

the Surprise Foundry and block manufactory of Israel Horton & Son, Joseph W. Crowell's blacksmith's shop, and the sail loft of Goudy & Adams. The fire started in the blacksmith's and is said to be the work of an incendiary; loss between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Milton, Ont., Oct. 23rd.—The barn and out-buildings of Mr. David Featherstone, near Drumfrin, whose dwelling was burned about three weeks ago, were totally consumed by fire to-day. The barn contained all his grain, being upwards of two thousand bushels.

Orangetown, Ont., Oct.—The planing and sash factory of Messrs. D. & A. Macdonald was totally destroyed by fire. Loss \$5,000; no insurance. Cause unknown.

Lynden, Oct. 25th.—The planing mill owned by Mr. Bishop, of Jerseyville, was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$3,000; no insurance.

Montreal, Oct. 26th.—Unoccupied wooden house near the reservoir owned by C. E. Smith. Loss between \$400 and \$500. Insured.

Belloville, Ont., Oct. 26th.—A fire broke out this morning in a block of frame buildings on Pinnacle street, destroying three residences and two stables. Loss considerable.

Jerseyville, Ont., Oct. 26th.—The planing mill owned by Mr. Bishop, of Jerseyville, was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$3,000; no insurance.

Hespeler, Ont., Oct. 26th.—Robt. Little's cheese factory, 2nd Con. Puslinch, burnt; stock and machinery saved; a lot of farming implements destroyed. Supposed to be from a stove-pipe. Insured in Waterloo Mutual.

Aurora, Ont., Oct. 27th.—Blackhawk mills burnt down. Loss \$35,000, insurance \$300.

Montreal, Oct. 27th.—James Callen's tailoring establishment damaged by fire to the extent of \$100.

Listowell, Ont. 27th.—Hay & Hackings' saw mills in Wallace, burnt. Loss \$6,000; insurance \$4,700. Fire caused by a spark from the boiler.

Elora, Oct. 29th.—The barn of Mr. Gilmore, situated on the town line between Minto and Arthur, struck by lightning, and destroyed with entire contents, being the whole of this year's crop, machinery, etc., the building being destroyed in so short a time that nothing was saved. Loss heavy; insurance on barn and contents, \$800.

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MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 23th, 1875.

Since our last review there is little change to note in the general business outlook. In nearly all departments there has been a moderate activity, and remittances are coming in rather freely, particularly from the West, where the produce movement is more active than in the Eastern Provinces. A great deal of indebtedness has been cancelled, but many dealers are only paying off a part till they realize further from the farmers. The policy of the banks still remains unchanged, discounts and advances on stocks being rather difficult to procure. It is not expected that the success of the new Canadian loan will have any more than a slight moral effect on the stringency of financial affairs, as very little of it is likely to be placed on the market, although it will relieve the banks meantime from the expected call for deposits on the part of the Government. A more confident feeling prevails among business men, that they prepared in season for the expected crisis, that the storm has come and found them prepared, and the result is that it is passing away leaving little or nothing to mark its progress. It is expected that when the Spring trade opens we shall hear nothing more of the late depression, though it is to be hoped that the lesson gained by some will not be forgotten.

ASHES.—Receipts continue fully equal to the demand, but not in excess. The sales of the week comprise 250 brls. Firsts Pots at \$4.85 to 5.00 in shipping parcels and \$4.80 to 4.90 from first hand. Market closing quiet at \$4.77½ to

