

Loss \$4,000. *Odesa*, March 6.—The Wilton Cheese Factory destroyed. Loss \$3,000; insurance, \$500. *Gananoque*, March 9.—Taylor's carriage factory destroyed. Loss \$9,000; insured in following for \$3,500;—Scottish Imperial, Northern, Commercial Union, and Western. *St. Thomas*, March 17.—D. Weaver's dwelling-house destroyed. Loss, \$1,000. *Port Elgin*, 17.—The dwelling-house and part of contents of S. Phillips destroyed. Loss \$600, partly insured. *Toronto*, 17.—The Manitoba House destroyed. Loss \$2,400; insured for \$1,500. March, 20.—Portelli's auction rooms, Yonge street, damaged, with stock. Loss \$1,500; partly insured. *Tabernory*, March 19.—Rixon & Co.'s sawmill totally destroyed with contents. Loss \$4,500; insured in Royal for \$1,900. *Cornwall*, March 26.—The Stormont Cotton Manufacturing Company partly burnt. Loss \$2,000; insured in Royal and "The Mills Mutual."

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Mille Roche, Feb. 19.—J. Robinson's planing and shingle mills destroyed. Loss, \$4,000; no insurance. *Montreal*, Feb. 20.—D. Masson & Co.'s wholesale grocery burnt. Loss \$35,000; fully covered by insurance in the following companies:—Royal, North British and Mercantile, Scottish Union and National, Commercial Union and British America. The Boys reformatory partially burnt, loss on building \$30,000. The insurance amounts to \$73,000, of which \$63,000, is in the Liverpool, London and Globe and \$10,000 in Royal Canadian; several firms occupied the workshops. Among those are Bolduc & Frères, carriage-makers, loss \$3,000, partly insured. Parent, Oudette & Co., boots and shoes, \$20,000, partly insured. J. Delorme, \$4,000 insurance. \$2,000 in North British and Mercantile. Honey & Lacroix saddlers, loss \$1,800, insured in North British for \$1,000, \$500 on tools and \$1,000 on stock. *Quebec*, Feb. 21.—The Government cottage occupied by Messrs. Lewis & Hare, burnt. Loss not known. No insurance. *River du Loup* (en bas), Feb. 24.—The Roman Catholic Church, valued at \$100,000, burnt. Insured for \$20,000 in Royal and \$16,000 in the L'Assurance Mutuelle de Fabrique. *Rigaud*, March 12.—Messrs. Mongenais & Bro.'s establishment destroyed with granary and contents. Loss not known, covered by insurance. *St. John's*, 17.—Cape's tile factory totally destroyed. Loss \$20,000; partly insured. *Quebec*, 18.—The building owned by Senator De Blois, and occupied by Gingras & Langlois, grocers, destroyed. Loss \$13,000; insured in the following companies, viz:—Sovereign, \$4,000; Commercial Union, \$6,000; British America, \$4,000. On Harris' furniture \$1,000 in Sovereign, St. John's Furniture \$1,200 in Sovereign, on Chess Club Furniture, \$3,200 in Queen, and \$4,800 in Quebec Fire Insurance Company. *Montreal*, March 19.—Z. Davis' Cigar Factory damaged to the extent of \$1,000, fully insured in Royal. —March 20.—Messrs. Normandin & Prance's brush factory damaged. Loss \$200; fully insured in Royal and British American. *St. Henri*, 24.—The Williams' Man. Co.'s works totally destroyed. Insured for \$115,000 in following Companies, viz:—Commercial Union, \$10,000; Phoenix, \$10,000; Liverpool, London & Globe, \$10,000; Lancashire, \$10,000; Western, \$10,000; London and Lancashire, \$10,000; Citizens \$10,000; Royal \$10,000; Imperial \$5,000; Northern, \$5,000; Queen, \$5,000; Quebec, \$5,000; Fire Insurance Association, \$5,000; London, \$5,000; British America, \$5,000.

The failure of Messrs. Lord & Munn, grain- and provision merchants, this city, who assigned on Tuesday last, has caused regret throughout the trade, both here and in Quebec. The announcement was not altogether unexpected, as it was generally known that the firm had met with heavy losses on grain shipments to England, and by the shrinkage in values during the last few

years. They also sustained heavy losses in 1875, when engaged in the pork packing business. But the immediate cause of suspension is alleged to have been the action of one of their creditors in pressing the payment of two promissory notes for \$3,000 and \$4,000 respectively; and the firm claim that they would have been able to tide over their difficulty had they been allowed a little time on these notes. The bulk of their capital is locked up in margins on which it is impossible to realize at short notice without heavy losses. The liabilities are estimated at something over \$150,000, of which some \$50,000 is secured. The stock is being taken;—the assets consist chiefly of flour and vessel property, but the total value cannot yet be ascertained. The losses, which it is stated will be small, will fall chiefly among the local trade; the local banks interested are fully secured. The chief creditors are said to be in England. The firm, who it is stated were worth about \$160,000 when Mr. Magor withdrew some two years ago, have also been handicapped by bad mortgages on real estate to the value of nearly \$50,000.

