

Bonds.—Sterling "Sixes" offered in limited amount at 106½, and "Fives" at 99½, with buyers at 97½. Dominion Stock is asked for at 112, and offered at 1 per cent. higher. City Bonds are in good demand and held at 95 for 20 years. The enquiry for Counties continues strong at 103½ for first-class long dates, and 96½ for Townships.

Sundries.—An advance on 138 would be paid for Freehold if any offered. Canada Permanent were readily taken at 154½ and 155. Western Canada would command 143, but not a share offers. Union is quiet at 116½, and Provincial at 109½ to 110. Landed Credit sold readily at 107½ to 108½, with a good demand, and Building and Loan at 109½, little offering. Round lots of Western Assurance changed hands at 136, and offered at a half advance. British America was placed at 93. City Gas is nominal at 125 to 130. Telegraph sold at 210, the closing rate.

MONTREAL STOCK AND MONEY MARKET.

Reported by Macdougall & Davidson, Brokers.

MONTREAL, May 9, 1871.

There has been an active business done in stocks and securities, the market closing firm, and generally with an upward tendency.

Banks.—Montreal has been very irregular in price between 258 and 277½, at which to-day it closes firm. The market is bare of British, 113 would be paid. City has been repeatedly sold at 98, closing quiet at 97½ to 98½. People's sales at 112; to-day there are sellers at 112½, buyers at 111½. Ontario, there have been transactions at 121 and 121½; holders to-day ask 122½. Molsons' has been inactive at the nominal quotation 120 to 125. Merchants' has been sold since our last at between 136 and 138½, closing firm with sales at 138, 138½ and 138¾. There has been but little done, the quotations of Toronto being nominal at 181 to 185; buyers and sellers respectively. Jacques Cartier is in demand at 124½; holders asking 125½. Quebec is held at 135; 130 would be paid. Buyers of Nationale at 119; no shares offering. 116 is bid for Eastern Townships; no shares in market. No late sales of Union, is worth 119 to 122. There are sellers of Mechanics' at 89; buyers offering 88½. There have been continued sales of Commerce at 141½ and 142, at which it closes firm. Royal Canadian has been sold at 107½ and 108, it is to-day procurable at former rate.

Debentures.—Government Sterling five per cents are offered at 99½, no other issues in market. A small amount of Dominion Stock is offered at 113. There have been considerable sales of Montreal Corporation Bonds at 101½. But little doing in Corporation Stock, six per cents are offered at 105, seven per cent. permanent at 119. Harbour Bonds have been sales sold at 106, but are now scarce and in good demand.

Sundries.—Montreal Telegraph, we have to report a small sale at 210, at which shares are still offered. There are sellers of Richelieu Navigation at 210; buyers offer 202. No business doing in Canadian Navigation, quotations nominal at 102 to 110. Sales of City Passenger-Railway at 205½, the stock is scarce. City Gas is in demand at 177½, no shares offering. No late transactions in Mining Stocks; Montreal mining shares are nominally quoted at \$2.50 to \$3.10 per share; Huron Copper Bay Stock 50c. to 60c. per share.

Railway Stocks and Bonds.—Montreal and Champlain, old stock has been sold at 19, none now offering under 21; the eight per cent. Debentures are still offering at 102, with but small enquiry.

Exchange.—The market has been steady, with but little doing; Bank Bills are worth 9½ to 10½.

—Mr. W. G. Crawford, formerly of the Gore Bank, has been appointed manager of the Royal Canadian Bank at Hamilton, in the place of the late Mr. McKinstry.

HAMILTON MONEY MARKET.

Reported by Stinson's Bank.

HAMILTON, May 10, 1871.

Since the 1st inst., a better demand for money is noticeable, with a lull in stock transactions. Prices in some instances were sensitive and weak, but again appear to be firmer. Bank of Commerce dealt in to-day at 142. Royal Canadian 109.

Insurance.

INSURANCE MATTERS IN MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL, 9th May, 1871.

So few and so insignificant have been our incidents from fire here since last remote advices that your correspondent did not deem them worthy of report as they occurred.

April 18.—A fire was discovered this morning at an early hour in an old wooden building, No. 143 St. Antoine street, occupied by Henry Campbell as a second-hand furniture store. It was quickly suppressed on the arrival of the brigade, but not before the flames had burst through the rear of the wooden roof and destroyed a window and blind and committed other damage to the building of the New St. George's House adjoining. Fortunately there were several inmates in this building, who working with a will, and being abundantly supplied with water prevented its spread, and materially aided in suppressing it in the place of its origin. Mr. Campbell was insured in the Scottish for \$300 each on building and shop, which covers his loss. The St. George's House is insured in the Royal, and sustained damage say to the extent of \$75.

