

\$4,000,000 has been placed to the credit of the Province, and that the exact amount of it is 9,868,828 francs. According to the *Star*, the best offer to bring the money to this Province leaves a net sum, when the cost of transmission is deducted, of \$1,881,000, as proceeds of \$2,000,000 of bonds, or about 94.05 per cent.

E. MORICE, who carried on business in this city as an importers' agent, chiefly in French products and brandies, has left for parts unknown, leaving little behind but debts and "a writ of *capias*" issued by Mr. Contant, of France, who came over here for the purpose of investigating his agent's affairs, but found the estate in bankruptcy, and matters generally mixed.

THE FLOORS of two warehouses in this city have given way during the past week. Both were overweighted, the one with some fifty tons of spring steel, and the other with twenty odd tons of bran. Several boys were injured by the downfall of Mr. Brossé's grain store, and one was killed outright.

THE AUCTION sale of choice spaces at the exhibition grounds on Wednesday afternoon was well attended, but nothing like the prices expected were obtained. Nineteen lots were sold at from \$5 to \$60 each, one party obtaining a position for \$10, for which he was prepared to bid as high as \$200 had it been necessary.

JULY REVENUE RETURNS.

The following are the Customs and Inland Revenue returns for the past month at the ports mentioned:—

CUSTOMS.

Port.	July, 1880.	July, 1879.	Increase
Montreal.....	\$676,683.08	\$452,065.16	\$224,617.92
Toronto.....	289,276.77	181,101.78	108,174.99
Ottawa.....	17,423.58	10,810.78	7,112.80
Halifax.....	73,102.00	50,949.00	22,153.00
St John, N.B.	60,182.00	44,726.00	15,456.00

INLAND REVENUE.

Port.	July, 1880.	July, 1879.	Increase.
Montreal.....	\$103,642.79	\$45,095.98	\$58,547.71
London.....	\$5,720.69
Halifax.....	\$15,814.00	\$13,838.00	1,976.00

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.

Williamsville, Aug. 5.—Ald. Snook's residence destroyed. Loss, \$4,000; insurance, \$2,000. Egansville, 5.—Fay's hotel burned down. Loss about \$3,000, no insurance. Ottawa, 9.—Residence of Mrs. Pelow and Mr. Cahill partially destroyed. Loss, \$1,000; no insurance. Napanee, 9.—An incendiary fire destroyed Jas. White's carriage factory with stock, tools, household furniture, etc. Loss heavy; insurance on building owned by Sir Richard Cartwright, \$600 in Western Insurance Company, and on stock \$1,400 in the Royal Canadian. Kilmurn, 10.—A serious fire caused by lightning destroyed Somerville & Hart's store, dwellings, sheds and stables with contents, including 2 horses. Luney's harness shop and dwelling also destroyed, contents saved. The buildings were owned by Captain Fraser and were uninsured. Insurance on Somerville's stock, \$1,000. Ottawa, 10.—Building owned by Mr. Horsey, Daily street, destroyed. Loss about \$300.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Vale, July 27.—A fire broke out in York's hotel and spread up town, burning Nelson's store and dwelling house, Street & Smith's restaurant, Julian & Inley's boarding house, McBride's tin shop, Douglas & Deighton's saddlery shop, McNeely's tobacco and cigar store, McPhee's grocery the railway offices, W. Ward's house and stables, Dr. Hannington's house and surgery, the Prout boarding-house,

Yale school-house, and other buildings of minor importance. The loss is difficult to estimate. The railway buildings and stock will exceed \$50,000. Nelson's stock is a total loss. Douglas & Deighton have saved most of their stock. There is no insurance. Two lives were lost, and several persons received serious injuries.

QUEBEC.

Rimouski, August 4.—A small fire broke out in the hold of steamship Miramichi, but was easily extinguished, with but little damage to report. St. George, Beauce, 7.—Woods on fire, crops and buildings in danger. Montreal, 10.—Small fire caused by the upsetting of a coal oil lamp in the residence of Mr. Perron, Craig st. Damage very slight.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John, August 9.—Small fire in John Mealey's tin shop, damage \$100. Bathurst.—Roman Catholic church burned down. Insurance \$3,000, divided between the Royal Canadian and Waterloo Agricultural Insurance Companies.

NOVA SCOTIA.

German Mines, August 5.—An incendiary fire destroyed two buildings owned by the Acadian Coal Co. Amherst, 5.—Mr. Seamen's unoccupied cottage burned down, no insurance. Maitland, 9.—Widow [Douglass] barn and contents destroyed by lightning. Perrott, 9.—Dwelling of Jas. Lynch burned down. No insurance.

