

ments, leaving £44,300 expended for the general purposes of the railway. This latter sum includes £27,554 for amounts expended in previous half-years, now transferred from the balance sheet. The balance, £16,746, representing the cash expenditure during the half-year, is fully detailed in statement No. 5. The total capital expenditure to July 31, 1875, amounted to £8,883,547 9s. 5d., leaving a balance at credit of that account of £521,046 10s. 3d. The receipts and expenditure on the revenue account for the half-year have been as follows:—

Gross receipts reduced to a gold basis £411,188
Working expenses, including renewals, rents, taxes, and all revenue charges 393,793

£17,394

Interest on bonds and debenture stock £98,862
Loss on working leased lines 19,988
Proportion of charge for depreciation account 6,500

£125,350

Deduct amount to credit of general interest account.. 681
124,669

£107,275

Add deficit on January 31, 1875..... 34,288

Total.. £141,563

On the other hand, the locomotive, car, ferry steamers, and insurance funds, which have been formed by deductions from revenue, are in credit £105,368. The unpaid dividend accumulated on the 5 per cent. preference stock to 31st July, 1875, amounts to £27,122. The gross traffic on the main line and branches (excluding the Galt and Guelph; the Wellington, Grey, and Bruce; and London and Port Stanley railways) amounted to £411,188, as compared with £516,536 in the corresponding half-year, showing a decrease of £105,348. This decrease may be classed as follows:

Decrease in passenger earnings..... £19,422
Do. freight and live stock earnings 82,280
Do. mails, express freight and rents 3,646

Total decrease..... £105,348

Insurance.

FIRE RECORD.—Toronto, Nov. 13.—Michael Burke's dwelling was damaged to the extent of \$500; covered by insurance.

Woodstock, Nov. 13.—The Union grist mills belonging to F. J. Clark, and worked by P. Slaght were destroyed by fire. Clark's loss \$15,000; insurance \$8,000. Slaght's loss on grain \$5,000; insurance \$1,000.

Belleville, Nov. 12.—The residence of John Johnson was burned with contents and \$200 cash. Loss \$1,500; insured for \$1,000.

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—The Furnier hotel was damaged to the extent of \$250. Loss covered by policy in Stadacona.

Montreal, Nov. 14.—Some buildings on Christopher street were destroyed by fire. Loss \$3,000; partially insured.

Newmarket, Nov. 15.—The dwelling of Mr. Kennedy, tin shop of R. McLaughlin, and saddler shop of Henry Thompson were destroyed by fire. Insurance on property \$4,000. Kennedy's loss \$300 no insurance; Thompson \$300 in Liverpool, London and Globe; McLaughlin's \$400 in Liverpool, London and Globe; \$800 on building, and \$400 on stock in Provincial.

Montreal, Nov. 13.—John Hoolahan's coal oil store was damaged to the extent of \$200.

Three Rivers, Nov. 12.—A fire damaged the

Shorte Dominion Block and stock to the extent of \$2,000. Insured in the Royal Canadian for \$4,000. Building insured for \$10,000—\$5,000 in Royal and \$5,000 in Niagara District Mutual. Loss on building \$500.

Wallacetown, Nov. 12.—A fire destroyed McBeth's store, McTavish's boot and shoe store, the Post Office and the Ontario house. Loss \$15,000.

Norwich, Nov. 13.—W. Merrill's planing mill and factory were destroyed by fire. Loss \$12,000. Fourth destruction by fire in twelve years. Never insured.

Halifax, Nov. 10.—Ralph McCabes dwelling with contents was burned.

Cobourg, Nov. 5.—Three dwellings were burned. Charles Cole insured in Imperial for \$600; Alex. Cuthbert, \$400 on house in Phoenix, and \$1,200 in Commercial Union. Mr. Morden \$700 in Provincial.

St. John, Nov. 6. James Gray's house was destroyed by fire. Insured in Hartford for \$300.

Ancaster, Nov. 11.—A fire destroyed the saw-mill of J. & A. Smith with lumber and several dwellings. Loss \$10,000; no insurance.

St. John, Nov. 11.—A fire destroyed Mullen's shoe store, H. K. Smith's stationer store, and Conray & McGuiley's hair store. Loss fully covered by \$15,000 on premises and goods, in Hartford, \$3,000; Imperial, \$1,500; Citizens, \$2,000; North British, \$2,100; Northern, \$2,000; Stadacona, \$800; Royal Canadian, \$1,000; and Lancashire \$2,000.

Guelph, Nov. 14.—D. J. Chubbs stable and three horses were burned. Loss \$2,500; insurance \$160.

