

OTHER PROVINCES.—Quebec Nov. 30.—A large fire broke out in the Abestos Co. formerly occupied by Hossack & Wood and extended to the premises adjoining, A Joseph & Son bonded warehouse. Their loss is estimated at nearly \$100,000. As far as known the following is a list of insurances:—Royal, \$7,500; Lancashire \$5,000 on the Hossack factory; Phoenix, \$10,000 on Hossack's stock; Imperial \$7,500 and Citizens, \$3,500 on the Asbestos factory; Citizens, \$1,000 on Wagner's furniture; Liverpool London & Globe, \$10,000 on Joseph's stock in the wooden store, and \$4,000 on Helm's furniture; Quebec, \$7,000 on wooden warehouse and Commercial Union, \$3,300 do.; Queen \$6,000; Western, \$9,000; City of London, \$2,000, and Royal Canadian \$800 on Joseph's stock.—St. John N. B. Abram C. Stones residence (Chillean county) burned insured in Liverpool London & Globe \$1,000.—Quebec Dec. 4.—The upper part of Jno. Felix house burned.—St. John N. B. Dec. 2.—Grant & Atherton's warehouse Grafton, Carleton C unty, was burned with contents. The loss amounts to \$3,500, and insurance \$2,500 in Commercial Union, North British and Western offices.—Quebec 3.—Talbot's building and stock burned insured in the Quebec for \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE RETURNS.

	Nov. '82.	Nov. '81.	Inc. or Dec.
Montreal customs....	\$719,669	\$684,068	35,601 I
" excise	160,548	136,559	23,989 I
Toronto customs....	253,809	224,864	28,945 I
" excise	136,277	121,595	14,682 I
Hamilton customs...	71,741	75,289	3,548 I
" excise	33,009	30,295	2,714 I
Halifax customs...	92,906	92,580	326 I
" excise	24,184	24,174	10 I
St. John customs...	80,509	74,459	6,050 I
" excise	33,581	30,366	3,215 I
London customs...	.....	.....	.....
" excise	30,787	27,908	2,878 I
Kingston customs...	21,298	.....	.....
" excise	22,920	18,130	4,790 I
Belleville customs...	6,180	6,267	87 D
" excise	13,674	10,422	3,251 I
Guelph customs...	4,543	3,991	552
" excise .....	.....	.....	.....
Brantford customs...	.....	.....	.....
" excise .....	.....	.....	.....
Ottawa customs...	.....	.....	.....
" excise	21,174	19,080	2,094 I
St. Catharines customs...	.....	.....	.....
" excise .....	.....	.....	.....
Winnipeg customs...	161,389	62,508	90,881 I
" excise	18,601	15,601	3,000 I
Victoria customs...	.....	.....	.....

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL 5th Dec. 1882

The week has shown no activity in any branch of the wholesale trade. The usual quiet prevails before the holiday trade shall open, and merchants are or will be busy stock-taking. The want of good winter roads is very much felt, for there is not enough snow for sleighing. The leather business is especially dull and likely to remain so as long as the lasters strike continues. All the shoe factories are now shut down and about 5000 persons are idle. The master's are determined to fight it out to the bitter end, and to settle at once, and for all who shall dictate how the factories are to be carried on.

ASHES.—Pots.—With very small receipts we have had another weeks dull market, prices however are now higher than at the date of our last report, and from \$5.15 to \$5.20 and \$5.25 is now being paid; the outside quotation for very extra tares. **Pearls**—In the absence of transactions are quite nominal at \$9. Receipts for the past week were, Pots 47 brls.; Pearls 12 brls.; deliveries for the same time, Pots 28 brls.; Pearls 28 brls. Stocks now in store, Pots 243 brls.; Pearls 31 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade is as usual at this time of the year, very quiet, the lock out of the lasters still continues, and is now extending to the other workmen, as the work finished by the lasters is now completed, it is estimated that by

the end of the present week fully 5000 persons will be out of employment. There is no probability of an early settlement of the difficulty as the manufacturers will not resume until such time as the workmen will be willing to resume work unconditionally. We quote prices firm as follows: Men's French calf boots \$3.75 to \$4.00; do Kip Boots \$2.50 to \$3.25; do Cowhide Boots \$2.50 to \$3.00; do Split Stogas \$1.75 to \$2.40; do Buff Congress \$2.00 to \$2.50; do Split Congress \$1.75 to \$1.90; do Split Brogans \$1.00 to \$1.10; Boys' and Youths' Brogans 85 to 95c.; Womens' Buff and Pebbled Balmorals \$1.20 to \$1.50; do Split Balmorals 85c. to \$1.10; Misses Buff and Pebbled Balmorals \$1.00 to \$1.15; do Split Balmorals 85c. to \$1.00.