MANITOBA.

Pembina, August 9.—Steamer Dakota burned to water's edge. Loss, \$1,000; no insurance.

Financial and Commercial.

GENERAL MARKETS.

THURSDAY, 12th August, 1880.

The home trade is gradually increasing, but it is yet too early in the season to expect the degree of animation attendant upon an active fall trade. The general markets are decidedly more active than at the corresponding period of last year, and a few branches of our commerce which are in the midst of the fall business may be stated to be quite active; prices rule firm all round, and in not a few instances are "booming." This improvement, happily, is not the result of wild speculation, which, it is to be hoped, will not become a conspicuous feature of our trade this season, as in some previous years, but is undoubtedly due in the main to almost universal reports of an unusually bountiful harvest being reaped throughout the country. Advices state that in some sections of Eastern Ontario well-worked fields are yielding 50 bushels fall wheat to the acre, and a superior berry, large and plump. In the county of Grey, forty bushels per acre is reported to be a common yield. West of Toronto the bulk of the grain crops have already been garnered, and in splendid condition. The most favorable reports have been given of the fall wheat in those sections where it has been threshed; the number of grains to the head is said to be abnormally large, few being at all injured by insects. The local money market is inactive, at unchanged rates of interest and discount. Mercantile paper is taken at 6 to 7 per cent. and loans on call are obtainable at 5 per cent., and on time at 6. Sterling exchange is easier, in sympathy with New York, at 84 prem. for round amounts between banks, and 84 do over the counter; the demand is light. In New York the posted rates are \$4.82½ for 60-day bills, and \$4.84½ for

demand drafts. Documentary bills are made at about 7½ prem. Gold drafts on New York quiet, at par. The "boom" in stocks here continued since our last reference until yesterday, when a serious "break" occurred. The market for several days had been almost entirely a speculative one, consequently the reaction was only natural and not at all surprising. Yesterday the "bears" took advantage of a weaker market in New York, and the decline once commenced, it was assisted by sales by the "long" interest to realize. The tone of the market to-day, however, is considerably stronger, and there appears to be a general confidence in the firmness of prices. The advance is no doubt founded originally upon the promising condition of the country, financially. The sales on the Stock Exchange to-day were: Morning Board—3 Montreal at 147½; 25 Ontario at 85½; 215 do at 86; 25 Jacques Cartier at 80½; 25 do at 81; 5 Merchants' at 102½; 25 do at 102½; 124 Commercials at 128½; 64 Exchange at 50; 65 Montreal Telegraph at 121; 75 do at 121½; and 94 City Passenger at 113. Afternoon Board—25 Montreal at 148; 100 Ontario at 86½; 45 Molson's at 97; 145 Commerce at 127½; 25 Montreal Telegraph at 123; 100 do at 121; 50 do at 120½; 200 Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. at 49; 170 City Gas Co. at 138; 2 do at 137½.

ASHES.—Receipts have been remarkably light and market has been steady, notwithstanding a decline in Liverpool. First Pots have been sold at \$4.60; Seconds, \$3.40. No Thirds to be had. Pearls.—No receipts this week, the latest sale reported was 20 barrels at \$5 15 First sort. Receipts since 1st January—6,029 barrels Pots, 936 barrels Pearls. Deliveries—6,029 brls. Pots and 765 barrels Pearls. Stock in store at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening, 462 barrels Pots and 325 barrels Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade continues brisk; all the factories are running on full time, and a good many country dealers have been calling this week for goods contracted to be delivered a little later in the season. The travellers are nearly all home now, and will not start out on their sorting-up trip until near the close of September. Remittances continue good, there being very few requests for renewals. No change to note in prices; it may safely be stated that, owing to the general practice of cutting prices this season, none of our manufacturers are able to command profitable figures from desirable purchasers. On the contrary, some houses report that they have been compelled to refuse numerous orders because they could not get their prices. The difficulty appears to be that there are too many engaged in boot and shoe manufacturing in proportion to the demand, and the important question then is, how is the number to be reduced? Only by more judicious selling on the part of the leather merchants, and the cleaning out of the weak and insolvent concerns throughout the country. If due caution be exercised the remedy will naturally follow.

COAL AND WOOD.—The market for coal continues firm, with a strong upward tendency, though last week's prices are as yet unchanged. The Pennsylvania Coal Company have advanced their quotations 10c. per ton, but, as they have been selling below combination rates hitherto, it has had no effect upon the general markets. Freight has advanced to \$1.35, and there will probably be a further rise ere long, as the demand for coal is steadily increasing. A slight advance in Scotch Grate has been