

at 70; none on market. Considerable sales of Western Assurance at 100½ and 101; buyers now at 100½, with no stock on market. No Canada Life procurable, 115 would be paid. Canada Permanent Building Society is held at 146, with buyers at 145. Western Canada sold at 127, at which rate there is a good demand, but no sellers. Sales of Freehold at 127 and 127½, closing in demand at latter rate, with none on market. Small lots of Union are asked for at 115. No Huron and Erie on this market, quotations nominal. Buyers of Montreal Telegraph to-day at 170, and sellers at 180. Small lots of Canada Landed Credit changed hands at 96½ and 97 to-day, buyers would probably pay par for a round lot, but there is little stock to be had. Small sales of Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway at 70. Nipissing sold at 80, and is in demand at this rate, with little offering. Mortgages are freely taken to pay from 7 to 8 per cent. interest.

Debentures.—Canada sterling "Fives" and "Sixes," are in good demand, but none have been offered for some time past. Dominion Stock sold at 111. Considerable amounts of Toronto have changed hands at 93½ and 94, closing in fair demand at latter rate. Small sales of County at 103. Township debentures are in demand at from 94½ to 96, according to the class of Bonds.

MONTREAL STOCK AND MONEY MARKET.

Reported by Macdougall & Davidson, Brokers.

MONTREAL, Jan. 31, 1871.

There has been a fair business done in favourite stocks. The market, however, closes quieter for almost all, but without reduction in prices save in one or two instances.

Banks.—Montreal has been dealt in at 232½, 232 and to-day 231½, closing without animation. British is scarce and in request at 209½. There have been frequent sales of City at 90½ and 91. The last sales of People's were at 108 and 108½; there are now no shares in market. Ontario has been sold at 111, at which it is still to-day procurable. No business doing in Molsons—is in demand at 111. Merchants' has been considerably dealt in at 116½ and 116½; it closes somewhat weaker. The latest sales of Toronto were at 175 and 176, to-day's quotations being 174½ to 176½. Jacques Cartier is very scarce—117½ would be paid. There are sellers of Quebec at 114, buyers at 112½; we have no late sales to report. National is nominally quoted at 107½. No Eastern Townships in market; 110 is offered. Of Union, there are buyers and sellers at 107 and 108 respectively. Mechanics' continues in demand and scarce at 81½. Commerce has changed hands at 117½ and 118, our to-day's quotation being at 117½ to 118½. Large sales of Royal Canadian are reported at 91; shares are to-day offered at 90½.

Railway Stocks and Bonds.—Montreal & Champlain Railway eight per cent. bonds continue to be sold at 102; nothing doing in other railway securities.

Debentures.—Nothing whatever doing in Governments—no bonds of any issue in market. Dominion stock is still scarce; 110½ would be paid for round amounts. Corporation bonds have been sold at 101½ and 101½; they are still offering at the former rate. No late sales of 7 per cent. stock; 116 would readily be paid for permanent shares. Montreal Harbor Bonds continue scarce, and 6½ per cents. are in demand at 104.

Sundries.—Montreal Telegraph has been sold at 177 and 177½; holders now ask 178. There have been sales of Richelieu Navigation at 196 and 196½, closing firm at 197 to 200. Canadian Navigation Company.—The transfer books are now closed; the last transactions were at 107. City Passenger has been sold at 165½; it is now in demand at 166, holders asking 175. No late sales of City Gas, the nominal quotation being at 170 to 180. Mining Stocks.—For Montreal Mining Co. shares, \$4.75 would be paid; there are no sellers under \$5.50.

Exchange.—The range for Bank bills has been 9½ to 9½; the market is to-day somewhat firmer, at 9½ to 9½; very little doing in private bills, for which the nominal quotation is 8½ to 9.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM SAVINGS BANK.—Amount of deposits (including interest of 5 per cent) received from 1st December 1869 to 30th November 1870.....\$272,681 77
Amounts withdrawn, ditto.....209,264 63

Increase in year.....63,417 14
Amount of deposits at 1st Dec., 1869. 247,347 14

Total deposits including interest at 5 per cent at 30th November, 1870..\$310,764 28

ASSETS.

Cash deposited in Bank of Toronto, Cobourg.....\$34,472 91
Dominion Stock, par value.....9,660 00
Bank of Toronto stock, par value.....37,600 00
Bank of Commerce Stock, par value.....83,400 00
Merchants' Bank stock, par value.....72,000 00
Quebec Bank stock, par value.....25,000 00
Ontario Bank stock, par value.....15,000 00
Royal Canadian stock, par value.....10,000 00
City Bank stock, par value.....10,000 00
Niagara District stock, par value.....4,400 00
Cobourg Harbour Debentures.....3,000 00
Dividends accrued on stock 30th Nov. 1870, paid 1st January 1871.....7,525 65

Total assets at par value.....\$312,058 56
Total liability as above.....310,764 28

Surplus 30th November, 1870.....\$1,294 28

DAVID BURN,
Treasurer.

