

put on the market in a short time. I have some of the material here, and if anything can be done with it I will send samples on to anyone wishing to invest. If anything can be done, either with individuals or a company, I am open for arrangements. The material can be taken to the C. P. R. at a small cost. By calling the attention of some good parties to this matter for me, you will confer a great favor upon yours truly."

BUSINESS CHANGES.—Ontario.—J. C. Patterson, Blantyre, stock advertised for sale; J. Benner & Son, carding mill, sold out by sheriff; T. Woodcock & Co., shoddy manufacturers, New Hamburg, stock advertised for sale by trustee; Henry Osgood, boots and shoes, stock advertised to be sold by tender; Walter Ross, sr., general store, Picton, stock, etc., advertised to be sold; Macdonald & Williams, tin works, Toronto, stock, etc., advertised to be sold by sheriff. **Quebec.**—Assigned in trust:—A. S. Beauchemin & Co., shirt manufacturers, St. Hyacinthe; Mrs. C. D. Phaneuf, dry goods and grocery, St. Dunase; R. B. Murray & Co., oils, Montreal; V. Coté & Co., boots and shoes, St. Hyacinthe; A. Delisle, general store, Stanfold; Olivier Lefebvre, dry goods, St. Johns; Rivier, Plante & Co., founders, Quebec, meeting of creditors held on 2nd inst.; Taylor, Robertson & Co., hats and furs, Montreal; stock, etc., advertised for sale by tender. **Nova Scotia.**—Assigned in trust:—J. S. Macdonald & Co., grocers, Picton; Thos. Longley, provisions, Halifax; and E. T. Messinger, general store, Wilmot. **Manitoba.**—Assigned in trust:—D. Campbell, tailor, Winnipeg; S. A. Copland, hardware and grocery, and Wilson & Burnett, furniture, Moose Jaw; E. J. Leckie, general store, Otterburne; L. Le Page, butcher, Winnipeg; Hope & Bromley, mattress and tent manufacturers, Winnipeg; stock, etc., advertised for sale; B. F. Foster, harness, Brandon, stock, etc., advertised for sale.

Mr. C. Robert, hatter and furrier, this city, thinks his failure undeserving of the remarks upon it last week.—We hasten to give his version. He says:—"Of the two classes of victims which you cite, I am one of the second, as it was my misfortune to become heavily involved with a firm which proved to be too weak to carry out promises, in consequence of which, large payments matured now, instead of next spring, when I would have been in a position to pay them. As to not consulting my so-called old friend, it was no fault of mine, as I made several attempts, but for some cause best known to himself I could not see him. The gradual reduction of some of the accounts before the failure is a matter in which my conscience is quite clear. Those firms, knowing of my other connections, saw further ahead than I did, and refused to advance me goods some time ago, consequently their accounts were reduced. Others as well as myself were not so far-sighted and, much to my regret, it now transpires that they then showed as much wisdom as they did when indignantly refusing 40 cents in the dollar to get 30 cents on the dollar." It is only fair to Mr. Robert to say that after the failure of Taylor, Robertson & Co., he proceeded to take stock; but went around and called a meeting of his creditors before he had finished the work, stating that he knew he could not pay 100 cents in the dollar.

A WEALTHY stock-broker, passing along the street, surprised a 10-year-old urchin with his hand in the stock-broker's pocket, attempting to perform the handkerchief trick. "You young scoundrel!" he exclaimed, with severity, "are you not ashamed of yourself to steal—at your age?"

A COMPARISON of the imports of merchandise at the port of Montreal during September with those for the corresponding month of 1882 shows a decrease in cotton of fabrics over 30 per cent. There is a considerable increase in manufactures of iron and steel, but a large falling off in bacon, hams, beef, &c., owing, probably, to the operations of our Hamilton and Toronto canners. Spirits and wines have also decreased. In woollen manufactures there is a still greater falling off, with the single exception of carpets.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.

Port Dalhousie, Nov. 1.—The Steamer "City of Toronto" lying here for repairs, destroyed. She was owned by the Hon. H. J. Duggett of Oswego, N.Y. Loss \$30,000; partly insured. **Toronto, 3.**—Lorine's book-store damaged to the extent of \$5,000; insured in Lancashire Company. **Brussels, 3.**—A fire broke out in the Leadbetter Block, which was destroyed with seven buildings. The losses and assurances are as follows:—Phoenix Block, owned by Dr. Holmes and F. Fletcher, damage \$300, insured; Mrs. Long, furniture and stock, \$2,000; insured for \$1,500. Struthers & Powell, dry goods, \$8,000; insured for \$4,500; Miss Robertson, dressmaker, \$1,000, no insurance; H. Dennis, harnessmaker, \$1,000, insured for \$400; R. C. Struthers, two stores, loss \$5,000, insured for \$2,000; Dr. Holmes, two buildings, \$800, insured for \$400; W. Amley, furniture and stock, \$200, no insurance; A. Keel, spring beds, \$800, no insurance; W. Blaskill, butcher, \$200, no insurance; J. Leckie, loss on building \$500, insured for \$1,500; W. Nightingale & Co., dry goods, damaged with smoke and water, \$1,500; fully insured. **Walkerville, Nov. 6.**—One of the cattle barns owned by Mr. Walker was completely destroyed with contents. Loss \$50,000. It is covered by insurance. **Morrisburg, 7.**—S. Doran's carding mill partly destroyed. Loss \$2,000, insured Imperial for \$1,000. **Toronto, 7.**—Mr. Robinson's fancy store on Queen Street west damaged to the extent of \$800.

