

of County at 103 for first-class counties, closing in good demand at this rate.

Sundries.—Not a share of City Gas on market; 119 would be paid. Buyers of British America Assurance at 70, ex-dividend; none offering. Western Assurance sold at 100 and 101, closing in demand at the former rate. No Canada Life offering; 115 would be paid. Canada Permanent Building Society sold at 145 and 146, closing with buyers at latter rate, and no sellers under 150. Considerable sales of Western Building Society at 127 and 127½, closing in demand at latter rate, with very little on market. Freehold has been freely dealt in at 126½ and 127, closing with buyers at latter rate. Buyers of Union at 115; no stock on market. No transactions in Huron and Erie on this market. 115 would probably be paid. Sellers of Montreal Telegraph at 177½, and buyers at 172½. Sales of Canada Landed Credit at 97 and 98, closing with buyers at 96½ and 97. Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway sold at 70, and Nipissing at 80, and in good demand. Mortgages are in good demand to pay 7 per cent. on first-class security.

MONTREAL STOCK AND MONEY MARKET.

Reported by Macdougall & Davidson, Brokers.

MONTREAL, Jan. 24, 1871.

There has been a fair amount of business done in favourite stocks, and prices are strongly maintained. In debentures there is nothing whatever doing.

Banks.—Montreal has been sold in small lots at 232, closing inactive at 231½ to 232½. Sales of British at 109½, which would still be paid. City has advanced, having been sold at 91; to-day's quotation is 90½ to 91. People's has been sold and continues in demand at 108. Ontario has been dealt in at 110½, 111 and 111½; it is to-day held for 111½. Molson's is scarce and in demand at 110½. Merchants' has been very largely dealt in at 116½ and 116½, and closes firm at 116½ to 117. Sales of Toronto at 175, there is but little stock offering. We have no sales of Jacques Cartier to report; 117 is to-day offered. Quebec has been sold at 113 and 113½. Nothing doing in Nationale. Eastern Townships' is in demand at 110, no late sales. Union is very inactive at 106½ to 108. Mechanics' was yesterday sold at 80, and is in demand to-day at 81½. Commerce is offered at 118; there are buyers of round amounts at 117½. Royal Canadian is inactive at quotations—89½ to 91.

Railway Stocks and Bonds.—Nothing whatever doing, quotations are unchanged.

Debentures.—Nothing doing in Governments. 119½ would be paid for round lots of Dominion. Corporation Bonds are offered at 101½, there is but little doing. 7 per cent. stock is asked for at 116. No Montreal Harbor in market.

Sundries.—Montreal Telegraph has been sold at 175 and 176; holders to-day ask 180. Sales of Richelieu at 196, at which shares are still procurable. Canadian Navigation has changed hands in round lots at 105½. City Passenger Railway—nothing doing, quotations being nominal at 165 to 175. No late sales of City Gas; is quoted 170 to 180. Mining stocks—nothing whatever doing; \$5 50 per share is asked for Montreal Mining Consols, buyers offer \$4 50.

Exchange.—The market is extremely dull; Bank Bills are worth 9½ to 9½; private (of which there are but small amounts offering) are worth 8 to 8½.

CANADIAN BUILDING SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Canadian Building Society was held in Montreal on the 18th. Mr. E. Angers presided, and the report of the directors was adopted. The Society is composed of 430 members. The following were elected directors for the ensuing year, viz.: Messrs. Angers, Lacoste, Mercier, Lesage, Charbonneau, Bournay, Bedard, Plamondon, Dupuis, Brunet, and Lariviere.

Insurance.

INSURANCE MATTERS IN MONTREAL.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL, Jan. 24th, 1871.

Somewhat inopportunistically for our fire brigade, who are asking (very properly) for an increase of pay; but auspiciously for insurance companies, this city has been most exemplary in the article of fires since the setting in of the new year: but two events deserving the name have occurred, and they of but trifling magnitude.

The fire referred to in last report, at Mr. Rivet's, behind the mountain, at Cote Ste. Catherine, was correctly described, as far as known; the house was only erected last summer; and though completed and furnished, had not been occupied. The family intended to enter upon it on New-Year's day, and therefore had fires lighted the previous afternoon; these appear to have been left without attendance, and being most likely made imprudently large, overheated the stoves and pipes and set fire to the house, destroying it and all that it contained. The loss cannot be less than \$2,500; no insurance.

Jan. 3.—An alarm from box 57, on account of one of the ordinary flares, at Wood's cotton factory. Suppressed without much damage.

Jan. 6.—A fire was reported at St. Hubert, a way-station, on the eastern section of the Grand Trunk, Railway, 10 miles from Montreal, entirely destroying a peat shed belonging to the company, and some 800 tons of peat, piled in it, together with some adjacent farm buildings. The fire is supposed to have been kindled by sparks from a passing engine; no insurance.

Jan. 8.—This (Sunday) afternoon, a fire was discovered to have commenced in the shop of Miss Paradies, milliner, No. 262 Notre Dame Street, supposed to have been caused by sparks from the stove falling among some light goods. The brigade was soon on the spot; but their services were not needed, the fire having been promptly quenched by the inmates. Insured with B. America for \$1000 on stock, and the like amount on furniture. Claim settled for \$100.

