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A WASHINGTON despatch of June 8th indicates that the Reciprocity Treaty will most likely have to stand over till another session of Congress; less than two weeks of the session remain and this, the author of the telegram says, will not be sufficient time to give to the consideration of so important a subject.

SHEARING the wool crop has commenced in the Central States, and there are free buyers at 40 to 42c in Michigan, and 43 to 45c (U. S. currency) in Ohio and Pennsylvania; but the bulk of the wool is held for more money, say 50c for the best clip. Canada combing sold recently in Boston in a round lot at 63c. It is thought the per centage of combing to other kinds of wool will be smaller in the west this year than usual. Nearly the whole Kentucky clip has been bought for 48c.

AMONG very recent assignments are Peter McVicar, millowner, Ferguson's Falls; Robert Pollock, general store, Lanark; Duncan McLean, tanner, Manilla; John Cooney, general store, Norwood; John Neil, fancy goods, St. Catharines; W. E. Edge, general store, Arthabaska Station, P. Q.; Charron & Frere, grocers, Montreal; D. Mercure, general store, St. Zephirin, P. Q.; Jas. B. Eisenaur, Chester Basin; Wm. Crane, Lower Horton, N. S.; R. McPherson, Sherbrooke, N. S.

CANADA SOUTHERN. — A chattel mortgage executed by the Canada Southern Railway Company to Wm. Lawrence Scott, of Erie, Penn., and Kenyon Cox, of New York, has been filed in the County Clerk's office of Albany County. The instrument conveys the entire fixtures of the road, rolling stock, land, &c., to the parties or the second part, to secure the payment of \$9,000,000 in bonds issued for the construction of the road, and is in fact an additional security for those bonds. This is merely a filing of the mortgage under which the bonds for the construction of the road were issued.

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FIRE RECORD.—Ottawa, June 10.—A fire occurred on Wellington street, by which the whole of Lesnever's block and the Premier's residence were destroyed. The building destroyed is known as the Queen's Hall block, owned by M. Lesnever, and was valued at \$25,000. Insurance \$13,000. The property adjoining it is owned by Ald. Pratt. and is damaged to the extent of \$200. It is insured for \$5,500. Philion & Lefebvre had \$2,000 insurance on their stock in the Queen, \$2,000 in the Provincial, and \$3,000 in the Aetna. The Hon. A Mackenzie had \$1,900 in the Queen on his furniture. A good portion of it was saved. The building occupied by Mr. McKenzie was owned by Mr. Lesnever, and was insured in the Aetna for \$2,000. Mr. Lesnever's stock was insured in Aetna for \$1,000 and Mr. Walton's in the same for \$500. The stock of the former is a complete loss; but the latter saved considerable. Mr. J. Pratt's stock was also insured, but the damage is slight. Messrs Oliver & Son's loss will be about \$1,500; insurance on stock \$1,000. Mr. H. Hodges estimates his loss at \$600; no insurance. Messrs. Hardy Bros' and J. R. Craig have also sustained trifling losses. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

Kinmount, April 8.—The hotel owned and occupied by William Brunner, was destroyed by fire. Building and contents insured.

London, June 2.—A fire consumed a stable in rear Mr. J. D. Dalton's premises, corner of Richmond and John streets, and the brick cottage adjoining, occupied by Edward Welsh was very much damaged. He is insured for \$1,300, which will more than cover his loss. Mr. Dalton's loss will be about \$200.

Ottawa, May.—A wooden building owned by Messrs. Stewart & Davis, at the Culbute Canal works, was destroyed. Loss about \$1,300; insured for \$700 in the isolated Risk.

Collingwood, May 28.—G. H. Edgcombe's house was burnt; loss \$350; insured in the Queen for \$200.

Aylmer, Ont., June 3.—Before the cinders of the late conflagration had fairly died out another fire broke out. It commenced in the rear

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of McIntyre's cabinet shop and consumed it with contents; loss \$2,000, insured in the Liverpool and London and Globe for \$1,000, and \$1,000 in the Provincial on contents. The building was owned by S. Smith and insured in the Western for \$500. Mr. W. Carter's house to the west, was next consumed; loss \$600, no insurance. East of the cabinet warehouse, W. Rushmer's building was destroyed, worth \$1,000, insured in the Lancashire for \$500. Mr. I. Mills' painter and Miss Style, milliner, suffered small losses without insurance. Mr. Ellis, barrister, loss \$300, insured in the Canada Farmers' Mutual. J. Taylor & Son's, boot and shoe store suffered loss of \$250, no insurance. Whitney's harness stock was damaged to the extent of \$1,000, insured for \$800 in the Liverpool and London and Globe. Five stores owned by Martin & Nairn were insured on building in Liverpool and London and Globe for \$1,600; loss about \$4,000. The Anglo-American hotel owned by the same parties, worth \$3,000, was insured for \$1,200 in Liverpool and London and Globe, and \$800 in the Beaver and Toronto Mutual. There were a number of other and small losses without insurance. The total loss is put at \$18,000 to \$20,000 with about half that amount of insurances.

Barrie, June 3.—A fire broke out in the planing mill of Messrs. Christopher & Macy, and destroyed it in a few minutes. The old foundry and two dwelling houses were also burned.

Seaforth, May 30.—The pork packing establishment of Thos. Stevens was destroyed with contents; also two adjoining frame buildings. Two of the buildings were owned by the Royal Canadian Bank; other two were owned by J. Clowting; the former had insurance in the Liverpool & London & Globe for \$700; and Clowting had \$600 in the Niagara District Mutual; Thos Stevens on stock \$2,000 in Liverpool & London & Globe. An inquest was held, and the result of which has not been learned here.

Norwich, June 6.—Wm. Merritt's planing mill and factory, about four miles east of here, was completely destroyed by fire; loss about \$20,000, no insurance.

Parkhill, June 4.—Messrs. Gillies and Kenny's sash and door factory, together with the flooring