4.85. Seconds \$3.80 to 3.99 and Thirds \$2.90. Pearls are quiet, with only 12 brls received this week. There are no sales reported, buyers being unwilling to pay price asked, \$5 25 for Firsts; 15 brls. Seconds sold at \$1.40. The receipts to this date have been 13,597 brls Pots; 2149 brls. Pearls. The deliveries 12,219 brls. Pots and 2177 brls. Pearls, and the stock in store is 1769 brls. Pots and 956 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The quiet in the trade reported last week still continues. Stocks in retailers' hands do not seem as yet to need much replenishing, and manufacturers are already turning their attention to spring stocks. We quote prices unchanged as follows:—Men's kip boots, \$2.75 to 3.00; ditto French calf, \$3.00 to \$3.75; ditto buff congress, \$2.00 to 2.50; do. split brogans, \$1.10 to 1.25; ditto kip brogans, \$1.30 to 1.50; boys' stoga boots, \$1.25 to \$1.90; ditto buff and pebbled congress, \$1.40 to \$1.50; women's buff and pebbled bal-morals, \$1.30 to \$1.75; ditto prunella bal-morals, 75c. to \$1.75; ditto congress, 75c. to \$1.75; misses buff and pebbled bal-morals, \$1.00 to \$1.25; ditto prunella bal-morals and congress, 70c. to \$1.25; children's ditto ditto, 50c. to 75c.; turned cacks, 25c. to 50c.

CATTLE.—There were 22 car loads of cattle and 5 car loads of hogs on the market this week as compared with 17 last week, and 16 the week before. The cattle and hogs offered were of good size and quality, but there were not many buyers present, and business was dull, partly owing to the large supply last week and the full market this, and all sales effected were at lowering prices. A lot of 11 head, averaging 800 lbs each, were sold at \$28 apiece, or \$3.50 per 100 lbs live weight, and 10 good steers averaging 1,100 lbs each brought \$42, or \$3.80 to 3.32½. A car load of oxen were sold at \$0 each, or about \$4.00 per 100 lbs. This was about the highest price paid.

There were few sheep and lambs on the market, and prices are about the same as last week, Sheep—Extra quality, \$7.00; good do, \$5.00 to 6.00 each. Lambs—Good \$2.00 to 3.00; extra do, \$4 each. Sheep and Lambs from \$4 to 5.00 each. Milch Cows in fair demand: worth \$40 and \$60 each for good; Midding, \$20 to 30. Working oxen by the yoke, \$90 to 120. Hogs in fair supply and good demand at \$7.25 to 7.75, and for a few superior hogs \$8 per 100 lbs was paid.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—During the past week a fair business has been doing and prices continue steady at former quotations:—Soda Ash at \$1.90 to \$2.25; Sal Soda, \$1.50 to 1.75, according to quantity; Soda Bicarb, \$4.00 to 4.25; Bleaching Powder, 2½c to 2¾c; Caustic Soda, 3½c to 3¾c; Alum, 2 to 2½. Extract Logwood continues scarce and firm at 12c. to 12½c. for bulk, and for packages in proportion.

DRY GOODS.—Trade in this department during the past week has not been up to expectations. Travellers with samples are now out on their "sorting up" trip, and report that business is reviving throughout the country. Money receipts, we are told, are quite up to the average at this season. Stocks, although not large, are still well assorted.

FISH.—The market has been steadier and holders are firm, but the prices at present check the demand just now, although these prices must be obtained as the stocks of all fish are much less than for some years, and the catch of herring has not been as large as reported, several sailing vessels and a steamer having been unable to obtain cargoes intended for this market.—Labrador Herrings \$5.00 to 5.25; Dry Cod, very scarce, \$5.50; Mackerel, in fair demand, \$7.50 to 8.50; Canned goods, very quiet; Salmon steady, 13 to 15c.; White Fish \$4.50 to 4.75; Trout, \$4.50.

FLOUR.—The monotony of a dull and drooping market, which has characterized the month, has not been broken during the past week, the market on no day during its course having been more than fairly active and the supply being ample for all brands except Spring Extra, they are to be bought at from 5c. to 10c. lower than when our last report was issued. The current prices of the several grades are as

follows:—Extra Super, \$5.30 to \$5.40. Extra Superfine \$5.20 to \$5.22½. Fancy, \$5.05 to 5.10. Spring Extra, \$4.80 to \$4.90. Strong Bakers, \$5.10 to \$5.25. Superfine, \$4.65 to 4.70. Fine, \$4.20 to \$4.30. Middlings, \$3.90 to 4.00. Pol-lards, \$3.35 to \$3.50. U. C. bag flour per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to \$2.45. City Bags (delivered), \$2.60.