Cobourg, January 14th, 1871.

Insurance.

INSURANCE MATTERS IN MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL, Jan. 31st, 1871.

Jan. 24.—Immediately after closing last advices an alarm sounded from Box 81, summoning the brigade to No. 181 Beaudry street, a long, but somewhat obscure thoroughfare in the Quebec suburbs, where a man in endeavouring to thaw out a frozen water pipe, set fire to a wooden partition, thereby materially accelerating his efforts. By the prompt action of the brigade the fire was suppressed before it could achieve much mischief. No insurance.

Jan. 27.—A fire broke out this evening at 81 Barrie street, in a small wooden house owned by a Mr. Monette, and occupied by Samuel Guilbeault, butcher. Both the house and its contents were considerably burned before the fire was subdued. No insurance.

Jan. 29.—The most heart rending calamity by fire, that has occurred in Montreal for a long time, has now to be recited. This morning, a few minutes after midnight, two policemen on duty in Notre Dame street, perceived fire in the shop of Miss Paradis, milliner, 262 in that street, the very place in which a fire reported in last communication occurred, precisely three weeks before. One of the policemen ran to the nearest signal box, 13 on St. Lambert Hill, the other to No. 2 fire station at the Court House, the reels and ladders were speedily on the spot. Meantime the windows of the first floor above the shop were thrown open, when amid the clouds of dense black smoke which then poured forth, the shrieks for help of the frenzied inmates were heard; the only ordinary access to the street was through the shop which was a mass of flames, and the only apparent means of escape for the poor affrighted

creatures was to precipitate themselves into the streets. Happily, one of the police named Barnett, who retained his presence of mind, invoked the aid of a passing carter who backed his sleigh against the shutters of the shop, under one of the windows, and by mounting on the back seat was enabled to place himself and Barnett in near proximity with the terrific spectacle above. Four children of Mr. John Caro, uncle of Miss Paradis, varying in age from eight months to nine years, were then dropped by their father from the window, and received by those in the sleigh, next Miss Paradis, then Mrs. Caro and lastly Mr. Caro himself, in all seven persons, rescued from what appeared inevitable death by the cool self-possession of these two men, whose conduct deserves something more than a passing word of commendation. While this was enacting some one broke open the shop door, when the flames, fed by the draught, fiercely mounted up the narrow stairway to the floor above, the first room at the head being used as a sort of reception room, and was genteelly furnished, with piano-forte, &c., which are all virtually destroyed. The hose reels having arrived on the scene, the hose was speedily connected with a hydrant, and the fire itself was quickly suppressed. Some space has been occupied in the narration of the foregoing, but the time it occupied was almost incredibly brief—a few minutes only. Scarcely were the rescued persons in the sleigh, than Mr. Caro suddenly remembered that his eldest son, aged 12 years, his brother, Henry Caro, aged 40, and the servant, Fanny Burgess, aged 23, were in their beds in the floor above; soon as the recollection flashed upon him he exclaimed in agonized tones "Oh, where is my boy? for God's sake save my boy." On comprehending the purport of Mr. Caro's exclamations ladders were instantly placed against the second floor windows, which were at once dashed in, and several firemen were in the rooms, but so dense was the smoke with which the place was filled, that it extinguished their torches and compelled them to protect their mouths and nostrils with their tunics, on recovering themselves somewhat, they found at the foot of the stairs leading from the first to the second floor, the dead and charred remains of Henry Caro, and in what appeared to be the dining room on the floor above, the body of Fanny Burgess, the servant, who is supposed to have rushed there, in her night dress from the kitchen in which she slept, and, overpowered by the smoke, to have fallen there suffocated, but scarcely at all disfigured. No trace of the boy could, for some time, be found, and the hope was indulged that he might by some means have escaped, but on a close examination of his bed he was found coiled up in the bedclothes, with his trousers partly drawn on, but quite dead.

At the inquest on the bodies of the unfortunate deceased, held yesterday at the General Hospital, the evidence was a mere recapitulation of the foregoing facts, and the jury, after deliberating for a considerable time, found that the deceased "came to their death by being burnt and suffocated by fire, which destroyed part of the house occupied by one John Caro, situate on Notre Dame street, Montreal. But whether the fire which occurred in said house was accidental or otherwise, the jurors aforesaid cannot determine." The building comprised five shops and three dwellings, and belongs to the heirs Cuvillier. It is insured in the Royal. More particulars shall be communicated next week.

A trial was concluded last week of some interest to insurance men—Lloyd vs. the Scottish Provincial Assurance Company—but space will not now allow particulars to be gone into.

FIRE RECORD.—New Glasgow, Jan. —. The stable of Donald McGugan, was burnt to the ground, and a span of horses, harness, agricultural implements, and other valuables consumed. No insurance.

Kingston, Jan. 28.—A fire broke out this morn