

Agents' bonuses.....	236 19
Printing, adv'ting, etc.	631 95
Postage, office account	212 48
Postage, agents.....	71 63
Telegrams and express charges .....	70 00
Adjusting losses.....	156 97
Travelling expenses....	134 25
Statutory assessment..	134 59
Rent and taxes.....	150 00
Law costs.....	24 15
Fuel and light.....	31 08
Assessments cancelled..	110 50
Miscellaneous, "Tele- phone," etc. ....	109 48

Balance..... 7,080 42  
27,216 45

\$ 49,578 48

#### Assets.

Mitchell debentures....\$	6,000 00
Stratford " .....	3,000 00
Perth County " .....	3,000 00
Stratford school.....	1,000 00
Accrued interest.....	425 00
Assessments due 1 Jan., 1887 .....	2,665 10
Short dated due bills, given for 1st pre- miums.....	1,329 00
Office furniture.....	253 50
Goad's plans.....	372 70
Cash in bank.....	7,865 77
Agents' balances.....	989 31
Due by other compan- ies.....	323 40

\$ 27,223 78

Premium notes after  
deducting all assess-  
ments and 1st pay-  
ments thereon..... 74,108 41

Total Assets.....\$101,332 19

#### Liabilities.

Losses under adjustment (say) .....	\$ 1,703 80
Sundry accounts.....	7 33
Amount required to re- insure all current risks on cash system, 50 % of premium.....	5,775 42
Balance .....	93,845 64

\$101,332 19

The amount deposited with the Treasurer of  
Ontario is \$6,000.00.

#### AUDITORS' REPORT.

To the President and Directors of the Perth  
Mutual Fire Insurance Company :

Gentlemen,—We, the undersigned auditors,  
beg to report that we have carefully examined  
the books of accounts of your secretary's office,  
up to the 31st December, 1886, and the securi-  
ties held by your treasurer, and have found  
them correct.

We have great pleasure in again testifying  
to the care and neatness displayed in the keep-  
ing of books, and the courteous bearing of your  
officers.

(Signed) G. G. EWART, } Auditors.  
JOHN PEARSON, }

Stratford, Jan. 12, 1887.

On motion of Mr. A. Kuhry, seconded by  
Mr. Thos. Orr, the report was adopted. The  
retiring directors were again re-elected, and at  
a subsequent meeting of the board John Hyde,  
M. D., was re-elected president, James Trow,  
M. P., vice-president and Chas. Packert, secre-  
tary.

—A. Hirtle, the proprietor of a planing mill  
in Ber in has effected a compromise at 50 per  
cent. secured, on liabilities of \$3,000. His  
assets were covered by a chattel mortgage.—  
A blacksmith named James Fanning, who did  
a small business at Kincardine, is reported  
away.—M. K. Dillon, dry goods dealer at  
Port Arthur, has called a meeting of creditors.

—William Hogg & Co., general storekeepers,  
at Shelburne, succeeded to the business of  
Jessop & Hogg, who were burnt out with a  
considerable loss in April last. They then  
effected a compromise at 40 per cent and dis-  
solved. The business was continued by the  
latter, who has now assigned to Mr. E. R. C.  
Clarkson.

—They tell it on a well known wholesaler  
grocer of Macoon, whose faculty for remember-  
ing faces is somewhat defective, that he em-  
ployed a new drummer about a week ago and  
sent him out on the road. Yesterday the  
drummer returned, and walking into the store

he was met by the merchant, who shook hands  
and then, after exchanging the usual common-  
places, asked, "What can I sell you to-day?"—  
*Savannah Times.*

—We learn from a scientific journal that  
"all modern high explosives are now almost  
universally exploded by the agency of electric-  
ity." There is one notable exception. Coal  
oil is still exploded by the agency of the hired  
girl and a cook stove.—*Jersey City Journal.*

—"I do not desire wealth for itself," remark-  
ed the philosopher. "No," replied the cynic,  
"I suppose you desire it for yourself."—*Pitts-  
burg Despatch.*

## Commercial.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, February 16th, 1887.

ASHES.—Prices are again firmer under light  
receipts, and comparatively speaking heavy  
shipments. During the past fortnight some-  
where about 400 barrels have left here for  
Europe, and the present stock in store is under  
300 barrels. We quote \$4.25 to \$4.30 for first  
pots; the last transaction in pearls was at \$8,  
and this figure may be given as an established  
quotation.

