

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.—*Belleville*, Nov. 13.—A frame house owned by Peter Merville, and occupied by Benj. Flagler, destroyed with contents. Loss \$1,000, fully covered by insurance. *Newburgh*, Nov. 15.—The Orange Hall destroyed. It is thought to be insured, but the amount is not known. *Hamilton*, Nov. 15.—The house of Martin Foster, owned by Mr. Lee, destroyed with contents. Loss not known. *Woodstock*, Nov. 18.—Four barns owned by J. Hammasson, A. McDonald, T. Rutherford and W. Meadows destroyed with contents. Loss not known. *Cherrywood*, Nov. 19.—Milney's saw mill totally destroyed. Loss \$6,000; insurance not known. *Dresden*, Nov. 20.—The dwelling of Orval Mason destroyed with contents. Mason loses \$340. Small insurance on the building. *Omenee*, Nov. 19.—Omenee High and Public school buildings completely destroyed. Insurance of \$1,800. *London*, Nov. 21.—A frame cottage belonging to Mrs. Roderick McKenzie totally destroyed. Loss about \$350. *St. Catharines*, Nov. 21.—An unoccupied frame dwelling owned by D. McGuire, destroyed by fire. Insured for \$300. *Hamilton*, Nov. 25.—The residence of Solomon Rose, burned. Loss \$2,000. *Woodstock*, Nov. 25.—Dickinson & Cranston's stationery store completely gutted from top to bottom. The contents are a total loss; it was insured for \$6,500. The building is owned by T. Nisbet, of Kingston, who is insured for \$2,000. The stock of John Head in an adjoining store damaged to a considerable extent by smoke and water; covered by insurance. *Thornbury*, Dec. 3.—Carroll's planing mill, with a large stock of lumber, destroyed; also the carriage and blacksmith shops of S. Friend. Carroll's loss is \$2,500. Both properties were insured. *Chelph*, Dec. 3.—The barn and out-buildings of Alfred Pipe completely destroyed with contents. The total loss is \$7,250. Insured for \$3,000 in the Royal of England. *Midland*, Dec. 2.—The fish warehouse of Mr. John Yates destroyed together with contents. Loss, \$300; no insurance. *Hamilton*, Nov. 30.—The Hamilton Fencing Club house destroyed. Loss \$800; covered by insurance. *Woodstock*, Dec. 4.—D. Richard's broom factory destroyed with contents. Loss \$10,000; insured for \$1,000. *Maryboro*, Dec. 4.—A large barn, the property of Edward Brady, burned with contents. Loss \$2,000; insured in the London Mutual for \$1,000. *Bramford*, Dec. 4.—The Graven Cotton Mills partly burnt. The losses may be computed as follows:—On machinery, \$4,000; on stock in course of manufacture, \$2,000; on building, \$1,500; with loss to stock in the mill from sprinklers making a total loss of nearly \$8,000, partially covered by insurance. *Riverside*, Dec. 6.—Heinrick & Sons' tannery destroyed. Damages \$3,000, covered by insurance in the British America Company. *Caraboe*, Dec. 7.—The barn belonging to R. Tupholme, totally destroyed, with contents. *Port Dalhousie*, Dec. 7.—A destructive fire occurred here which entirely destroyed the Wood House hotel block and the Walkerly House hotel. As nearly as can be ascertained the losses are as follows:—The Wood House block, owned by Mr. James Troup, of Louth Township, \$8,000, insured for \$5,800 in Royal Canadian; Edward Murphy, grocer and ship chandler, loss on stock, \$2,800, insured for \$2,000 in North British and Mercantile; Alex. Reid, lessee of the Wood House hotel, \$1,200 on furniture, insurance not known; Seymour Lodge A. F. & A. M., \$500, insured for \$350 in the North British and Mercantile; John Denton merchant tailor and gents' furnishings, \$1,800, insured for \$1,000; John McNulty, proprietor Walkerly House, partial loss on furniture, insured for \$500 in the Royal Canadian. The building next to the Walkerly House was damaged, also the stock. The building is insured in the *Atina*, of Hartford, for \$15,000, and the stock in the Phoenix of England for \$1,000. *Iona*, Dec. 10.—The barn, stable and sheds of James Galbraith, destroyed with contents. No insurance. *St. Catharines*, Dec. 10.—The steam yacht *Lively*, owned by Capt. Jas. Chestnut, destroyed. Slightly insured.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Dec. 11, 1884.

