very flat; in fact nothing doing.

FIRE RECORD.—Lindsay, Feb. 18th.—Dwelling of D. Hampton, furniture partly saved; insurance on building \$300.

Wales, 23rd.—Jas. Stuart's frame house and Tobias Myer's ditto, burned; supposed incendiary.

London, 24th.—Appleton's furniture ware-rooms damaged to \$2000.

Hanover, 20th.—John Flood's tin-shop levelled, goods partly saved, slight insurance if any.

St. Thomas, 19th.—Weldon & Lunn's mill with \$600 worth of grain. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$2000.

Barrie, 25th.—E. Rush's bankrupt goods shop, owned by C. Morris, took fire, which spread to W. T. Georgen's drug store, owned by Oxenham; Mann & Sons' book-store, owned by R. King, senr., and attacked also King's bakery; House's boot and shoe shop, and Johnston's building, occupied by Frawley & Devlin, dry-goods. Losses figured up to \$16,000 or \$16,000. Insurance in the following companies: Queen, \$5000; Royal, \$4100; Scottish Comrc'l, \$3,000; Western, \$2,500; Gore District, \$3,000; Hartford, \$1,500; Imperial, \$1,000; Northern, \$1,000; Citizens', \$900.

Exeter, Ont., Feb. 15th.—The bending factory, formerly known as McNabb's bending factory, leased by McAlpine & Co., here, was destroyed. It was owned by Jones & Hall, of St. Mary's. Insured for \$4,000; Loss to proprietors, \$2,000.

OTHER PROVINCE FIRES.—Montreal, 24th.—O'Donohue, clothier, Chaboulez Square, loss \$5000, insurance \$2,500 in Royal Canadian.—John Collins' dwelling, Inspector street, damaged \$400, covered in Royal Canadian.—Quebec 23rd.—F. Taschereau's house on Levis heights destroyed, insured for \$1,700.—Annapolis N.S. 23rd.—M. Coneau's house at Lake Lorse, burned, no insurance.—Winnipeg, 22nd.—Hudsons Bay, unfinished building damaged to \$500.—Thurso, Que. 20th.—School house, formerly a church, insurance \$300.—Granby, Que. 21st.—Commercial hotel, town hall, and afterwards the post office, gutted. Town hall was worth \$6000 insured in Royal for \$5000, entire loss \$12,000. The fire engine being broken the St. Johns' brigade came over and quelled the fire.—Grimsby, 22nd. Robertson's grist mill, loss \$8000, insurance, Commercial Union Phoenix and Waterloo Mutuals for \$1200 each.

—Ottawa, 22nd.—Chevrier's hotel and furniture damaged to \$2500, insured for \$1900.—Summerside, P.E.I., 21st.—Business stand of Wright Bros., John McKeggie, J. A. Sharp, and C. B. Saunders, dwellings of H. C. Green, and Mrs. Tuppin, part of old Alma house, burned, loss \$15,000.—Yarmouth, N. S., 20th.—Baptist Church at Beaver River, cause, leaving hot ashes in a barrel.—St. John, N. B.,—Mechanics' Institute building damaged by spontaneous ignition of chemicals in W. F. Best's rooms. Best is insured.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 16th.—A building occupied by Lowe & Rawlings and E. Maher, furniture dealers, was damaged by fire. Ferguson had \$3,000 insurance on the building, and Lowe & Rawlings a smaller amount on the stock.

Quebec, Feb. 15th.—A fire last night in a house occupied by Mr. James Woods, of the Harbor Commissioners office, did damage to the amount of \$1,000.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

3.15 o'clock, Feb. 26, 1879.

Stocks	Average Price, 1878	Lowest Price, 1878	Highest Point in Week	Total Transacted in Week	Buyers	Sellers
Montreal	158½	133	157½	570	134	135½
Ontario	92½	60	62½	262	60	61½
Consolidated ..	77½	48	49½	273	48½	49½
Peoples	89	.....	.....	.....	books	closed
Molson	93	.....	.....	5	81½	85
Toronto	138½	.....	119½	51	119	120½
Jacques Cartier ..	47½	28	29½	860	28	28½
Merchants	64½	76½	77½	532	77	77½
Commerce	114½	101½	101½	526	100	101½
Union .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55
Hamilton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Exchange .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	60
Mon. Tel.	119½	99	100	892	99½	99½
Dom. Tel. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rich. & O. Nav. ..	55½	41	43	425	41½	42
City Pass	81½	.....	75	25	.....	76
Gas	153	116	117½	261	116	116½
R. C. Ins. Co. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sterling Ex. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gold .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

SAYS AN ENGLISH CORRESPONDENT.

Trade in England, I am sorry to say, is very much at a standstill; and we are startled day after day by commercial failures and commercial disasters of the utmost consequence and magnitude. The last great failure is that of the Rosedale Iron Works, James Morrison & Son. Liabilities £290,000, assets as much it is said. John Morrison died just about a year ago, said to be worth at least £500,000. He discovered the system of washing small coals and making them into coke. He got the coals for nothing for a number of years; the great collieries having such heaps laying about useless. We do not see much signs of improvement in the horizon as yet, and it is said that this little island is to be quite overshadowed and beaten out of her markets by America. It would be idle to overlook the fact of the wonderful resources of America, but if England was fully underway again, and her working men well employed, we could take a large amount of America's and Canada's produce at a fair good price, and consume our own as well. It is the stagnation in business that is doing the harm.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 25th Feb., 1879.