DRY GOODS.—Travellers have, in most cases,  
completed or are about finishing their first  
spring trip, the results of which a good many  
merchants state are hardly up to their expec-  
tations. A fair trade has been done in the  
eastern sections, the Ottawa valley and as far  
west as Toronto, but in western Ontario busi-  
ness has not been very good, a variety of rea-  
sons being assigned as the cause, storms, floods,  
politics, etc., all being blamed more or less for  
the lack of orders. City trade keeps up very  
well, and failures are few. Remittances at  
the moment are not more than fair, though  
4th February payments were well provided  
for, some houses reporting 60 per cent. of cus-  
tomers' paper falling due that day as being  
paid.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The recent advance  
in prices of leading lines is well maintained,  
there have been a few changes during the week  
mostly upward. Bromides are very firm and  
higher prices are looked for. Acid Oxalic has  
advanced two cents per pound. Bleaching  
powder has gone up £10 abroad, and the ex-  
pectations are that it will be higher yet.  
There is a good business doing for this  
season, and remittances are fair. We quote:  
—Sal Soda 90 to \$1.00; Bi-Carb Soda,  
\$2.50 to \$2.60; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.65  
to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs.,  
\$8 to \$10.00; Borax, refined, 10c.; Cream  
Tartar crystals, 32 to 33c.; do. ground, 35 to  
36c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 55 to 60c.; do.  
powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 75 to 80c.;  
Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar  
of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.50 to  
\$2.75, according to lot; Alum, \$1.60 to \$1.65;  
Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Flowers Sul-  
phur, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$3; Roll Sulphur,  
\$2.00 to \$2.25; Sulphate of Copper, \$4.50 to  
\$5.00; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre  
\$9.00 to \$9.50; American Quinine, 80c.;  
Howard's Quinine, 85 to 90c.; Opium, \$3.25 to  
\$3.75; Morphia, \$1.60 to \$1.75; Gum Arabic  
sorts, 70 to 90c.; White, \$1 to \$1.25. Carbolic  
Acid, 55 to 70c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.50 to  
\$5.00 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; Iodoform  
\$7.50 to \$8.00. Prices for essentials oils are:  
Oil lemon \$2.00 to \$3.00; oil bergamot \$3.25  
to \$3.75; Orange, \$3.50; oil peppermint, \$4.75  
to \$5.00; Glycerine 30 to 35c.

FISH.—Business is not so active as might be  
expected considering that Lent begins on the  
23rd inst. There is some stir in green tod  
and stocks have been considerably reduced,  
large draft fish are scarce and held at \$5 to  
\$5.25; No. 1 large \$4.50 to \$4.75; No. 1 ordi-  
nary \$3.50 to \$3.75; dry cod \$2.75 to \$3.00;  
Labrador herrings \$5.25 to \$5.75 for choicest;  
Cape Breton \$5.50. North Shore Salmon, No.  
1, \$17; No. 2, \$16.00; British Columbia  
Salmon, \$13.50; Lake Trout, \$3.75; no white-  
fish.

FURS.—There is nothing specially new in  
this line. Receipts are light for the season, and  
prices are not subject to change. We still quote:  
—Beaver \$3.50 to \$4.50; bear \$12.00 to \$15.00;  
cub do. \$5 to \$6; fisher \$5 to \$6; fox, red, \$1  
to \$1.20; fox cross, \$2.00; lynx, \$2 to \$3.50;  
marten, \$1.00 to \$1.25; mink, \$1 to \$1.25;  
muskrat, 10 to 12c.; raccoon 40 to 60c.; skunk  
40 to 80c. as to quality; otter, \$8 to \$12.

HIDES.—Green butchers' hides are now being  
bought at 7½c. for No. 1., 6½c. for No. 2, 5½c.  
for No. 3. Toronto inspected hides 8½c.; sheep-  
skins 85c. to \$1.00 as to quality.

GROCERIES.—Orders are not coming in very  
briskly, and the storm of Friday last, the  
severest yet of the rather frequent storms of  
the winter, has again interfered seriously with  
trade in the country. For the same reason  
payments are off a point or two. In sugars  
yellows are called an eighth better, and range  
from 4½ to 5½c.; granulated 5½ to 6c. at refinery  
as to size of lot; for Barbadoes molasses 37½c.  
is asked; Porto Rico 33 to 34c.; Trinidad  
about 30c.; syrups as hard to get as ever, 2½c.  
is lowest price for D quality at refinery, being  
over double the price of some months ago.  
There are still frequent enquiries from New  
York for Japan teas, and samples and quota-  
tions have been also asked for from Chicago;  
prices are firmly held; blacks and greens are  
still sold in London, and some heavy trans-  
actions in greens are reported in New York.  
Coffee continue firm. Rice is firmer if any-  
thing, as it has been definitely stated that the  
mill will not repeat prices of last season, and  
they will not make contracts for the coming  
season. Tobacco and spices as last quoted;  
cloves firm at 27 to 30c.; black pepper 20c. for  
sifted, ordinary 17½ to 18c. Valencia raisins  
quiet at 5½ to 6½c.; Sultanias 6½ to 7½c.; Elemes  
not in demand being dearer than Valencias;  
currants in very narrow compass, and 5½c. is  
lowest would be taken for large wholesale lots;  
there is considerable demand for prunes which  
are scarce here and dear; Malaga fruit dull.  
Canned goods all very firm, and likely to be  
still higher, as the demand in Lent is gener-  
ally pretty active.

SHOES AND LEATHER.—Boot and shoe manu-  
facturers report orders as coming in fairly,  
and there are rather more in the market look-  
ing for stock, several leather houses reporting  
business as being rather better than it has  
been for last several weeks, still it is not active.  
Stocks show no undue accumulation and prices  
rule pretty steady on the whole, large lots  
would probably be shaded. We quote:—  
Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do. No.  
2, B. A., 20 to 23c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish,  
21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China,  
22 to 23c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; ditto. Buffalo  
Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto. No. 2, 19½ to  
21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 29c.;  
oak sole, 42 to 48c.; Waxed Upper, light and  
medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto. heavy 32 to 36c.;  
Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 40c.;  
Splits large 22 to 28c.; do. small 16 to 24c.; Calf-  
splits, 18 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70  
to 80c.; Imitation French Calf, skins 80 to  
85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings, 30 to 40c.;  
Harness 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16c.;  
Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15½c.; Rough 23 to 28c.;  
Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—No movement of  
any consequence can be reported in metals or  
heavy hardware, there being seemingly a  
general indisposition to place any large orders  
until after the elections. The British iron  
market is again easier, warrants being cabled  
sixpence lower than a week ago, present  
figures being 43/6d., makers' prices may be  
cabled sixpence a ton lower on the average;  
local prices are however steady, and stocks are  
low, though fully equal to the present demand.  
Canada plates are dull; tin plates continue firm at  
home, also ingot tin; other lines are unchanged.  
We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan \$19.50  
to \$20.00 Gartscherrie, \$19.00 to \$19.50;  
Coltess, \$20.00; Shott, \$19.00; Eglinton  
and Dalmellington, \$18.00; Calder,  
\$18.00 to \$19.00; Carnbroe, \$17.50 to  
\$18.00; Hematite, \$20 to \$25; Siemens, No. 1,  
\$19.00 to \$19.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65;  
Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10;  
Canada Plates, Blaine, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Penn and  
Pontypool, none here. Tin Plates, Bradley  
Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C., \$4.25  
to \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I. C.,  
\$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c.  
to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets,  
coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra  
for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100  
lbs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs., \$2.25;  
Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet  
iron, \$2.00; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75;  
heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c.  
Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet,  
\$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast  
steel 11 to 13c., firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00;  
Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.00 to  
\$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3 to 3½c. per  
lb. Ingot tin 24½ to 25c.; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c.;