

got back I jumped off and had a look at the place, which was a pretty good one in which to hold up a stage. We drove on to the 108, and told the telegraph operator, and then we struck on for the 150. The operator could catch no one on the line until between seven and eight o'clock, I think, in the morning. If I could have got a telegram through that night I would have sent one.

NOTES ABOUT FIRES.

On Tuesday morning, 29th July, the Balmoral Hotel on St. Joseph street in Montreal was the scene of a fire, which, with the water poured on it, damaged the building and contents probably \$25,000. There is \$96,000 insurance on the building in Royal, Guardian, N. B. & M., Com. Union, Royal Can., Caledonian, Scottish Union, Aetna, L. & L., F. I. A., Connecticut and Norwich. On the furniture the Western, Citizens, Lancashire, Phoenix, National and Queen have \$35,500 in all.

"The ruin by Sunday night's fire is complete. In two hours everything had gone up in smoke. The supply of water in the reservoir gave out after ten minutes work by the firemen. Not one business house is left standing." Such are the terms describing the destruction of Wallace, Idaho, used in a telegram from Spokane Falls, Wash. The loss is placed at \$412,000, and it is significant that there is only \$38,000 insurance.

A fire, originating by sparks from a mill setting fire to a sawdust road, occasioned a loss of several hundred thousand dollars at East Saginaw, Michigan, on Tuesday last. So goes on the fire-waste.

A defective chimney is blamed for the loss of the fine residence of G. L. Grass, at Plainfield, near Belleville, on the 23rd ult. The loss is put at \$10,000. Insurance in Norwich Union, \$800. On the next day the Union Vale cheese factory, near Picton, was burned up. Loss about \$2,000; insured for \$700.

Quite a blaze occurred in Bronte on the 23rd July. Robert Joyce's store took fire from the stove, and was consumed; then the fire spread to two adjoining houses, owned by Thos. Morrow and Duncan McDonald, the furniture being all saved. The store and stock were fully insured in the Western Insurance Company.

On the 24th July, John Delisle's dry goods store, 673 St. Catharine street, Montreal, was burned, damaging the store above, and the grocery and saloon adjoining. Loss, \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Of barns struck by lightning there is, this summer, no scarcity. Those of James Flaherty were burned at Cobourg on Sunday evening, that of A. Crawford, North Monaghan, on Friday, while on the evening of the 22nd the fine barns of M. Sanderson, at Dealtown, Kent, were struck and burned with the season's hay crop, and thirty acres fall wheat. Loss, \$2,300; insurance, \$1,300.

A fire of some magnitude was that at River du Loup, Que., on the 23rd ult. Talbot & Girard's store took fire during the night and by 5 a.m. was in ashes. "The pumps worked well, and water was plentiful," says account, but the firemen succeeded in saving only the outbuildings and contents. Loss about \$20,000 on stock; insured for \$18,000. Loss on building perhaps \$10,000; insured for \$5,000.

The Rubberine Collar Works, whatever they are, of Lovely Bros., in the Overy block, at Sarnia, got a scorching on Friday. The works occupy a room over the Sun office and T. M. Donnelly & Co.'s, and one over the post-office. The rubberine on fire went lively. Two rooms were gutted. The Sun office and Donnelly's book and stationery store were flooded with water and badly damaged. James Higgins' candy store also damaged. Ed. Wright's insurance office and the post-office are soaked with water. Lovely Bros. had no insurance, but the Sun, post-office, Wright and Higgins had insurance.

On July 15th the carriage and wagon warehouse of Messrs. Sully & Bryson and fourteen Chinese and Siwash shanties were burned at New Westminster, B.C. Loss in goods of Messrs. Sully & Bryson, \$5,000; insured for \$5,500 in the Royal and Lancashire companies. Insurance on building \$1,300. The firm intend rebuilding at once.

At Midland, Ontario, on Saturday, fire broke out in a closet adjoining Jeffery & Co.'s coal dock and grain storehouse. Between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 feet of lumber owned by the Emery lumber company of East Saginaw and the Moore lumber company of Detroit, was destroyed, besides Jeffery's wharf and warehouse. Insurance partial.

A curious fire is reported from Middlemiss, Ont., near Glencoe. The wheat field of Mr. Richards, near that place, was set on fire last week by a passing train, and it took the neighbors two hours to put out the fire. Two acres were completely destroyed.

A serious fire at Cote St. Antoine, a suburb of Montreal, on Monday last, shows the need of fire protection, for which, we understand, an appropriation has been made by vote of the ratepayers. Beginning in a stable the flames spread and burned R. D. Anglin's butcher shop, Walter Paul's branch grocery, W. H. Chapman's drug store, Jno. Hall's feed store, Jno. Smith's butcher shop, Alex. Sigmim's hardware store and Jno. Phillips' tenement house. Loss over \$40,000. Jackson's drug store belonged to Mr. Evans, of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, which had \$3,000 on Walter Paul's stock, \$3,200 on Mr. Evans' buildings, and \$1,000 on A. Sigmim's stock. The Citizens' Company have \$200 on Paul's fixtures, and the Queen \$500 on Miss Baillie's furniture, and \$2,000 on the first of John Phillips' dwellings. Mr. Chapman had \$1,000 insurance on his stock, and Mr. Jackson \$2,000 on his stock and fixtures, which are much damaged.

