

ATTACHED.

ONTARIO.

John Wm. Stafford, Southampton; Philias Joly, L'Original; D. & J. Smith, L'Original; Edw. Foster, Sandwich; John Macdonald, Cayuga; Thos. Baylis, Cayuga; Jas. D. Cummins, Milton; Francis Gelz, Stratford; James Scott, Kingston; John Childerhose, Eganville; Geo. A. Clarke, Cayuga; John Hy. Cronk, Aylmer; Chas. Campbell, grocer, Owen Sound; Jos. Gibbons, Cayuga; Brown Bros., furniture, Owen Sound; Edwin Roat, harness, Ber-in; Geo. K. Hamilton, Guelph; Alex. Morrison, Lucknow; R. H. Robertson, bookseller, Walkerton. Allan McDougall, harness, Markdale.

QUEBEC.

Sarah L. Ballantyne, Quebec; Dosithé Marcoux, shipowner, St. Aimé; Wm. Clark, general store, Waterloo; S. Chas. Wilsam, grocer, Montreal; Chas. Lappin, hotel, Sweetsburgh; E. A. Dubois, speculator in stocks and real estate, Montreal; R. Duval, Bissonnette, grocer, Quebec; Payton & Co., Montreal and Hochelaga; Geo. Draveluy, Montreal; Antoine Maher, undertaker, Montreal; Davidson, Wheeler & Younger, lithographers, Montreal; And. Lennon, boot and shoe manufacturer, Montreal; J. Ste. Guilbault, St. Andrews; Richard John Rodden, Montreal; Jos. Courtemanche, Chambly Canton. Estate Edm. Larivière, grocer, Montreal; Jos. J. Greaves, fancy goods, Montreal; T. F. O'Brien, Montreal; Jos. O. Guilmette, dry goods, Montreal; Alfred Racine, hotel, Montreal; D. E. Jones & Co., restaurant, Montreal; A. R. Bell, Montreal.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Thos. P. Davies, St. John.

NOVA SCOTIA.

James Fulton, Truro; Slater & Stewart, Amherst; Thos. L. Fahie, Halifax; Thos. Longley, Halifax.

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John G. Geddes, Hamilton; Hunter & Co., photographers, Toronto; Wm. Elliott, general store; T. P. of Toronto; Wm. McBean, Toronto.

QUEBEC.

Zotique Valois, general store, Vaudreuil.

FIRE RECORD.

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Port Elgin, Jan. 15.—McCalders' hotel destroyed. Contents saved. Loss \$1,000; insurance unknown. Cobourg, Jan. 16.—Barns, one valuable horse, two cows, and farm implements belonging to Michael Welsh burned. Loss \$800; insurance \$500. St. George, Jan. 19.—Building used as a drying and storehouse belonging to Mr. Snowball, and a stable adjoining belonging to Dr. Kitchen, destroyed. Loss: Mr. Snowball, about \$1,000; Dr. Kitchen, about \$500. Insurance slight. St. Catharines, Jan. 16.—Large dancing hall at the C.emoine Gardens, belonging to Edward James, destroyed. Loss \$1,000; insurance \$800. Petrolia, Jan. 15.—A tar tank at Frank Smith's refinery exploded, caused by hot tar being run in, which generated enough gas to cause the explosion. A great deal of machinery was destroyed. Loss \$3,000. Parkhill, Jan. 16.—Furniture store of S. Manning, a building occupied by Mrs. Wilson, a store by Mrs. Munro, and an empty store destroyed. The contents were from all the other buildings, except Manning's. Total loss, about \$5,000; partially insured. Lucan, Jan. 15.—Two barns, stables and other out-buildings, together with 400 bush. wheat, 400 bush. barley, 12,000 bush. oats, 15 tons hay, two reaping machines, one new buggy, and other contents, belonging to Patrick Ryder, burned. Loss, about \$4,000; insurance about \$2,000. Chatham, Jan. 18.—Stable of Albert J. Wilson destroyed. Lindsay, Jan. 15.—Lumber yards and sheds containing lumber, shingles, machinery, etc., owned by Thos. Fee; Peter Lennet's stables and contents, dwelling and part of contents belonging to Robt. Douglas, and store and dwelling of T. A. Middleton, totally destroyed. The greater part of the contents of the latter building was saved,

though considerably damaged. Losses Thos. Fee, \$5,000; insurance \$3,000; Peter Lennet, \$150; insurance \$75; R. Douglas, \$3,000; no insurance; T. A. Middleton, \$3,500; insurance \$1,500.

