

on contents; insurance \$800.—Glenwilliams, 21.—Frank Clarke's woollen factory burned; loss \$1,200, insurance \$450.—Perth, 20th.—Beckett Bros.' lumber kiln, filled with lumber, burned; not insured.—New Germany, 23rd.—John Olinski's barn burned; loss \$600, insurance \$200.—Thorold, 25th.—John Cloy's tug "Munro" burned and sunk; insured.—Rochester, 24.—Alfred Jones planing mill reduced to ashes, also a lot of J. R. Booth's lumber; Jones' loss \$7,000, insurance \$2,500; Booth's loss probably \$5,000, thought covered.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Muddy Creek, P. E. I., Nov. 13th.—Dwelling of M. Matheson burned, with contents.—Annapolis, 15th.—A barn owned by Rev. J. J. Ritchie burned, with contents, including animals; loss placed at \$1,500, no insurance.—Montreal, 19th.—Rendering-house of Eastern abattoir took fire during a snow-storm, was gutted and the walls fell outwards; loss \$24,000, pretty well covered by insurance. 20th.—Miss Dupre's fancy goods shop took fire; loss \$3,600; spread to grocery of Grant, McConkey & Co., who suffer damage to about \$2,000, insured in L. & L. \$3,000; London & Glasgow, \$2,000; Aetna, \$1,000; Hartford, \$1,000. Mr. Robinson's tobacco store, and Brown Brothers' meat store was slightly damaged by smoke and fire, say \$500.—Dorchester, N. B. 20th.—Dwelling owned by Thos. J. Bousier occupied by John Cook burned—defective flue; furniture mostly saved; house insured for \$400.—Stanbridge East, 20th.—The post-office store took fire in the basement and was burned with its contents. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The building and goods had just been sold by Mr. C. J. Chandler to Col. Gilmour. The insurance had not been transferred. Several cases of new goods had come in the day before. Loss will be between \$2,000 and \$3,000.—Baddeck, Cape Breton, 22nd.—The store of C. R. Hart & Co., dwelling house and store of D. J. McRae, and shop of W. A. Robertson burned to the ground. McRae alone insured.—Victoria, B. C., 24th.—Southfield mine took fire, no miners in the shaft; fire engine began pumping into the mine.—Moncton, 23.—H. G. & F. A. Marr's millinery rooms nearly gutted; defective pipe the alleged cause. Stock valued at \$12 partly saved; insurance \$7,000 on stock and \$2,500 on building, as follows; stock, \$1,000 B. A., \$1,000 R. C., \$1,000 Norwih Union, \$1,000 Western, \$1,000 G. & L., \$1,000 Lancashire, \$1,000 L. & L.; on the building, \$1,000 G. & L., \$1,000 S. U. & N. and \$500 Fire Association.—Montreal, 25.—Stables of Jno. Morrison and Son burned, with three horses; loss \$1,200, building covered in L. L. & G.—Winnipeg, 25.—Brewery stables burned, with five horses; loss \$2,000.

as compared with 4,274 brls, of pots, and 462 pearls to Dec. 1st, '86. There were in store on Dec. 1st only 293 brls. of pots, and four brls. of pearls. Receipts since close of navigation have been larger than expected, and values have declined to \$3.90 for first pots, and a weak market at that.

BOOTS AND SHOES AND LEATHER.—Most of the shoe men are through stock-taking, and all have spring samples out, but in none of the factories is there much cutting being done in spring stock, the disposition evidently being to wait and see how fall goods are paid for. In leather business continues very dull; stocks show further accumulation, except in plump B. A. Spanish, and prices tend to easiness notably in cheap leathers. The English market is also dull being affected by strikes in the leading shoe making centres, and no improvement is expected till after Xmas. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, B. A., 20 to 22c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China, 20 to 21c.; No. 2, 18 to 19c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 24 to 27c.; oak sole, 41 to 45c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c.; ditto, heavy 31 to 35c.; Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 42c.; Splits large 16 to 26c.; do. small 12 to 18c.; Calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 55 to 70c.; Imitation French Calf skins 75 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 12 to 15c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough 23 to 26c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

FURS.—The receipts of raw furs are fair, and their quality good, but there is no great amount of competition among buyers of shipping furs, owing to the rather unfavorable European outlook. The weather prevailing in Europe has been favorable to the sale of furs in a retail way, but the prospects for the profitable disposal of this winter's collection of raw furs has not materially improved since our remarks on this head of a few weeks ago. We quote for prime skins:—Beaver, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per lb.; bear, \$10.00 to \$14.00; cub do., \$4.00 to \$7.00; fisher, \$5; red fox, \$1.00; cross do., \$2 to \$5; lynx, \$2 to \$3.00; marten, 75c. to \$1.00; mink, 75c. to \$1.00; fall muskrat 8c., winter muskrat, 12c.; raccoon, 25c., 50c., and 75c.; skunk, 25c., 50c., 75c. and \$1.00.

DRY GOODS.—In wholesale circles stock-taking is still the rule, and very few goods are being shipped. The chief topic of conversation is the recent wholesale dry goods failures in London and Toronto, attributed to poor payments, cutting prices and restriction of bank discounts. Retail trade is fairly good in this city and district, but colder weather would help to improve sales. Payments are middling only.

DRUG AND CHEMICALS.—A fair sorting business is reported in these lines. The only important feature as regards prices, is the receipt of a cablegram announcing a sharp advance in glycerine to £80 a ton, with prospects of a further rise; sugar of lead is firmer, and quinine shows some signs of recovery from its long dulness. We quote:—Sal Soda 95c. to \$1.00; Bi-Carb Soda \$2.40 to \$2.50; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70 to \$1.80; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$11 to \$13.00; Borax, refined, 9½c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 36 to 38c.; do. ground, 38 to 40c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 53 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 60c.; Citric Acid, 80 to 85c.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 10 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.50 to \$2.60; Alum, \$1.65 to \$1.70; Copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.60 to \$2.75; Roll Sulphur, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Sulphate of Copper, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre \$8.75 to \$9.25; American Quinine, 60 to 65c.; German Quinine, 55 to 65c.; Howard's Quinine, 65 to 70c.; Opium, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Morphine, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Gum Arabic sorts, 80 to 90c.; White, \$1 to \$1.25; Carbolic Acid, 55 to 60c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; Iodoform \$6.50 to \$8.00. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.00 to \$2.50; oil bergamot \$3.00 to \$3.50; Orange, \$3.50; oil peppermint, \$3.50 to \$4.50; Glycerine 28 to 29c.; Senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English Camphor, 40c. American do. 35c. Insect powder 70 to 80c.

FISH.—Herrings are rather lower, Labradors selling at about \$4.00, French Shore \$3.75 to \$3.85, Cape Bretons \$5 to \$5.25; dry cod \$4 to \$4.25; green cod large \$4.60 to

\$4.75, North Shore salmon \$15.50, \$14.50 and \$13.50, B. C. Salmon \$13 to \$13.50.

HIDES.—Have not become any firmer, nor has demand improved as tanners, in view of heavy stocks of leather, are hanging back. Last week's quotations still hold.

GROCERIES.—There has not been the same falling off in this as in some other lines of business, and, all things considered, there is a very fair distribution in progress; payments, we are pleased to note, are rather improved. We have to report a further marked advance in sugars, confirming our anticipations of several weeks ago. A quarter of a cent has been put upon all lines, owing to the rise of raw sugars at producing points, and granulated in lar. est lots at refinery is now 7½c., in yellows the lowest limit is 6½c., ranging up to 6¼c. Syrups still unobtainable, the stock of desirable molasses is now pretty well concentrated, and 37½ to 38c. is asked for Barbadoes, some Trinidad offering at 30c. A fair proportion of teas is selling at steady prices; finer Japans are not plentiful. Fine greens in London show steadiness, but common grades weak and not wanted. Malaga raisins are in very light supply and wanted. Importers have been bitten so often with these goods, that importations this season were very light, and what stock is here is held at firm prices. Sultanas also scarce and dear at 8c., of French prunes there is said to be only one lot in the city, and 7½ to 8c. is asked, no Turkish to hand. Currants are none too plentiful and are pretty firmly held at 6¼c., for good Provincials. Valencia raisins seem rather irregular on the other side, being quoted at from 15/6 to 24/-, here they are being sold at 6½ to 6¾c.; figs 4 to 11c. as to quality. In nuts almonds are worth 12 to 14c., walnuts 8½ to 13½c., filberts 8½ to 9c. A rise was established in rice on the 1st inst., the mill fixing the price at \$3.50 for ordinary. Patna as before 4 to 5c. In canned goods tomatoes are selling from \$1.25 to 1.35, corn firmer, the pack being light, at \$1.40 to 1.45, lobsters, mackerel and salmon as before.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The movement in iron and heavy metals has lessened considerably with the closing of the canals, and business is comparatively quiet at the moment. In Glasgow warrants are higher at 40/10, but local prices are not yet materially changed. Tin shows further heavy advance at home, late cables quoting £163, but there is some doubt if those figures can last; tinplates in England are firmer, and it is difficult to place orders with makers; copper is also stiffer. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan, \$20.00 to \$20.50; Gartsherrie, \$19.50 to \$20.00; Coltness, \$20.50 to \$21; Shotts, \$19 to \$19.50; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$18.25 to 18.75; Calder, \$20.00 to \$20.50; Carnbroe, \$19.50; Hematite; \$23 to \$25.00; Siemens, No. 1, \$20 to \$21; Bar Iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Best refined \$2.30 to \$2.40; Siemens, \$2.05 to \$2.10; Canada Plates—blaina, \$2.75; Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.60 to \$5.75; Charcoal I. C., \$4.20 to \$4.40; do. I. X., \$4.90 to \$5.40; Coke I. C., \$3.75 to \$3.85; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$2.75; Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.50; Common Sheet Iron, 2.25 to \$2.50; Steel Boiler Plate, 2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; Spring, \$2.70 to \$3.00, Tire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Round Machinery Steel, \$3.00 to 0.00; Ingot tin 35c.; Bar Tin, 36 to 37c.; Ingot Copper, 12½ to 13c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire; Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs., Annealed do. \$2.30.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Linseed oil is steady at 60c. for raw and 63c. for boiled in small lots; turpentine higher at 57c. for single brl., owing to dearer freights, 56c. for two or three brls.; cod oil 34 to 35c. for Nfld.; Halifax about 30c., steam refined seal about 48c., pale ditto 41 to 42c. Leads are steady at old prices, but there has been a marked advance in dry lead in England of £2 per ton, and makers are declining orders so that an advance in mixed leads is altogether likely before spring. The quantity of glass on the "Cremon" is much less than calculated, stocks are low and prices very firm. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead, 5½c.,

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7th, 1887.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average. 1886
Montreal .....	208	201	2895	204	204	240
Ontario .....	115	108	35	103	109	116
Peoples .....	102	98	25	102	99	100
Molsons .....	139	132	47	135	.....	150
Toronto .....	187	180	4	187	180	212
Jac. Cartier .....	85	.....	.....	85	.....	.....
Merchants .....	124	118	310	121	120	130
Commerce .....	114	110	2391	111	111	130
Union .....	95	90	5	95	90	102
Montreal Tel. ....	94	90	1367	92	91	113
Rich. & Ont. ....	45	40	1465	45	44	67
City Passenger ..	230	220	15	230	220	247
Gas .....	196	190	2158	192	192	221
C. Pacific R. R. ...	55	54	200	55	54	69
N. W. Land. ....	52	55	7	50	45	65

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 7th Dec., 1887.

ASHES.—The receipts of pot ash from Jan'y 1st last to Nov. 30th, were 3,621 brls., pearls 271 brls., against 3,367 brls. pots and 330 pearls for same period of '86, showing a gain of 254 brls. of pots, and a decrease of 69 brls. pearls. The deliveries this year have been 3,959 brls. of pots, and 321 brls. of pearls