QUEBEC.

Quebec, Nov. 3.—A tenement house owned by A. Joseph, and occupied by Mr. Mullavey, partly destroyed. Loss not known.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, Nov. 4.—A fire broke out in D. Stewart's house, and communicated to those adjoining owned by J. O'Connell and Mrs. Mary Tobin. The insurances are as follows:—D. Stewart, insured for \$600 in Royal; \$1,000 in Guardian; of which \$500 was for furniture and stock. Mrs. Tobin was insured in Acadia office of that city for \$500. O'Connell's house was insured for \$850.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Sackville, Nov. 5.—The stables owned by J. Wood, M.P., destroyed with contents. T. M. O. Prescott's stable with all its contents destroyed also. Loss not known.

Market Reports.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, Nov. 8, 1883.

This being Thanksgiving Day, the reviews and quotations apply to the condition of Wednesday's market. The weather has been unusually mild during the week, and the leaves of hardy plants are still untouched by frost. The somewhat depressed feeling engendered by the

recent heavy troubles in financial and commercial quarters appears to be decreasing, the change being probably due to the readiness with which matured paper has been met during the early days of the month. Instances are given by a leading hat and fur house of customers paying cash and availing themselves of the discount allowed—and these are dealers who have always hitherto bought on full time. Stocks have recovered several points from the lowest point touched lately, probably for the reason pointed out last week, and one or two weak ones have scrambled up in the general advance, but reports of troubles in a private banking house in Winnipeg yesterday had a further depressing effect. The following table shows the number of shares sold during the week, with the highest and the lowest point touched by each:

	Shares sold.	Highest price.	Lowest price.
<i>Banks.</i>			
Montreal.....	1,946	187	181½
Ontario.....	230	106	104
Merchants.....	235	115½	115
Commerce.....	257	125	124
Federal.....	645	145½	142
Toronto.....	50	173	171
Molson's.....	10	115
Peoples.....	97	62	61½
Jacques Cartier.....	50	90
Bank British N. A.....	3	£58	£57
<i>Miscellaneous.</i>			
Montreal Gas Co.....	2,434	168½	164½
Richelieu & Ont. Nav. Co.....	875	55½	50
City Passenger Ry.....	835	111	110
Can. Pac. Ry.....	525	62½	60
Telegraph.....	170	117	116½
Can. Cotton Co.....	50	53
Mont. Build. Socy.....	25	70
Qu'Appelle Land.....	25	126
N. W. Land Co.....	200	708

ASHES.—Receipts have been fair; the price of Pots has advanced rapidly, and sales have been made at \$4.80 to \$5.05 during the week, according to tares. At the close any bill of First would bring \$4.90, and choice tares our outside quotation. Seconds have sold at \$4.15 upwards, one lot of about 80 barrels sold on p.t. at a very much higher figure. There are no Thirds offering. *Pearls* are nominal, in absence of receipts or transactions. Receipts since 1st January, 7,174 barrels Pots; 460 barrels Pearls. Deliveries, 6,619 barrels Pots; 534 barrels Pearls. Stock in store, 870 barrels Pots; 18 barrels Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The principal manufacturing establishments continue busy with sorting-up orders, which are reported coming forward in fairly large numbers, notwithstanding the continued pleasant weather throughout the country. Many of the houses commence stock-taking about the end of this month. Payments are reported remarkably good.

CATTLE.—At the local markets, last Monday, both the supply and demand for fair for Export beefs, and prices varied from 5c to 5½c per lb for choice qualities; sheep at from 3½c to 4½c per lb, and hogs at from \$5 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs., live weight. The offerings of butchers' cattle comprised about 400 head, the best qualities selling at 4½c, ordinary to fair at from 3c to 4c. About 400 sheep and lambs met with fair inquiry, the former selling at from \$4 to \$8 each, and the latter at from \$2.50 to \$5.00. A few calves exchanged hands at from \$3 to \$15, according to size and quality.