FREIGHTS.—Enquiry still continues good, and 2s. 6d. is asked for Liverpool. There is very little tonnage in port, and but little more to arrive, so that we may look for high rates till the end of the season.

FURS AND SKINS.—There is no change to report in this department since our last review. We quote: Beaver, \$2.00 to 2.25; Prime Black Bear, \$6 to \$12.00 according to size; Fisher, \$5.00 to \$7.50; Silver Fox, \$25 to \$60; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Red Fox, \$1.25 to \$1.50. Lynx, \$1.50 to \$1.75; dark Labrador Martin, \$7 to \$8; pale Martin, \$1.50 to \$2.00; prime dark Mink, \$2.50; fine dark Otter, \$8 to \$10; Fall Muskrat, 12c. to 14c.; Winter do, 18 to 20c.; Spring do, 25c.; Raccoon, 25c. to 60c.; Skunk, 20c. to 50c.

GRAIN.—Business here continues restricted owing to the scarcity of freight, though the Chicago and Milwaukee reports show a slightly better business but with lower prices. Some few transactions have been made here in Treadwell, and we notice from this morning's English advices that floating cargoes of wheat are firmer. The latest sales here have been on the following basis: Canada Spring Wheat, \$1.12 to \$1.14. Treadwell (ex cars), \$1.12½ to 1.13½; do (about \$1.14 to \$1.15; Gold Drops (about) \$1.14½; Red Winter (about) \$1.05. Peas (ex cars) 8½c; about 88c. per 60 lbs. Corn held at 69c., but may be quoted 50c. to 61c Oats 30c to 38c. Bar-ley according to sample, 70c to 90c. Oatmeal 4.80 to 4.90 per brl. 100 brls sold yesterday at \$4.90.

GROCERIES.—The amount of business doing during the week has been moderate, and prices show little change. The Tea market continues depressed, and it is difficult to realize any margin on importations. In Yokohama, prices tend downwards and we feel that no reaction is possible here for some time: Japans are at moderate figures with a fair ordinary consumptive demand. There is a somewhat increased demand for cheap grade Young Hyson, but at low rates. Coffee is without change, stocks light. Java is at 31c. Rio at 25c. appears to be the only berry offering under 26½c. or 27c.

FRUIT.—Some New Malaga fruits are offering, Layers \$2.20; loose Muscels \$2.00; London Layers \$3. New Currants are rather scarce and firm at 5½c. to 6½c. per lb.; Valentias 7½c.; to arrive 7½c. to 8½c. The arrivals of new fruit so far include only a small quantity of Denia. Malaga Fruit and Currants expected only in small quantities owing to limits being too low to enable agents at the other side to fill orders. Valencia raisins are worth from 7½c. to 8½c.; Sultanias 12c. to 12½c. Figs 12c. All new fruit.

SUGARS are without material change. Our market for Yellows is not overstocked, and a moderate advance is looked for in keeping with change in freights and insurance. White grades at refinery are unchanged. American granulated and dry crushed are easier, offering here at 8½ and 9½ respectively. It is now probable that the old drawback on refined white will be allowed in the United States.

RICE.—Last English reports note an advance in prices, but our market is dull at \$3.60 to 3.90. Syrups.—Prices remain unchanged.

SPICES.—There is no change to note in spices with the exception perhaps of a somewhat lower rate for Black Pepper which ranges from 12½c. to 13½c. Our market is, however, fully stocked for the existing limited demand. Cassia selling at 16c. to 18c. Pimento steady. Nutmegs.—Inferior offering a little lower.

HARDWARE.—Prices remain without change, and the trade, mindful of the sudden close of navigation through the canals in one or two recent years, are pushing forward all lots of heavy goods with energy. A great steadiness