

— There is, we fear, danger ahead for the farmers. The *Globe* has an editorial, warning them against a new wheat pest, the Hessian fly, which has already begun to damage the fall wheat to an alarming extent. It says, in reference to the matter, unless sensible and patriotic measures be adopted it is evident that our country is on the verge of a calamity, perhaps equal in extent to that consequent upon the appearance of the wheat midge a few years ago. For the last two or three years the Hessian fly, own cousin to the midge, has been increasing in numbers. We hear from several quarters that the fall wheat is looking unaccountably feeble, and evidences received prove that this condition is the result of the ravages of this pest. As to the remedies, when the flies have gone into the flaxseed shape, there is but one way to treat them, and that is to destroy the wheat by ploughing up the land, and reserving it for the planting of the spring crop the following season. In conclusion the *Globe* remarks it may happen that, through the neglect of taking precautions against them, the Hessian flies may suddenly develop into a first-class calamity. We trust that in the storm which will certainly follow, public opinion will be aroused to the necessity of better organized action than is now possible against our insect foes.

— A circular issued from the Insurance Exchange by the Secretary states that, at a meeting of the Committee held last week, it was resolved that, in view of the action taken by the Elms, Hartford and National Companies in refusing the agreement to form a Tariff Association, the first two for the Province of Quebec, and the latter for both Ontario and Quebec, all further action in the matter be abandoned.]

— The statement of the City and District Savings Bank for September shows an increase of \$145,000 in loans on bank stocks, and of \$97,000 in loans on other stocks.

— The St. Louis *Republican* finds, from careful inquiry of leading manufacturers in that city, that the hard times are passing away—that there is no sudden increase of business in special fields to note, but a swift and steady revival in all branches.

ASSIGNMENTS DURING PAST WEEK.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

John W. Bennett, Maynooth.
Auger, Egan & Hill, Bracebridge.
John Lorn McDougall, Renfrew.
A. & S. McDougall, Renfrew.
Samuel McDougall, Carleton Place.
Joshua Doty, Ingersoll.
Daniel McLean, Almonte.
Richard H. Foley, Almonte.
Ellis & Glebe, Greenock.
Duncan Murray, Hamilton.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Louis Morin, St. Jérôme.
Charles A. Perrault, Joliette.
Lafayette Sprague, Lachine.
Reni Gohier, Montreal.
William Wright, Bury.
John O'Connor, Quebec.
Hugh Mathewson, Clarendon Centre.
Lefebvre Bros., Knowltonville.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Prosper E. Paulin, Bathurst.
Moses F. Josselyn, St. John.

WRITS OF ATTACHMENT ISSUED vs.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

William Ballantyne, Goderich.
Richard James, Goderich.
Jacob Green, St. Thomas.
L. F. Stone, Peterborough.
Johnston Rutherford, Stratford.
Edwin Doty, Ingersoll.
William Wright, Owen Sound.
M. Wardell, Toronto.
William Walsh, Oakville.
Louis Blumbergh, Toronto.
Byce & Beach, Prescott.
Oudwig Lehman, Ringwood.
David Johnston, Markham.
William Watkins, Glen Williams.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Edwin C. Humphrey, Barnston.
Bazile Potvin, St. Jean Deschailions.
Abraham Codaire, Sherbrooke.
A. Godmaire, Montreal.
Louis Laurent, St. Paulin.
St. John's Stone Chinaware Co., St. Johns.
Onésime Pronovost, St. Geneviève de Batiscan.
Beaupré & Piché, Sorel.
Vital Cousineau, Montreal.
Emile Toussignant, St. Jean Deschailions.
Tees Bros., Montreal.
George Potvin, St. Saviour.
J. R. Middlemiss & Co., Montreal.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

John Noonan, Chatham.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Room & Co., Halifax.
John D. McKenzie, Pictou.

FIRE RECORD.

Barrie, Ont., Oct. 16.—A frame building, one of the Boys' block, owned by George Hayter, and occupied by William Hayes, was destroyed by fire.

Dartmouth, N.S., Oct. 14.—A house belonging to and occupied by Mrs. Gaston was burned to the ground.

Milford, Oct. 16.—A fire destroyed the Dominion House, with barns, sheds, driving house, and their contents; also J. G. Currie's bakery, dwelling and blacksmith shop, and David Dodge's country store. The hotel building is insured for \$2,600; the others are not insured.

Parkhill, Oct. 16.—A wooden building owned by William Hastings, and occupied as a storehouse for flux by Shantz Bros. Loss about \$1,300; neither parties are insured.

Brooklyn, Ont., Oct. 18.—The Canada Methodist church was damaged to the extent of \$100 by fire, occasioned by the furnace.

