

north of that village so as to be in a position to report at a future meeting on the best route to be adopted.

QUEBEC AND GOSFORD RAILWAY.—A full meeting of the provisional directors was held on Monday evening in the Mayor's room, City Hall. Some time was passed in discussing a proposition made by Mr. Hulbert in a letter received that day, and a sub-committee was appointed to examine and report on estimates, &c. The proposition to give each shareholder annually one cord of first quality three-foot wood for every share of paid-up stock was fully considered and resolved on by the Board. It was resolved also that each share should carry with it one vote, and that as soon as \$60,000 of stock shall have been subscribed, a general meeting of the shareholders should be called to elect their own Board of Directors. Several gentlemen of the Committee were named, who will call upon the citizens with lists, for the purpose of getting the stock taken up as soon as possible.—*Chronicle.*

Insurance.

INSURANCE MATTERS IN MONTREAL.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL, Dec. 8th, 1868.

There have been few fires in Montreal for the past two or three weeks; the only heavy one in the city (until to-day) being that at Graham's Stationery Store, on St. Francis Xavier Street, by which the Royal and Scottish Provincial will lose some \$10,000, and the Citizen about \$1,000 on the building. This morning, at about 6 a.m., a fire was discovered in the Custom's Examining Warehouse, on Common Street; the alarm was promptly given, and the fire subdued after a sharp fight. The loss will probably range from \$7,000 to \$8,000. The goods were insured by the Custom House authorities for \$152,000, in several of the leading English Offices here. There has, evidently, been foul play in the case, and the supposed criminal is in the hands of the police, for, upon investigation immediately after the extinction of the fire, desks and drawers were found to have been broken open and the contents tumbled about in great disorder. A robbery has evidently been committed—by whom is a question for our indefatigable Fire Marshals to decide. These gentlemen, however, are much more zealous in the collection of their fees than in the rather more diligent enquiry into origins of fires. The first session of our Local Legislature will, it is hoped, make a radical change in that office.

There is little or no news of an interesting nature in Insurance matters transpiring here at present, the usual break-neck competition for business still prevails to a considerable extent. Perry, the Inspector of the "Royal," has returned from his tour in the Western States, and has completed his very clear and voluminous report on the state of Insurance matters in the far West.

FIRE RECORD.—Brooklin, Ont., Dec. 4.—Last night the barn on Thos. Lumsden's farm, about a mile east of Brooklin, and rented by Henry Knight, caught fire. 200 bushels of wheat, a lot of oats, and three head of cattle were burned in the barn. Probable loss, \$1,500 to 2,000—insured for \$600.

Ingersoll, Dec. 7.—A fire broke out in the parsonage occupied by the Rev. J. P. Hincks, incumbent of St. James's Church, which, with the barn and building adjoining, was totally destroyed. Most of the library and furniture were saved. Loss \$1,000; insured in the Western for \$600.

Simcoe, Nov. 27.—The grist and woollen mills belonging to Jacob Sovereign, township of Middleton, County Norfolk, with all their contents, were entirely destroyed by fire. The *Simcoe Reformer*

says the fire is supposed to have originated from a lamp hanging near the ceiling. Mr. Sovereign, who had lain down to sleep for a while, had a narrow escape, and was considerably scorched. There was a large quantity of wool, cloth, &c., in the mill, but nothing whatever was saved. The loss will amount to \$10,000, which is only partially covered by an insurance of \$2,000 in the Gore Mutual.

Quebec, Dec. 1.—An alarm of fire was raised but no damage done. Subsequently a fire started in a shop in St. John Street, next to the store of Leger & Rinfret, occupied by Maurice, dealer in general merchandise. When an entrance was effected by the brigade, it was found that the fire proceeded from a large wooden box under the counter. It was extinguished without much damage.

Montreal, Dec. 3.—The dwelling house of Mr. Ward, situated off the St. Catharine road, about half a mile from the residence of the late Sheriff Boston, was totally destroyed by fire. The property, we understand, was insured for \$8,000.

Kingston, Dec. 3.—A fire broke out in the bakehouse of McCammon, William street, but was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

Trenton, Dec. 2.—This fire, which was mentioned last week, originated in the millinery shop of Mrs. Wicks on Water street, and extended to the stores of Mr. Losey and the harness shop of Reeves & McEwen; these buildings which formed one block were consumed, only a portion of the stock saved. The fire extended to two unoccupied frame shops, owned by Geo. Reeves, and the dwelling house adjoining, owned by Geo. Young and occupied by Irish, dentist, and McCready, tailor. A good deal of damage was done to goods by removal, the total loss is unknown, but will range from \$10,000 to \$14,000; no particulars as to insurance.

Mitchell, Ont., Dec. 1.—The saw mill on 5th concession of Logan township, owned by Thos. Matheson, of Mitchell, and worked by Cyrus Allan, was totally consumed by fire. Allan, it appears, placed a can of oil upon the stove, and, having left the mill for a short time, in his absence the fluid boiled over, and from the heat of the stove, ignited. The flames soon reached the building, causing the destruction of the property. Loss, about \$1000; no insurance.