April 24.—At noon to-day a fire was discovered in the garret of the house occupied by Tate and Coventon chemist, and G. Bishop & Co., engravers and stationers, 167 and 169 St. James' street. The fire doubtless arose from a defective chimney. A few dashes of water from the hose sufficed to extinguish the fire, and by active and judicious appliances the damage to the stocks was kept within very narrow limits. Messrs. Bishop & Co's stock was insured with the "Royal," "London and Liverpool" and "Scottish." Loss about \$80. Tate and Coventon were insured with the "North British and Mercantile." Loss about \$40. The building belonging to the estate of the late Hon. Mr. Justice McCord was but slightly damaged, and well insured. Loss \$122.

April 26.—An alarm this afternoon on account of a scare among some tailors in the workshop of John Whittaker, tailor, 350 Notre Dame street, some one of them had incautiously placed a hot goose on the naked floor, setting it on fire. Little damage was however done, and business was soon resumed. Not many months since there was a somewhat similar occurrence in this same establishment, but as it happened later in the evening the consequences were more serious.

April 27.—An alarm from box 64—a false one—occasioned by some very intelligent but unknown person, supposing the signal-box was a street letter-box! and accordingly thrusting two letters into it through an accidental chink at the top of the door, the fall of the letters liberated the catch and sounded the alarm. The sub-chief of the department finding nothing to justify the alarm bethought him to examine if any thing was amiss with the box, and on opening it discovered the two letters in all their innocence, duly stamped and awaiting despatch to their respective destinations, which they doubtless would have been some time in reaching but for the opportune discovery of the sub-chief, who deposited them in an appropriate receptacle.

May 5.—An insignificant fire caused by carelessly placing hot ashes in a box in an outhouse in rear of No. 175 St. George street, was dis-

covered and suppressed before any damage of consequence was done.

May 7.—A fire was discovered about two o'clock this (Sunday) morning in the garret of Mr. M. Ryan, merchant tailor, No. 19 Place d'Annes, corner of St. James' street, and adjoining the Cosmopolitan Hotel. The fire had burned through the floor into the cutting, and getting amongst the shreds and cuttings caused a great smother. The reels were however quickly on the spot and at once suppressed it. The house belonging to Mr. A. Pinsonneault is insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe and Montreal Mutual, and is slightly damaged. Mr. Ryan is insured in Commercial Union; his stock owing to his own exertions was not injured; his furniture was to the extent of \$120. Cause of fire, hot ashes again. Why do not companies take combined action to stamp out this nuisance?

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, May 9, 1871.

Vessels continue to arrive daily from sea, bringing full cargoes, a large number of clipper ships which were formerly employed in the East India trade, are here seeking cargoes, and although the quantity of stuff to be shipped is large it is believed that freights will rule low during the season. Among the arrivals from sea may be noticed a vessel from the Cape of Good Hope, with a cargo of wool. All vessels clearing are taking full loads of grain and flour.

Business has been active in all departments, and especially so in dry goods which is rather unusual at this particular season. Breadstuffs have been in much larger demand but prices are lower with downward tendency. Receipts of breadstuffs have been liberal. Ashes have ruled higher but market closes at a decline with downward tendency. Provisions dull. Sterling Exchange firm at 10½.

Weather has been very cold with strong easterly wind; yesterday a little snow fell in the forenoon, and the thermometer has been very low for the season. Vegetation has been making very little progress, thus escaping the chance of being injured by late frosts.

ASHES.—*Pots*—We have had an active market, and although there was a decline at the close to \$6.30 and 6.35, the principal sales during the week were made at \$6.35 to \$6.42½. Seconds continue scarce and in demand at \$5.40; Thirds, \$4.60. Shipments during the week, 1,264 brls. *Pearls*—There was rather more business done in this ash, and the prices obtained were from \$7 to 7.05, market closing dull and drooping at \$7. Shipments during the week 190 brls. Stocks now in store are pots, 1057 brls., pearls, 260 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There has not been such an active demand this week, the bulk of spring trade being now over, and most of the country merchants have left the city. Manufacturers do not look for much business for some little time to come. Prices are steady and we continue to quote, men's No. 1 stogas, \$2.40 to 2.50; No. 2, ditto, \$2.20 to 2.25; men's kid clump, \$3; men's calf clump, \$3.75; men's calf congress, \$2.50 to 3.00; boys' boots, \$1.80 to 2.00; women's calf boots, d. s., \$1.30; ditto buff, d. s., \$1.25; ditto split boots, d. s., \$1.10; buff congress, d. s., \$1.30; balmorals, d. s., \$1.35 to \$1.50; pebbled ditto, f. l., \$1.40 to 1.70.

COALS.—There is not much demand at present except for steam coals, all other kinds are quiet, prices not materially changed, the yard prices are Scotch steam, \$5.50; Welsh anthracite, \$7 to 7.50; Smith's coals, \$6 to 6.50; American egg and stove, \$8.25 to 8.50; ditto lump, \$9 to 9.50 Pictou steam, \$5 to 5.25; no cargo sales ex-ship have yet been reported.

CATTLE.—There has been a fair demand for cattle this week, and all offering have been