THE AFFAIRS OF CHAS. DESMARTEAU & CO., of this city, wholesale grocers, show assets of about \$15,000, consisting of about \$7,000 in stock and the remainder mostly in book-debts, the character of which is the cause of the trouble. The deficiency will probably prove considerable.—W. B. Desmarreau & Co., another wholesale grocery house, formerly connected with the aforesaid firm, is also in trouble, and has held a meeting of his creditors. The assets show about \$14,000; liabilities about \$45,000. He hopes to be able to offer 25c in the dollar, cash. Trouble also attributable to bad debts.

Markets Reports.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, 29th March, 1883.

On the whole trade has not improved to any appreciable extent during the week. For a short period prior to the opening of navigation there is usually a lull, but apart from the Easter holidays, which caused a "break" in the week's business, additional failures have caused an unsettled feeling in wholesale circles, and the backwardness of the Spring weather and bad country roads induce retail merchants in most lines to postpone their purchases. The farmers however, have seldom if ever been in more comfortable circumstances, and the lumber trade is in a flourishing condition, so that if the Spring-like weather of the last couple of days only continues a fair season's trade in country sections may yet be done, resulting in improved remittances and a more active and healthy state of affairs generally. In the local money market business has been quiet, and rates remain unchanged. The general tone of the stock market since last Thursday has been weak and declining; the volume of business has been small, owing to the Easter holidays—there being no board meeting from Thursday till Tuesday. The only notable changes in values are for City Gas, and St. Paul and Manitoba; the former has declined 2 per cent., owing to the success of the Citizens Gas Co.'s bill in the Quebec Legislature, and St. Paul and Manitoba have advanced 4 p.c., selling to-day at 159. Bank of Montreal shows a fall of 1½ per cent.

for the week, buyers closing at 199½. Other changes only fractional; see comparative table on another page.

GROCERIES.—There is but little activity in Groceries, and almost entire absence of speculation prevails. *Teas*.—Lowest grade of sweet Japans is firm, as also high class Teas. Medium not at all active. Prices show very little of change. In China Teas, Green and Black, business is only quite moderate, and on values about as for some time current. *Sugars*.—Fair enquiry for Refined; Granulated shows no change, and Yellows maintain values. West India crop reports refer to expected diminished returns this season. *Molasses*, not active; Syrups also quiet and unchanged. *Coffees*.—Very steady for Mocha and Java. Consumption of lower qualities at current moderate figures is thought to be on the increase, and for which now there is every inducement. *Spices*.—Pepper still higher, and nominally held at 14c in Bond in New York. Out of Bond goods there being mostly held less firmly owing to duty charges approaching in July. Nutmegs, Ginger and other Spices dull. *Fruits*.—Valentia not active and just the turn easier. Malaga Fruits dull. Currants steady. Other Fruits, as well as Nuts and Almonds, without change for the week. The Cuban sugar crop is reported in New York to be 20 per cent. below recent estimates. New York refiners have sent large orders to Cuba, but this is probably due as much to the present low freights by water as to prospects of an advance in price of sugar. It is anticipated that an advance in freights will shortly follow, to an extent equal at least to the difference made by the tariff. The total stock of sugars in the United States on the 8th inst. was 47,988 tons, or 20,945 tons more than at the corresponding period of 1882; the price in New York is 1c lower than a year ago.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—General hardware trade continues quiet, without quotable change in values, but in iron there is evidently a better enquiry for Spring delivery. There are few holders of Pig Iron in the market, but sales have been made by one firm during the week of 1,500 tons of leading brands, to arrive per early steamers, on p.t., also of 700 tons Siemens pig at \$24, delivered before the 10th May next. In Bar Iron transactions are reported, including round lots of Staffordshire and equal brands, at \$2; smaller quantities bring \$2.10. Siemens bars in lots of 150 tons each have changed hands at \$2.35. In Tin and Canada Plates a steady business is being done at unchanged values. Several lots of Canadian Copper have been disposed of at 19½c. Cable advices from London quote copper £70 10s for best selected, and tin £97 10s. Freights for pig iron per first steamers from Glasgow to Montreal have been taken at 11s.

LEATHER.—On the whole the market continues quiet, though some dealers report rather more business doing the past week, at unchanged quotations. There has been a fair demand for Sole leather, chiefly from country dealers, and black leathers—Upper, Pebble, Harness and Splits—have been moving off fairly well in small lots at previously quoted figures. Manufacturers have not yet commenced to lay in stocks for the Fall make, and no round lot transactions are reported. Shipments of Buff and Splits to England continue to be made with profitable results. A few lots of Waxed Upper have changed hands in this market at 33c to 35c for good medium.

LUMBER.—No change in local trade. A large quantity of 3rd and 4th deals offered in this market have been ordered to be shipped to England, shewing improvement in that quarter. Prices of lumber in Ottawa district firm, not