Financial and Commercial.

GENERAL MARKETS.

THURSDAY, January 22nd, 1880.

The local markets for the week are lacking in interest. In no line of industry has there been any special activity in actual business, while in pretty much all the contented and cheerful feeling heretofore noted still prevails, and finds all needed sustenance in the promises of a good spring trade. Prices for hardware, it will be noticed, are again advanced; and, further, that the demand for goods at full figures is exceptionally eager. Reports from travellers for the dry goods trade are in to some extent, and prove fairly satisfactory, though yet a better business is looked for. Leather is active and strong for seasonable lines of goods. The question of inspection excites interest, and its discussion develops a feeling that inspection charges ought not to be uniform as now, but graded according to weight. It is claimed that a hide weighing 14 to 16 lbs. can afford to and should pay more than one weighing 4 to 6 lbs. We understand that there are still signal exceptions to conformity with existing regulations. The hide market is generally accounted somewhat easier. Wool unchanged. Groceries quiet. In wheat, while the bubble of speculation cannot be said to have burst, there has been a large and orderly decline, suggestive of the frustration of the plans of the bull clique. The butter market presents no new features save as weather may be deemed to effect prospects. Cheese continues strong at advancing figures. The money market is reported somewhat easier. Good mercantile paper, short date, can be done at 7 per cent. freely and at a lesser rate exceptionally. Time loans are quoted $\frac{5}{8}$ to 6 per cent., while money on call can be had at 5 per cent. and even below on thoroughly first-class collateral. Sterling exchange is also easier, and the demand is limited at $\frac{8}{8}$ to $\frac{8}{8}$ prem. for 60 day bank bills. Documentary bills are quoted nominally $\frac{7}{8}$ to $\frac{7}{8}$, with very few offering. The stock market would appear to have reached the position of a traveler drawing near to a junction and yet undecided which road to select. For some time past the course of the market has been hesitating, and the record of the current week is in keeping therewith. One day there seems to be a bias towards strength and the next towards weakness, but the movements in either direction are slight. Something would seem to be needed to give prices an impetus one way or the other; whether this is not at hand in the present aspect of general trade and the very fair prospects for spring business is a question yet to be determined, but our survey of the situation brings into view no good reason why it should not be so. Our summary of dealings at the stock exchange for the week is as follows: 304 Bank of Montreal at 136 to 136 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 135 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 136 $\frac{1}{2}$; 9 Jacques Cartier at 59; 370 Merchants Bank at 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 86 $\frac{1}{2}$; 2 British Bank of North America at 97; 50 Peoples 57 $\frac{1}{2}$; 50 Molsons at 76; 50 Eastern Townships at 93; 45 Ontario at 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 71; 6 Commerce at 114 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 114 $\frac{1}{2}$; 1905 Montreal Telegraph at 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 90 to 90 $\frac{1}{2}$; 324 Richelieu Navigation at 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 39 to 39 $\frac{1}{2}$; 521 City Gas at 114 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 114 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 115, and \$5,900 corporation 6 per cent stock at 109. To-day there is unexplained strength in Merchants' Bank, and a rise of 2 per cent. is recorded. This circumstance has given some firmness and an improved tone to the general list, with Montreal Telegraph as an exception. Under the present conditions of a warfare of competition Telegraph stocks will be understood to be measurably independent as to price of the gen-

ral causes affecting the stock market. