

partment. They have been appointed local agents for the Royal Oil Company and will import that company's coal oil.

"THEY (the Montreal Street Railway Company) owe us over \$130,000 for the removal of snow," said Mr. Robb, treasurer of that city in answer to Ald. Rainville last week, when, the road committee asked for \$5,000 for cleaning the streets in anticipation of the first fall of snow. Mr. Robb explained that the company had refused to settle up until the courts had decided the proportion in dispute, some \$30,000. It was, therefore, proposed to sue the company if it does not pay by Thanksgiving. City Comptroller Dufresne presented a statement of the tax on the earnings of the Montreal Street Railway due the city from September 1, 1895, to August 31, 1896, showing the total percentage to be \$47,055, which the company was willing to pay, less 6 per cent. on \$133,668 from outside municipalities, which is left in abeyance pending a decision from the courts.

AN assignment has been made by the Georgian Bay Box and Planing Mill Co., of Midland. It is two years since they began business with a paid capital of over \$5,000, but they made little or no progress. A year ago a fire occurred in their premises, which resulted in a loss of nearly \$2,000. After this, they mortgaged their assets for \$3,000, which will be due in a short time, hence their present trouble.—Margaret Hayward, a small confectioner in Berlin, assigns; so also does the Hamilton Fruit Exchange Co., which had a paid capital of \$4,500. As it is well known there is very little profit, if any, in handling fruit this year, the failure need be no marvel.—A meeting of creditors has been called to consider the affairs of the Misses Kate and Annie McGivirin, milliners, Picton. They have barely made a living since they began business six years ago.—The husband of Mary Jackson, grocer, Whitby, failed and took his departure some years ago. Since then, with her two sons, she has continued the business under the style of Jackson & Co. Last March they claimed a surplus of \$1,700. Now we hear they are trying to arrange a settlement with creditors at 40 or 50 per cent.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, November 25th, 1896.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average price 1896.
Montrealxd	226½	224	141	235	225	218
Ontarioxd					77½	80
People's					182	175
Molson's					224	
Torontoxd						
Jac. Cartierxd					174	168
Merchants'					128	127½
Commercexd	129	128	197	110	100	100
Unionxd					165	163½
M. Teleg.	166	166	41	170		91
Rich. & Ont.					217	216½
St. R'y.	217½	216½	2864	218	177	206
Gasxd	178½	178½	295	178		56½
C. Pacific Ry	56½	56½	75	58		56½
Land gr't bonds					106½	
N.W. Land pfd.						40
Bell Tele.	158½	158½	10	160	157½	158
Mont. 4% stock						

TORONTO STOCK TRANSACTIONS.

The stock exchange for the past week has been active and firm. Cable sold well at 161, as did also postal at 92. Western Assurance was firm, and sold at 162½. C.P.R. sold 50 shares at 56½. Toronto Railway was quiet at 67½ for 25 shares. Bank shares were quiet, but firm, Commerce sold a point higher at 129.

We append our usual list of the weeks transactions: Bank of Commerce, 73 at 128 and 129; Imperial Bank, 22 at 177 and 179; Standard Bank, 9 at 162; Bank of Hamilton, 25 at 151½; British American Ass. Co., 96 at 119; Western Ass. Co., 602 at 162 and 162½; Confederation Life Ass. Co., 25 at 276; C.P.R. stock, 50 at 56½; Toronto Electric Light, 10 at 125; General Electric, 45 at 65 and 67½; Commercial Cable, 669 at 158 and 161; Bell Telephone, 55 at 158½; Toronto Railway, 25 at 67½; Postal Telegraph, 530 at 88 to 92.

—According to a New York despatch, arrangements are on foot for a spirits trade agreement. A meeting is to be held either in Cincinnati, Peoria or Chicago to agree on details. The compact will be for one year. The distilling season lasts from December 1 to July 1, and previous agreements have terminated on the latter date. The new agreement is proposed to cover the selling as well as the producing season. The concerns which have agreed to be represented at the meeting are the American Spirits Manufacturing Company (Whisky Trust), American Distributing Company, Atlas Distilling Company, Globe Distilling Company, American Distilling Company, and the independent distillers of Cincinnati.

—The Montreal Court of Review has reversed the finding of the jury in the case of Dr. F. R. England against Kerry, Watson & Co., wholesale druggists, in which the jury had awarded the plaintiff \$1,000 for a mistake made by H. J. Dart & Co., druggists, in giving a dose of tartar emetic for one of bismuth, which they found had accelerated the death of the plaintiff's wife. The Court of Review held that there was no legal liability between the parties. Dart & Co. pleaded that Kerry, Watson & Co. had made the mistake, and the court held that Dart & Co. were responsible to Dr. England.

—Said an incendiary-nosed tramp to his pard: "Say, Bismarck, we are just down on our luck. You know dat farm feller what gived us his barn for a bodoor last spring, an' gived us feed, an' tobaccy, an' pipes, an' matches, an' told us de barn was way up insured? I jest intervood him for a 'membrance from his insurance money an' I'll be dog-goned if he want insured in dose 'vidual Lloyds and he can't get a cent!"—*Glens Falls Now and Then*

—Notice will appear in *The Canada Gazette* next Saturday, of application to Parliament for a charter to build the Fort Frances and Pacific Railway, a line projected from Wabigoon, on the C.P.R., through the Manitou country to Rainy River, and touching at nearly all the chief mining camps. Electricity will be the motive power used, and it is expected to generate it by means of the splendid water powers along the route.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The market for both butter and cheese is dull at the moment, with values tending easier. It is questioned if much beyond 19c. could be got for choice creamery; indeed the general quotation is 18½ to 19c. For cheese it is hard to establish a definite quotation; the last receipts of French country cheese sold at about 9c., and the range runs up to about 10½c. for September Ontario. The shipments of cheese last week were 65,359 boxes, bringing the total for the season up to 1,750,000 boxes in round figures. Butter shipments were 4,127 pkgs.

DRY GOODS.—Stock-taking is now absorbing the main attention of most wholesale houses, but the late frosty weather has helped retail trade, and quite a number of fair sorting orders are being filled. Enquiry as to prices and values shows that there have been no recent changes in this respect.

GROCERIES.—The trade at large seems to be fairly satisfied with the existing demand, though with the close of navigation shipments to lake and river points are curtailed. In no line of goods do we hear of any weakening in values, the general tendency continuing quite the other way. Canned goods are beginning to show more stiffness; for tomatoes, packers are asking 70c. now, and a sale of a large lot by a wholesale house to a packing firm, who were short on their contracts, is reported at 67½c.; peas are a little firmer, corn about as before. Salmon on the coast are firmer, packers asking \$4.25, and jobbers will probably quote \$1.40 per dozen. stiff; none of the new pack is yet here, though some is on the way. Sugars are about steady; demand at the refinery is not as brisk as a fortnight ago; quotations at factory are 3½ to 4c. for granulated, yellows 3 3-16 to 3½c., with one refinery occasionally turning out a darker lot 3½c. Teas continue to show much strength, and London advices report a stiffer market for Ceylons. Indians and Young Hysons; the agent of a London house reports some fair recent sales of cheap Moyunes to take the place of low grade Japans, for which from a penny to a penny-halfpenny advance would now be asked. The Malaga loose muscatels

referred to last week are not yet to hand, and may not arrive for a fortnight. California raisins are very firm, and are quoted in a jobbing way at 8½ to 8¾c. for 4-crown, 3-crown 7½ to 7¾c., 2-crown 6½ to 6¾c., and there is a difficulty in getting further supplies. A few lots of Valencia raisins are being brought in from New York, but they will be insufficient to relieve the scarcity. Currants remain without change. New Grenoble walnuts are due here next week, and are being quoted at 11½ to 12c. Shelled walnuts are not expected before the middle of December; shelled Valencia almonds quote at 18 to 20c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Business in these lines is rather quieting down now that navigation is finally closed. We hear of sales of 125 tons of Hamilton pig iron at quotations, but Scotch iron seems quite neglected. Another marked advance is to be noted in Canada plates, equal to 15 to 25 cents a box, and a comparatively bare market is reported. The wire nail trust in the United States has gone to pieces, and prices here are also reduced; the discount for Ontario points is now 75 and 10, with the same freight terms; for Quebec points the discounts are now 75, 10 and 2½ per cent. f.o.b. Montreal, besides a special allowance of ten cents a cwt. Horse nails are lower, the discount off list being made 50 per cent., and steel horse shoes are reduced 25 cents a keg. Other lines as before. We quote:—Summerlee pig iron, \$20 to 21.00 ex-store; Carron, \$19.50; Ayrshire, \$18.50; Shotts, \$18.25 to 18.50; Carnbroe, \$18.50 to 19.00, ex-store; Siemens pig No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; Hamilton No. 1, \$18.50; No. 2, ditto, \$18.00; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do., \$12.00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to 1.45; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.40, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.50; 75 sheets \$2.60; all polished Canadas, \$2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25 to 2.30; No. 26, \$2.15 to 2.20; No. 24, \$2.05 to 2.10; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.30; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I. C., Alloway, \$3.15 to 3.25; do., I.X., \$3.80 to 3.90; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; Coke I.C., \$2.80 to \$3.00; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.25; No. 26, \$4.00; No. 24, \$3.75 in case lots; Morewood, \$5.00 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.75; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, ½ inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ½ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.00; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.10 to 3.15; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel \$2.25; ingot tin, 15c. for L. & F.; Straits, 14½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 11 to 12c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00 to \$5.25; Silesian spelter, \$4.50; Veille Montagne spelter, \$4.75; American spelter, \$4.50; antimony, 8½ to 9c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled do., \$2.65; galvanized, \$3.15; the trade discount on wire is 20 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, \$3 per hundred for Quebec province, freight paid on half-ton lots; for Ontario points, \$2.85, freight paid up to 25c. per hundred.

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Commercial.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Nov. 26th, 1896.

NOTE.—The dissolution of the United States Nail and Wire Trust, of which news has just come, makes it difficult to fix quotations of nails and fence wire.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The winter creameries are now in operation, and their out-put is being freely marketed. The consuming centres have been well supplied with butter, and accumulations are taking place. In some instances the quality is reported very inferior, the butter bearing a distinct taste of turnips. Buyers should do all in their power to avoid this evil, which detracts from the value of the butter, and will injure the Canadian name in the export