The general character of trade appears to be the very embodiment of dullness, and the heavy failure in the grocery trade has tended to emphasize it. Still, the wonder is that failures have not been a much greater feature in the business situation, considering the enormous shrinkage in the value of almost all kinds of produce and manufactures. Of course the present time is not usually a very active one, but making due allowance for that, and the hand-to-mouth method of trading, the volume of business is not what was expected, nor what it should be. Remittances on the whole have not shown any improvement, during the past week, but that is accounted for by the obstruction to trade in the interior caused by the wretched roads. From present appearances, however, that drawback will shortly be obviated, as it looks as if we might calculate upon having good snow-roads from this out. Owing to the failure and the unsettled condition of financial matters, the stock market has developed some weakness which has affected values of the leading bank securities somewhat. Cotton stocks have brought better figures, 19 shares of Montreal Cotton Co. selling on the 8th inst. at 50, and 2 shares of the Dundas Co. bringing 40. The following were the quotations of, and business in Montreal Stocks during the week:

Banks.	Shares.	Highest price.	Lowest prices
Commerce	632	121½	116
Federal	25	49	49
Merchants	165	109½	109½
Molson's	47	109	109
Montreal	408	188½	187½
Peoples	65	45	45
Toronto	178	175	173½
Miscellaneous.			
Can. Pac. Ry	225	46	45
Can. Shipping Co ..	50	50	50
Dundas Cot. Co ..	2	40	40
Montreal Cot. Co ..	19	50	50
Gas	2145	182½	181½
Mon. Tel. Co	569	116½	115
Passenger	205	121½	119½
Richelieu & Ontario	75	58	57½

ASHES.—Receipts of Pots are very light, and all offered have been taken at a range of \$3.75 to \$3.82½, save a few very bad tars at \$3.70. Seconds bring \$3.15. *Pearls*, a sale of about 20 bbls. reported on private terms. Receipts for the week 18 bbls. First sort. Receipts since 1st January, 6087 bbls. Pots. 816 bbls. *Pearls*. Deliveries, 6152 bbls. Pots. 769 bbls. *Pearls*. Stock in store at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, 1252 bbls. Pots, 197 bbls. *Pearls*.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The general holiday dullness seems to have set in earlier than usual with some of our leading manufacturers. Others however, state that the dullness has been somewhat broken during the past few days by an increase of orders for spring goods. The trade generally is reported in a healthy condition, stocks are believed to be light, and remittances are said to be up to a fair average, for the season. Stock taking is now the order of the day.

COAL.—The demand is slack, and prices are about as last quoted, stove and chestnut, in small lots, selling at \$6 per net ton, delivered, and egg and furnace at \$5.75. Scotch is scarce, and quoted at \$5 to \$5.50, Pictou at \$4.50, and Cape Breton at \$1 per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—*Butter*.—With the exception of the fancy grades, which are expected to hold their own, owing to their great scarcity, the general market has a weak and desponding expression, and lower prices are expected upon all other grades, more especially upon the medium and poor. Late advices from England afford not the slightest hope of any outlet for any thing but the choicest descriptions. Advices from some of the finest sections in Eastern Townships report that fine qualities are now offered at 1½c and good at 1½c. Several lots of summer creamery have lately turned up in the country which were not supposed to be in existence a short time since. Western Kamouraska, Renfrew and Brockville descriptions are hard to sell, even at concessions. *Cheese*.—The market appears firm on fine to finest full goods, sales having been made of Septembers at 42½ per cwt. c.i.f. Liverpool, for January delivery. Here holders are firm on their fine full milk, and quotations are as follows: Western—Fine to finest 11½c to 12½c, fair to good 10½c to 11½c, early makes 9c to 10½c. French—Fine to finest 11c to 11½c, fair to good 10c to 10½c, early makes 8½c to 9½c, skims 5c to 7½c. The total exports of butter and cheese from Montreal were as follows compared with the corresponding period last year:—

Cheese Butter.
boxes p'kg's.

From May 1st to Dec. 6th, 1884 1,147,279 110,200
" May 1st to Dec. 8th, 1883 917,319 103,378

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The market for both drugs and chemicals has been featureless during the week, wholesale dealers having nothing new to tell in the way of changes. The advance in iodine and mercury previously noted has been well sustained. Quinine is steady and morphin is quiet at last quotations. The firmness of bleaching powder is by no means relaxed, holders being stiff at \$2.40 to \$2.50. In other kinds there is very little demand, and no material change in prices.

DRY GOODS.—"Oh! dull, for even holiday times," ejaculated a discontented dealer, when he was asked yesterday to describe the state of trade. His confidence in the future, however, was not all gone, for he immediately remarked "Look at these splendid new cretonnes which have just arrived; won't they sell?" And after a brief inspection thereof, the question drew forth the spontaneous rejoinder, "you bet." The lull in business will no doubt linger until after the holidays, when travellers will take the road with their spring sunnies, and at present it looks as if they might safely count upon good snow roads for their approaching journey. There was quite a disagreement among the views of dealers this week regarding remittances, and we write them only moderate. Owing to the rapid advance in raw cotton an improved undertone is reported in the goods market in the United States, stocks there are in much better shape owing to the recent curtailed production, and the exceptionally large sales which have lately been made there. Brown cottons in New York are firmer and bleached goods are in more active request. Here the market is quiet but steady.

EGGS.—Great complaints are heard regarding the poor quality of eggs received here of late, in some instances as much as 30 per cent having turned out unmerchantable, causing considerable losses to commission firms who