

Canadian routes to the seaboard; and this comprises all that has been conveyed via the St. Lawrence. There have been no shipments by Canadian routes, on American account, nor is it at all likely there will be, as long as Canada and the United States are separate countries and foreign to each other.

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FIRE RECORD.

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St. Catharines, Ont., June 15.—A building used as a coach-house, on George street, was consumed by fire. Loss \$500.

Ottawa, June 16.—The barn and stable of A. Manitock were struck by lightning and burned to the ground. A calf and a foal confined in the stable were also burned. Insured in the Ottawa Agricultural for \$300. A barn belonging to Mrs. Anderson, on the Richmond road, destroyed by fire.

St. Catharines, Ont., June 16.—The hotel and barn of J. Lambert, at Homer, were consumed by fire. Loss about \$2,000; insured for \$1,200. Supposed incendiarism.

Sarnia, Ont., June 16.—The G. W. R. ferry steamer "Union" was burned to the water's edge, and will be a total loss. Supposed to have took fire by a spark from a passing engine. Insurance not known.

Montreal, June 18.—The shoe shop of T. McMahon was, with the contents, damaged by fire to the extent of about \$200. Insured.

St. John's, Que., June 18.—A destructive fire broke out at 8 o'clock a.m., destroying houses and property to the extent of about \$1,000,000. The following is a list of the insurance losses: The Royal (England), \$90,000; Royal Canadian, \$64,000; Stadacona, \$53,200; Citizens, \$40,000; Liverpool, London and Globe, \$40,000; Provincial, \$28,100; National, \$22,000; Phoenix, \$30,000; Queen, \$20,000; Northern, \$20,000; Scottish Imperial, \$12,000; Aetna, \$12,000; Agricultural, \$6,400; Western, \$5,000; Commercial Union, \$3,000; British American, \$5,000; and North British and Mercantile, \$5,000.

Aylmer, Ont., June 19.—The barn of the Commercial hotel was burned, together with a team of horses, a buggy and cutter. Partly covered by insurance.

Parkhill, June 19.—A storehouse containing 1000 barrels of flour, belonging to Marsden & Danney, was totally destroyed.

Newboro, Ont., June 20.—A building belonging to Owen Kennedy, of Kingston, and occupied by W. H. McLaughlin, was consumed by fire. Loss unknown; insured for \$1,200 in the Stadacona, and stock for \$2,000 in the Gore Mutual.

Carlisle, Ont., June 21.—A fire broke out in the store of Readhead & Son, in which were also situated the post office and telegraph office, the whole being completely destroyed, with most of the contents. The exact loss is unknown; insured in the Farmers' and the Canadian Mutual Co.'s for \$2,000 each. Supposed to have originated in the tailoring department above the store.

Goderich, Ont., June 21.—A hotel owned by Mr. Johnston was burned. Partially insured.

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MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, JUNE 22nd, 1876.

The season is now so far advanced that activity in any department is not to be expected. A fair spring trade has been done, but a depressing feature has been observed in the character of remittances which have been unusually slow, and seem to have reached a climax within the last few weeks. The farmers, in many cases all through, have taken advantage of the cry of "hard times" to defer paying their accounts to the storekeepers, and to impress upon themselves and families a sort of mean economy as

useless to themselves as it is injurious to the trade of the country. Money which should have been employed in paying their debts has been kept out at interest meantime, contributing largely to the natural results to be noted throughout the country in the generally prosperous state of the agricultural as contrasted with the condition of the commercial community. The money market continues unchanged all over the world. The condition of the crops is more assuring every day, and if nothing unexpected turns up we shall, with ordinary weather, have another bountiful harvest.

ASHES.—Receipts of Pots have been fair—while there have been no Pearls received this week. The demand for First Pots has been fair at \$3.95 to \$4.05, according to tares; a few Seconds sold at \$3.10 to \$3.15. Nothing doing in Thirds. PEARLS.—The latest sale reported was 60 bris. Firsts, at date of our last issue, at \$4.75. Nothing doing in Seconds. The receipts for the year have been 6,449 bris. Pots and 453 bris. Pearls; the deliveries, 3,715 bris. Pots and 416 bris. Pearls, and the stock in store this evening was 4,815 bris. Pots and 1,042 bris. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business the present week very quiet; a few light goods are being called for, but little more can be expected until the opening of the fall trade.

CATTLE.—At the principal market on Monday there were 24 carloads of cattle offered for sale, the most of which were distillery fed. The market was dull, and prices ranged from \$4.75 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs. The prices for distillery fed fell about 25 cents per 100 lbs., since last week. The supplies were principally from Toronto and Windsor. Most of the cattle were disposed of at \$3 per 100 lbs., while only a few extra brought \$5.50. One dealer sold 32 head for \$4.75 per 100 lbs. Another dealer sold six head of farm fed at \$5.12½. There were a few hogs on the market, but remained unsold. The price asked was \$6.50 per 100 lbs.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business continues to move along in a quiet way, without any marked change in any direction. There are no large transactions to note, the demand being more of a retail character than wholesale as far as quantities go. The following quotations are for small lots, lower figures would be accepted for good parcels:—Soda Ash, 1.90 to \$2.25; Sal Soda, \$1.40 to \$1.60, according to quantity; Soda Bicarb, \$3.50 to 3.75; Caustic Soda, 3½c. to 3½c.; Alum, 2c. to 2½c. Extract Logwood is easier, and is quoted 1½c. to 1½c. for bulk, and for packages in proportion. Bleaching Powder, 1½c. to 2c.