(From our own Correspondent.)

There has been an extra demand for goods in most lines of business, not however for actual wants, but in anticipation of extra duties being imposed, dealers being anxious to lay in stocks before the provisions of the new tariff come into force. The boot and shoe trade is still dull; but now that a number of weak houses have been weeded out, prices are expected to be got that will leave some profit to the manufacturer. Flour is dearer, and holders are waiting with patience to see what change in the tariff is made before parting with their goods. Leather is quiet, and in most cases stocks are in excess of the demand. Groceries have been fairly active. On the whole better prices have been obtained. The weather keeps very cold; no appearance of thaw.

ASHES.—Pots.—The arrivals this week have been fair, but the demand confined to small lots. The market has been weaker and closed

easy at \$4.00 to 4.05 for firsts; nothing reported in inferiors. Pearls are not asked for and price is nominal; the latest reported sale was at \$5.50 to 5.60. The stocks at present in store are, Pots, 1,556 brls.; Pearls, 259 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The state of trade is unchanged; orders are of small bulk, and money comes in slowly; now, however, that the evil effect of the late suicidal policy of some houses in cutting prices to a ruinous point has shown itself in the utter collapse of those houses, it is hoped that better times and better profits are in store. We quote: *Men's Stoga Boots*, \$2.00 to 2.50; *Men's Kip Boots*, \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto *French Calf* \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto *Buff Congress* \$1.75 to 2.25; ditto *Split Brogans* 90c. to \$1.25; *Boy's Split Brogans* 85c. to \$1.00; ditto *Buff* and *Pebbled Congress* \$1.25 to 1.50; *Women's Buff* and *Pebbled Balmorals* \$1.15 to 1.75; ditto *Prunella Boots* 75c. to \$1.50; ditto *Prunella Congress* 65c. to \$1.25.

CATTLE.—The supply of cattle yesterday was greater than the demand, being rather slow of sale; but prices were upon the whole well maintained; the sales averaged from 3½ to 4c per lb. *Dressed Hogs* bring from \$5.60 to 5.75 for job lots.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is an improved demand for heavy goods, and prices are firm with upward tendency in view of possible changes in the duties; sales have not been very large but fairly numerous. We quote: *Carbon soda* per keg \$3.25 to 3.50; *Soda Ash* per 100 lbs. \$1.85 to 1.90; *Arrow Root* per lb. 12½c for Jamaica, 45c, for Bermuda, *Borax*, refined, 10½ and 13c for American and English respectively, *Cream Tartar crystals* 28c; ditto ground 29c; *Caustic Soda* \$2.25 to 2.50 nominal; *Sugar of Lead* 11½c; *Bleaching Powder* per lb. 1½ to 2½c; *Alum* \$1.75 to 1.85; *Copperas* \$1.25 to 1.65 per 100 lbs. *Sulphur* per lb. 2½ to 3½c; *Roll Sulphur* per lb. 2½ to 3c; *Epsom Salts* per 100 lbs. \$1.75 to 2.00; *Salt Soda* per 100 lbs. \$1.25; *Saltpetre*, Brandrum per keg \$8.25 to 8.75.

DRY GOODS.—The trade in Canadian tweeds is very dull, and orders from travellers for general goods are coming in only to a moderate extent. Wholesale houses have been busy getting goods out of bond before a change takes place in the tariff; warehouses are now well stocked with goods, and assortments are generally complete.

FISH.—There has been more activity in the fish trade during the past few days. *Dry Cod* is in small supply at \$4.25; *Green Cod* is scarce and has advanced \$1.00 since this day week. We now quote \$5.75 for No. 1, and \$4.75 for No. 2. *Labrador Herrings* meet with more enquiry at \$4.25 to 4.50; *Salmon* is nominal at \$10, 9 and 8, but there is none in the market.

RAW FURS.—There is still a complaint that few skins are coming in, prices keep steady and no change of any consequence is looked for till the return of March sales in Europe has been received. We quote *Mink*, prime dark, large, \$1.25 to 1.50; do. small, \$1.00 to 1.25c; *Martin*, \$1.00 to 1.50; *Beaver* per lb. \$1.25 to 1.60; *Beaver*, \$1.00 to 1.50; ditto cubs \$2.00 to 4.00; large, \$7.00 to 10.00; ditto cubs \$2.00 to 4.00; *Red Fox*, \$1.25 to 1.50; *Muskrat*, large, 9c to 10c. do. small, 5 to 6c; ditto kits 2 to 3c; *Lynx*, \$1.00 to 1.50; *Skunk*, prime dark, large, 40 to 50c; ditto white 20 to 30c; *Raccoon*, prime 25 to 60c; *Fisher*, prime, \$6.00 to 7.00, *Otter*, prime dark, \$6.00 to 8.00.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week, 8,673 brls; total receipts from 1st of Jan. to date, 66,667 brls; being a decrease of 18,030 brls on the receipts for the same period of 1878; shipments during the week, 2,029 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date, 25,164; being a decrease of 15,675 brls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1878. The firmness which we noticed has been maintained, but the views of holders being beyond those of buyers,