Amherstburg, Nov. 14.—Laferty's dry goods store, fourteen other stores, the Prince Albert hotel and stables were destroyed by fire. Loss \$25,000; insurance, Provincial, \$3,100; Western \$4,800; London, Liverpool and Globe, \$2,500; Royal Canadian, \$1,200.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

BANKS, &C.	Lowest point touched during the week.	Highest point touched during the week.	Total transactions during the week.	Closing Prices, Nov. 17th	
				Buyers.	Sellers.
Bank of Montreal ..	185½	186½	...	B.C.	B.C.
do. x. divd	179½	180½	970	180½	180½
Ontario	107½	...	21	B.C.	B.C.
City	101½	...	2	...	...
People's	92½	92½	44	92½	92½
Molson's	101½	102	531	101½	102½
Bk. of Toronto	183½	...	30	176½	179½
Jacques Cartier ....	...	20	50	19	22
Merchants'	94	95	519	94½	95
Eastern Townships.	104	...	90	104	105
Nationale .....	...	...	...	...	...
Union .....	...	...	...	85	90
Royal	95½	...	30	91½	92½
Commerce	124½	126	2948	124½	125
Metropolitan .....	...	70	25	67½	...
Exchange	94	94½	5	94	94½
Ville Marie .....	...	...	...	...	...
Montreal Telegraph.	140	145½	3160	144	144½
Stg. Exch'ge, 60 dys	8½	8½	...	108½	108½
Gold	14½	14½	...	...	14½

MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.—Statement of traffic receipts for week ending Oct. 31st, 1875, in comparison with same period last year.—Passengers, \$2218,63; Freight, \$6066,51; Mails and Express, \$301,77; Total \$8858,91. Same week last year, \$11421,66; Decrease, \$2834,75; total traffic to date, \$249311,35; do year previous, \$265719,04; Decrease, \$16407,69.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, Nov. 16, 1875.

As the close of navigation approaches, a moderate amount of business though in a small way has been doing in the filling of small orders for country merchants, who are anxious to have the goods shipped before the steamers cease running, causing a more buoyant feeling in commercial circles who must now wait with patience the steady improvement of trade which will no doubt come on by degrees. The universal feeling of distrust which has prevailed for so long a time seems to have given way and more confidence in filling orders is quite apparent.

The flour market has been fairly active all week. Nothing doing in grain. Groceries show some improvement. Provisions and Ashes are easier. Remittances in all branches of business are improving slowly, but not to the extent which is desirable. To-day there was very little doing owing to the "Guibord funeral."

The weather has been cold and cloudy, threatening snow since Sunday but very little has fallen, and this morning a thaw set in.

In freights there has been nothing doing, the sea-going vessels having nearly all left.

To-day we give the usual report of the stock of Flour and Grain in store here on the 15th inst.

ASHES.—Pots.—The price of firsts has been very steady all week at about our closing quotations of this day week, and at which a fair business has been done for shipment by the last steamers. In the latter part of the week prices declined to \$4.70 to 4.75 for firsts, market closing at \$4.65 to 4.75. Seconds were dealt in to some extent at \$3.80 to 3.85; and thirds at \$2.90 to 3.00. Pearls.—Have been in very small request, market closing very quiet and prices nominal at \$5.00 for firsts. Stocks at present in store: Pots, 1,431 brls; Pearls, 997 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—No change in our price list as yet, although the tendency is towards an advance. There is still a fair sorting trade being done, but it is not likely to continue long as buyers will be preparing to lay in their spring stock. We quote Men's kip boots \$2.75 to 3.00; do. French calf \$3.00 to 3.75; do. Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do. split Brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; do. kip Brogans \$1.40 to 1.50; Boys' split Brogans 90c to \$1.50; do. Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to \$0.00; Womens' Buff and pebbled Balmorals \$1.20 to 1.80; do. prunella Bals. 75c to \$1.75; do. do. Congress 75c to \$1.75; Misses Buff and Pebble Balmorals 90c to \$1.15; do. prunella Balmorals and Congress 70c to \$1.25; Childrens do. do. 60c to \$1.00.

CATTLE.—The supply of cattle on the market yesterday was limited, but quite equal to meet the demand, butchers having a good supply of meat since last week. The market consequently was dull. The highest price paid was at the rate of \$4.50 per 100 lbs., and the lowest \$3.37½. Live Hogs.—Were in fair supply, and sold at \$6.20 to 7.12½ per 100 lbs. Dressed Hogs.—Sell at \$8.25 to 9.00 per 100 lbs. Lambs.—A lot on the market yesterday sold at \$4.00 a piece.

DRY GOODS.—A moderate business was done this week in filling small sorting orders coming from the country. Merchants seem to have made up their minds to have dull times till the spring business opens out. Remittances are improving slightly. The present frosty weather has improved the roads which may possibly cause a little more demand. The city retail trade is very dull.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—We have no change to note in prices this week; the demand has been confined to small parcels, which as a rule, bring high prices: large parcels are procurable at our inside quotations. Bi carb \$3.85 to