DRY GOODS.—The business done this past week has been a fair average for this particular season of the year. Stocks in all spring lines of goods are said to be summing down nicely, and the chances now are that the close of the buying season will find the trade here well sold out. Our city retail trade keeps well up. Remittances from all and every direction are most unaccountably small and unsatisfactory.

FISH.—No business doing. Good table fish would sell in a retail way. We quote nominally:—Codfish No. 2, \$4.50 to 4.75. Dry Cod cwt., \$5.25 to \$5.50; Mackerel, No. 1, \$8.50; Salmon steady, No. 1, \$15; No. 2, \$14; No. 3, \$13. No 1 Split Herrings \$4.50.

FURS AND SKINS.—No change to note unless it be the extreme dullness that marks this department of business, and which is usually characteristic of the season. Beaver is somewhat lower. We quote—Beaver, \$2.00; Prime Black Bear, \$6 to \$12, according to size; Fisher \$6.00 to \$9.00; Silver Fox, \$25 to \$60; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Red Fox, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.25; dark Labrador Martin, \$7 to \$9; pale Martin, \$1.50 to \$2.00; prime fresh dark Mink, \$2.60 to \$2.50; fine dark Otter, \$7 to \$9; Fall Muskrat, 12c. to 14c.; Winter do, 15c. to 18c.; Spring do, 22c.; Raccoon, 25c. to 60c.; Skunk, 20c. to 50c.

HARDWARE.—Business is quiet, and the orders coming in being small, we note neither change in the current of trade for the week nor in prices. Crops are reported as showing more than an ordinary promise, notwithstanding we look for cautious buying for some time yet, as

the minds of men are strongly tinged with this feeling, which will wear out through time alone, and the feeling that the actual tide of full prosperity has touched them. See *Prices Current*.

LEATHER.—The price of Upper Leather Bull and Pebble Leather has declined the past week; Spanish and Slaughter firm. But little business doing. See *Prices Current*.

LUMBER.—We have nothing new whatever to report, for there seems to be no life and movement of any kind. Chicago shippers have made an important move in foreign trade in deals and timber during the past few months, which has excited no little interest amongst shippers in the neighboring States as well as those of the Dominion. The Chicago people, it appears have been for some time filling contracts in Europe with deals and other timber purchased in New Brunswick and the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, as also in the State of Michigan. The first quality of deals being sent forward by them are from Michigan, while the second and third are from the Dominion. During the past winter 30,000,000 feet of deals were sold (to arrive) in London, Liverpool, Cork, and Havre, and within a month sales aggregating about the same amount have been made. The fact is that for the present season the American shippers have "stolen a march" on those of the Dominion, and a new lake trade with Europe has been opened up which promises to grow in magnitude. The shipments of deals from New Brunswick from the first of January up to the end of May were more than double the amount exported at the corresponding period last year, while the shipments of timber were five times as great. It is an important fact that this large increase is due entirely to the operations of American shippers, and particularly to those of Chicago, as noted above. Our lumbermen will doubtless be on the alert in future.

Shipping cuts, \$8.00 per m. feet; Spruce Siding, \$8 do. Fine—Common boards and scantling, \$10 to \$16 per m.; Clear lumber, \$30 to \$45; First quality lumber, \$30 to \$35; Third-class, 1½ inch deals, \$30 to \$36 per m., surface measure; Cull deals, \$18 to \$24 do.; do, dressed, \$35 to \$40 do.; 2 by 1 inch furrings \$4 per 100 pieces; Laths, \$1.30 to 1.50 per m.; Spruce lumber, \$10 to \$12 per m. feet; Spruce deals, \$24 per m. feet, surface measure; Hemlock lumber, \$9 to \$11 per m. feet; long pine lumber, for building purposes, \$18 to \$24, according to length and size; long hemlock lumber is \$3 less per m. feet than pine. Dressed lumber—1 inch boards, \$18 to \$20 per m. feet; do. 1½ inch roofing, \$20 do.; do. 1½ inch flooring, \$20 to \$24 do.; do. 1½ inch flooring, \$20 to \$30 do.; do. 2 inch flooring, \$28 to \$31 do. Prices—Quebec.—Pine deals, 1st quality, \$90, per Quebec standard; 2nd do, \$86 do; 3rd do \$28. Spruce deals, 1st quality, \$32 do; 2nd do \$24 do; 3rd do, \$16 do.

OLS.—Since our last report another shipment of S. R. Seal Oil from Newfoundland has come into the market, tending to weaken prices. The ideas of sellers and buyers are, however, still so far apart that very little has changed hands, and 55c. to 57½c. is now the asking price. Some small lots of Cod Oil has come into the market too, and although there has not been any transactions to any extent, 62½c. to 65c. would be accepted, according to lot. Lard Oil is in limited supply at rather easier figures, 85c. for No. 1, and 95c. for extra. Other Oils without change. Paints are in very good demand at prices quoted elsewhere, with an easier tendency. Naval Stores.—Turpentine is somewhat lower, and is quoted at 48c. to 45c. Other Naval Stores in good demand at unchanged prices. See *Prices Current*.

SEEDS.—Since our last report the market for Clover and Timothy has been quiet, the demand for both articles being now over for the season. Stocks are nearly exhausted. Prices having been pretty well sustained to the end of the season are now nominal for Clover, 12½c. per lb. Timothy \$3.50 per bushel.

WHOLESALE GROCERY MARKET.—The country is still favored with most desirable weather for vegetation, giving almost everywhere promise of an abundant harvest. Business, though with-