Maryboro' Township, Ont., Nov. 17.—Patterson's saw mill, on the 7th concession, was totally consumed. No insurance. The fire is supposed to have been caused by sparks blown from the furnace during a high wind.

Orillia, Ont., Dec. 1.—The residence of T. W. George, Postmaster, Falkenburg, was destroyed by fire. We have no particulars.

Toronto, Dec. 3.—An alarm was given, and the engines turned out, but only a chimney was on fire.

Nictaux, N. S., Nov.—The saw mill, grist mill and carding machine, owned by Samuel McCedown, at Nictaux Falls, were totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$4,000. No insurance.

Plattsville, Ont., Nov. 27.—Park's tannery, in this village, was totally destroyed. The steam engine and the hides in the vats were saved; no particulars as to insurance: cause unknown.

Inverhuron, Ont., Nov. 25.—An extensive fire occurred at this village. The following particulars are received:—Alex. McLellan, building entirely consumed; supposed to be fully insured. L. Oliver, building insured; a lot of tools, a quantity of finished and unfinished work, all his household goods. Hugh Matheson, building, a quantity of lumber and some tools; some insurance. P. McRae, building, and about \$400 in goods; no insurance. P. & N. McInnis, pearl ashes, value about \$500. J. H. Coulthard Underwood, goods about \$400. John McDonald, do., \$200. W. McFarlane, do., \$150. Mrs. Turner, Tiverton,

do., \$70. Also, a quantity of fish and fishing tackle, the property of fishermen.

Ingersoll, Dec. 3.—Mr. S. P. Lodges' pump factory was entirely destroyed by fire this morning. It is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary. A reward of \$100 is offered for the apprehension and conviction of the party or parties.

Stratford, Dec. 1.—Some account of the fire in Workman's hardware store was given last week; the loss is about \$4,000; insurance \$2,600; some supposed it to be the work of an incendiary, while others affirm that it was purely accidental.

Windsor, Nov. 27.—A fire occurred at Walkerton, a few miles from Windsor, which destroyed several cooper shops and their contents, consisting of tools, barrel staves and barrels, the property of Mr. Hiram Walker, of Detroit. The buildings were so combustible, that although the Windsor steam engine was conveyed to the spot, the fire swept the whole range.

Napanee, Ont., Dec. 3.—Last night, about four miles from this place, a fire broke out, at nine o'clock, in a house, formerly a tavern stand, and owned by Patrick McAmbridge, which was burned, together with a quantity of grain, which was stored in the house. The fire was caused by a defective stove pipe. Loss about \$1,000; no insurance.

Stratford, Dec. 5.—A dispatch says:—Last night, about nine o'clock, a fire broke out in the stables in the rear of the old "Union Hotel." The whole centre of the town, for a time, was in danger, but by the exertions of the people it was suppressed. It was the work of an incendiary.

Carleton County, N. B., Nov. 27.—The dwelling of Mr. Arch. Good, of Williamstown, was burned to the ground, with the greater portion of the contents, such as furniture, household goods, provisions, &c. Mr. Good was absent from home, and the inmates of the house had hardly time to escape. No insurance.

MARINE RECORD.—The following disasters have occurred to lake shipping, as reported in American papers:

Schooner Condor, of Montreal, Capt. Evans, from Montreal to St. John's, Newfoundland, after being in collision off Cape Ray, went ashore near Point-au-Basque, and is expected to be a total loss.

The schooner Minnesota, loaded with wood, went ashore about seventeen miles north of Manistee, and will prove a total loss.

The schooner Mercer, of Port Huron, which went ashore at Port au Basque, had not, up to late accounts, been got off, and it is now thought she will prove a total loss. She came out in 1849, and was formerly a United States revenue cutter, but for the past four years has been in the merchant service. She was 130 tons, old measurement.

The schooner J. G. Beard, bound from Port Elgin, Canada, to Oswego, with a cargo of wheat, ran ashore on Charity Island, soon after leaving port, and was obliged to jettison 2,000 bushels of her corn in order to get off.

The schooner M. F. Johnson lies in several fathoms of water under Erie Peninsula. She was bound from Detroit to Erie. The vessel is insured for \$8,000—\$4,000 of which is in the Home.

The schooner Northerner pounded heavily upon the bottom while loading with wood at the pier at Amsterdam, and after getting out into the lake was discovered to be leaking badly. Finding he could not keep her free, the captain brought her alongside the pier at Port Washington, where the deck load was discharged in order to lighten her. This done, the services of the propeller Cayuhoga were secured to tow the disabled vessel to Milwaukee. She filled with water and capsized off Port Uloa, and had to be abandoned. The Cayuhoga picked up her crew and brought them to port.