CATTLE.—The supply for the season yesterday was fair, the majority of which was of rather inferior quality and not in much demand, for choice cattle there was a good deal of competition and prices ranged from \$4.75 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs; inferior grades ranged from \$2.50 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs. Lambs were plentiful and in good demand at from \$2.50 to \$4.50 each. Sheep were scarce and sold at \$4.50 to \$7.50 each. Dressed Hogs come in but slowly, but with the cold weather are likely soon to be more plentiful; sales average from \$8.75 to \$9.00 per 100 lbs.

DRY GOODS.—The present is a very quiet season for this branch of trade, mostly all travellers are home and orders filled so that merchants have time to take a rest in the way of stock-taking which is now becoming general, and may possibly keep all hands occupied, by that time it is most probable that winter roads will be good, and some more active business will be looked for. Fancy goods are likely to be in good demand for Christmas wants. Collections are reported as being satisfactory.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Now that navigation has closed and the bulk of business over there has been little of any consequence to note in the sale of heavy goods, only a small jobbing demand existing not sufficient to make any change in quotations. Prices of Quinine are steady here, but in New York there appears to be some weakness in the market. The following are present prices for round lots: Bi. Carb. Soda \$2.90 to \$3.00 Soda Ash, \$2.00 to 2.12½ for high test Bi-Chromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$12.50, to \$13.00; Borax, refined, 15 to 17c; Cream Tartar Crystals, 32 to 33c; do., ground, 34 to 36c; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.35 to \$2.50; Sugar of Lead, 12½ to 13c; Bleaching Powder, \$1.50 to 1.60; Alum, \$1.87½ to \$2.00; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to 1.25; Flowers Sulphur, \$3.00 to \$3.25; Roll Sulphur, \$2.12½ to \$2.25; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.30; Sal Soda, \$1.20 to \$1.25; Saltpetre, \$1.0 to \$1.1; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.50 to \$6.50; Quinine, \$2.65 to \$2.75 per oz. bottles; Opium, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Morphine, 2.75 to \$2.85; Shellac, 32 to 35c; Castor Oil, 10½ to 11c.

FURS.—The first lots of skins coming in have not been well received being very poor on account of the open season, latterly very few have been offered. But a few good Otter, Beaver, Bear, Lynx and Mink could now be sold at figures to pay, being wanted for immediate use, any skins now bought for shipping purposes are only wanted at low prices, the European markets being very unsettled. We quote Mink \$1.00 to \$1.25; Otter \$8 to \$10; Beaver \$2.00 to \$2.50; Skunk 50 to 60c. each; Lynx \$2 to \$2.50; Bear large, \$8 to \$12; ditto small \$3 to \$6.

FISH.—We have not heard of much being done in large parcels, business being chiefly confined to small lots, and even that sort of trade was limited and likely to be till winter roads are formed, prices are without quotable change. We quote Labrador Herrings scarce, at \$6.50; Dry Cod, \$5.75 to \$6.50; Green Cod, No. 1, \$7.00 to \$7.25; ditto No. 2, \$5.25 to \$5.20; ditto large, \$7.00; Salmon, \$20, \$19, and \$18 for No. 1 2 and 3 respectively. Lake Superior White Fish \$6.00. Lake Superior Salmon Trout, \$5.25.

FLOUR.—Stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 2nd inst were 37,188 brls. against 34,341 brls. on 25th Nov. and 43,798 on 1st Dec. 1881. Receipts for the and 14,849 brls.; total receipts from 1st past week 13,849 on the receipts for the corresponding period of last year. Shipped during the week 5406 brls.; total shipments from 1st January to date 742,137 brls., being an increase of 128,585 brls. on the shipments for the same period of 1881. There has been nothing doing in the market beyond the supply of the local demand which has not been very brisk and prices are without material change. We quote Superior Extra \$4.90 to \$4.95; Extra Superfine, \$4.82½ to

\$4.85; Fancy, nominal; Spring Extra, \$4.80 to \$4.85; Strong Bakers' Flour, American, \$6.50 to \$7.00; ditto, Canadian, \$5.40 to \$5.60; Superfine, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Fine, \$4.00 to \$4.15; Middlings, \$3.75 to \$3.85; Po'lards, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Ontario Bags, new medium, \$2.40 to \$2.50; do. do., Spring extra, \$2.30 to \$2.35; do. do., Superfine, \$2.15 to \$2.20; Oily Bags, delivered, \$3.25 to \$3.00; Oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.10 for Ontario; Cornmeal, \$4.25.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Receipts for the past week 118 486 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date 7,981,473 bushels, being an increase of 645,880 bushels on the receipts for the corres-

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