Jan. 13.—A fire broke out, early this morning, in a wooden house, 16 Smallwood Street, Quebec suburbs, occupied by Charles Cadot, shoemaker, as a workshop. The brigade was promptly in attendance, and after some labour, extinguished the fire. The house and contents were insured for \$600, with the Montreal Mutual, and the loss will probably amount to \$300.

Jan. 18.—A fire broke out at about 7 this evening, at Mott's Hotel, situate on the corner of Front and Partition Streets, in the town of St. Johns, Q. This establishment occupies the four sides of a considerable quadrangle, about one-third of the buildings being of brick, the remainder of wood, it was in the latter portion that the fire occurred, and at one time it threatened to destroy not only the whole of the wooden buildings of the hotel, but many others in the neighbourhood also, but by judiciously pulling down a wooden shed, its progress was arrested in the direction of the hotel outbuildings, and the efforts of the fire company with the town engine, were thus enabled to be concentrated upon the hotel itself. By incessant exertions, the brick portion of the hotel was saved almost intact, but the wooden and much older part was burned to the ground. Nearly the whole of the furniture was, by the willing efforts of the neighbours, rescued from the flame, but owing to haste and indiscretion, it was considerably damaged by removal. No reliable information as to the cause of the fire has been obtained; both Mr. Wilkinson, the proprietor, and his wife were from home at the time. The house, which was one of the oldest in St. Johns, and owned by Nelson Mott, Esq., has been insured with the Aetna for over 40 years, for \$2,000, and this will, without doubt be exhausted. The furniture is insured with the Royal for \$3,000, the appraised damage

thereon being \$244.75, which, considering the extent of the fire, seems remarkably small.

There have been several alarms in the city, on account of burning chimneys, but in no case were the services of the brigade brought into request.

FIRE RECORD.—Ancaster, Jan. 20.—A fire occurred at 7.30 o'clock, consuming the large building owned by H. & A. Eggleston, and occupied by Fields & Nixon as carriage builders, the upper story being used as a Good Templar's hall, and as a dwelling by Mr. Upton. So rapid were the flames that Mr. Upton's family barely escaped with their lives, and saved nothing. The contents of the hall were all destroyed, the blacksmith shop and livery stables on the premises sharing the same fate. Fielding & Co. have an insurance of \$300, but their loss will be heavy.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—A terrific fire broke out here this morning in the basement of the new St. James Hotel, somewhere in the neighborhood of the furnace. It was discovered by the dense volume of smoke in the building, and it was with difficulty that the boarders and travellers escaped. Not an article of the new and splendid furnishings was saved, the whole of the building being so densely filled with smoke that it would have been madness to have attempted it. It was an hour after the alarm before water could be had, and even then only in dribblets. In two hours nothing was left but the bare walls, one of which, in falling, destroyed the telegraph line for a considerable distance. The building was a large cut-stone one, on the corner of Metcalfe and Queen streets, and has only just been entirely refitted and furnished anew by the proprietor, Mr. Evans, who had only \$3,000 insurance on his furniture in the Imperial. His loss will be \$10,000.

Hanover, Jan. 19.—Another fire occurred here this morning, by which four buildings were destroyed, and a blacksmith shop was torn down to save other buildings. This is the largest fire that ever occurred in this village. Two buildings belonged to Mr. Robert McNally, and were insured in the Waterloo Company for \$1,200. The loss is heavy; cause not known.

Stayner, Jan. 23.—On Saturday night, about ten o'clock, the tannery in this place owned and occupied by Mr. R. B. Hannan, was destroyed by fire, together with a large stock of leather, &c. The origin of the fire is not known; it commenced in the engine-house. The loss is estimated at about \$5,000; the building was insured in the Niagara Mutual for \$1,200.

Windsor, Jan. 18.—The buildings occupied by F. W. Pulford as a carriage manufactory and blacksmith shop caught fire. In fifteen minutes the whole building was enveloped in flames. Mr. Pulford's furniture was got out with damage. Mr. Pulford owned the carriage and blacksmith shops, and the loss sustained by him amounted to about \$7,000. He was insured as follows:—In the Aetna, \$1,100; Western, \$500; Provincial, \$600; another company, \$600;—total, \$2,800. The dwelling occupied by Mr. Pulford was owned by Mr. Vital Ouelette, and was uninsured—value, \$800.

Windsor, Jan. 19.—A fire broke out in the waggon shop of Hiram Billander, on the corner of the Pelette and Tecumseh roads. The shop and residence were entirely consumed. Over \$300 in cash, besides some notes, were consumed. No insurance.

Lindsay, Jan. 23.—Yesterday about 11 o'clock the Scugog hotel, a large two storey frame building, situated about a mile and a half south of this place, was totally destroyed by fire together with nearly all the contents. J. B. Jenkinson was burned so badly that his recovery is considered doubtful. The fire is supposed to have originated from defective stove pipes, loss estimated at about \$1,000—insured in the Western for \$400. This morning about three o'clock a large frame brewery belonging to Jas. Lenthian situated on the Scugog River in the eastern part of the town was also