The Amherst Press tells of a fire on the line of the Ship Railway near Baie Verte, N.B., which on Friday last was still burning, and had done great damage. The land burned over stretches from Morse's Bog to Long Lake, and much valuable timber land is destroyed. Mr. Little's barn and store were also destroyed.

A violent storm on Thursday of last week appears to have traversed a good part of western Ontario. It took the form in Essex county of a hail storm, damaging young fruit trees and ruining the standing corn. The lightning burned the barn of Mr. G. H. Bennett, near Walkerville, with contents. Loss, \$1,800. At St. Thomas quantities of rain and hail fell, which with the violent wind hurt the corn; several buildings in Elgin county were struck by lightning and burned on the same day, and in the track of the same storm. Neil Carmichael, of Dunwich, lost his, insured for \$800 in London Mutual; John D. Graham and John Patton, 7th con., Dunwich, also lost barns. On the same day Thomas Huston's barn in township Stephen, near Exeter, was burned by lightning stroke.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, July 30th, 1890.

Stocks.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average. 1890.
Montreal	233	225	874	232	231	237
Ontario	120	116	120	120	116	142
People's	1-1	98	101	98	103	103
Molsons	170	160	50	173	162	185
Toronto	230	216	263	225	220	225
J. Cartier	101	97	100	100	97	100
Merchants'	147	145	177	147	145	149
Commerce	129	128	191	129	128	127
Union	98	90	98	98	90	95
Mon. Teleg.	100	98	1969	10	99	97
Rich. & Ont.	61	59	50	61	59	62
Street Ry.	196	193	695	196	194	215
do. Rights	39	37	80	39	38	38
Gas	212	208	1595	212	211	207
do. new stock ..	200	186	91	200	186	195
C. Pacific R.R.	82	79	1885	80	79	84
N. W. Land.	82	80	710	81	80	84

—The census just taken in the United States gives a remarkable indication of the large growth of the western cities. The population of St. Paul is 154,641; of Minneapolis, 203,406; of Milwaukee, 235,000; of Kansas City, 160,000; of Denver, 120,000; of Pittsburgh, 240,000; of Allegheny, 105,000; of Omaha, 134,742; and of Cleveland, 270,000. Chicago is anxious for second place in the United States. She has got the population up to 1,086,000. The whole population of the country approaches 65,000,000.

INSURANCE NOTES.

The advantages offered by the life insurance business have induced Mr. C. B. Linton to give up the principalship of the Victoria School at Galt, to accept an appointment with the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company. The Reporter says he is a good man for the place. His district includes the counties of Haldimand and Wentworth and the city of Hamilton.

The *United States Review*, of Philadelphia, publishes the following rhymes by James T. Phelps:

Can you think without a terror
Of the all-consuming error
That you make by inattention
To insurance on your life?

Have you ever estimated
How immensely over-rated
Are one's chances of existence
In life's daily toil and strife?

Should your end be unexpected,
While insurance you've neglected,
And your financial standing
Fall short of your desire,

Won't you rue procrastination,
And the foolish hesitation,
Which prevented you from taking
The insurance you require?

—Two hundred and fifty-nine captains of craft on the great lakes, representing 178,560 tons, steam and sail, have signed a petition to the Secretary of War, in which they protest against the restrictions placed upon them by owners of piers and docks at the Sault Canal, in prohibiting vessels from tying up at their wharves, thus compelling them to remain out in the stream at the risk of damaging themselves and others, especially when an east wind is blowing, by being crowded together. The Government owns only 600 feet between the locks and the private docks, and the vessel masters consider it an injustice to allow individuals to own and control the approaches to such an important work.

—"The world is growing better," writes a Georgia editor. "A man who has owed us \$7 for seven years came in yesterday and settled at the rate of fifteen cents on the dollar. A man out West has ordered fifty back numbers of the paper at five cents each, and the town council has remitted our last year's tax. It is not a bad world, after all."—*Atlanta Constitution*.

—The Minister of Customs, in order to encourage Americans to visit Canadian summer resorts, has given permission to them to bring their yachts into the Dominion for the summer without payment of duty.

—As a specimen of rapid transit, the *Medicine Hat Times* notes the arrival there of two Frenchmen with two performing bears, one a common black bear, obtained in Turtle Mountain, the other a cinnamon from Russia. They are travelling on foot to the Pacific coast, and have come all the way from Montreal. They have been three years on the way.

—The Michigan Central Railway authorities have decided to enlarge their yards in St. Thomas, and about seven miles of new track will at once be laid.

—The Ottawa Department of Public Works is having the river of Ste. Anne de la Perade deepened, so as to allow boats to come up as far as the village at any time during the season of navigation.

—"Good gracious, Fritz, where have you been?" "I fell into the canal, papa." "And with your new trousers on?" "No, I had just time to take them off before I fell in."

—There is a change of fashion even in grief. A new style of mourning paper drops the band of black all around the sheet, and has it drawn diagonally across the left-hand corner only.

—The result of holding two offices—"I think I will take a vacation the next three weeks," remarked the secretary and treasurer of a private corporation to the president thereof.

"But you returned from one only two weeks ago."

"True; that was my vacation as secretary. I wish to go now as treasurer."—*New York Sun*.