Kincardine, Oct. 16.—A fire was discovered in the rear of the *Brice Review* printing house, and spread so quickly that it, with five adjoining stores, four of which were occupied by T. A. Johnston, general store and dwelling; Madden & Rutledge, pork packers; Mrs. Bowman, fancy goods and dwelling; and John Williams, shoemaker; one of the stores was unoccupied; all belonging to A. Copp, of Hamilton, were destroyed. Total loss about \$16,000, divided as follows: Copp, on buildings \$3,000, insurance unknown; T. A. Johnston, on stock and furniture \$4,500, insured for \$2,000; Madden & Rutledge, on stock \$800, covered by insurance; Mrs. Bowman, on stock and furniture \$1,100, insured for \$1,000; John Williams, on stock and furniture \$3,000, insured for \$2,000; Bartholomew & Thomson, printing office, on stock and books \$4,500, insured for \$2,400.

Moncton, N.B., Oct. 19.—Willbur's saw mill, situated a few miles from here, was totally destroyed by fire; loss unknown, insured for \$700 in the Western.

Orillia, Oct. 19.—A stable connected with the Methodist parsonage was burned down.

Cobourg, Oct. 19.—The barns and outbuildings in rear of St. Peter's parsonage were entirely destroyed by fire; loss \$6,000; no insurance.

Ayr, Ont., Oct. 20.—James Piper's woollen mill destroyed by fire on the 16th inst., was insured for \$5000 in the Waterloo Mutual, re-insured for \$1,000 in the Economical of Berlin, for \$3,000 in the Wellington Mutual, and for \$3,000 in the Canada Fire and Marine.

Westmeath, Oct. 23.—A block of work shops belonging to George A. Tucker and Findlay McKwan, and occupied by Kane I. Tucker, D. McKenzie, Findlay McKwan, Fred. Smith and George Leach, was destroyed by fire. None of the contents were saved. Loss \$1,500; none of the parties were insured.

Quebec, Oct. 22.—A bangard attached to the residence of Mr. Dawson, on Ursule Hill, was damaged by fire. The building being of stone, the fire was confined to the first and second stories.

Aylmer, Ont., Oct. 21.—A barn, containing the season's crop, some farming implements and a valuable horse, was destroyed by fire with all the contents. Loss covered by insurance.

Clifford, Oct. 18.—A fire destroyed four stores occupied by D. Mollison as a general store, E. T. Gibson, fancy goods, John Hillhouse, tinsmith and F. W. Gruef, tanner and shoemaker. Mollison is the heaviest loser, and is partly insured.

Cobourg, Oct. 19.—A fire broke out last night in the hay-packing house of Adam Dickson, quickly consuming it. Loss, \$600 on the building; insured for \$200 in the Canada Agricultural. Loss on the hay and pressing machinery, \$400; insured for \$200.

London, Ont., Oct. 19.—The residence of a man named Elms was damaged by fire. Loss very little.

Portland, N.B.—The most disastrous fire ever was witnessed here occurred on the 21st inst., in which over 200 buildings were destroyed, causing a loss of \$300,000, and rendering homeless over 2,000 persons. The insurance is estimated at \$90,000. The streets or parts of streets mainly devastated are Main, Portland, Acadia, Chapel and High streets. Among the principal buildings were the Temperance Hall and the Methodist church. As our space will not permit us going into further details we conclude by giving the insurance, as far as can be ascertained, viz.:—Provincial, \$8,000; Lancashire, \$6,000; Northern, \$7,000; North British and Mercantile, \$8,000; Queen, \$1,400; Citizens', \$8,000; Royal Canadian, \$600; Canada Fire and Marine, \$7,000; Alton, \$3,000; Hartford, \$3,000; Imperial, \$10,000; British American, \$500; Isolated Risk, \$1,000; Western, \$2,400; National, \$500; Guardian, \$5,000; Central, \$2,600.

Fredericton, Oct. 22.—A large fire occurred here and destroyed property to the extent of about \$16,000. It was discovered in a barn in rear of Tower's Hotel, and spread with alarming rapidity and destroyed the following property on its way: A barn and an out-house belonging to Mr. Towers, Dr. Currie's dwelling, barn and an adjoining house, dwelling formerly occupied by Edw. Seely, Martin Mackay's grocery store and dwelling, residence of John McPherson, and a lot of barns, sheds, and other buildings on Queen street, a large building belonging to the Ferguson Estate, house owned and occupied by Alderman Dykeman, the Estey Estate, also the barns and sheds in rear of these and the residence of Elijah Clark. The insurance is as follows:—North British and Mercantile, \$32,000; Stadacona, \$1,500; Provincial, \$3,000; National, \$1,000. Eleven families, composing about sixty persons, are burnt out, and most of these have no insurance, but most of them saved their household goods. The heaviest loser is John McPherson, who is not insured.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—A fire was discovered in the four-story furniture factory of Tees Bros., situated at the St. Gabriel locks. Owing to the exertions of the firemen it was confined to the chair department on the second floor, where, also, a large quantity of chairs were stored, which, with the machinery, etc., were nearly all destroyed. Most of the books and papers were saved. The loss will foot about \$8,000, and are insured as follows:—Royal Canadian, \$2,000 on stock and machinery; Citizens, \$3,000 on build-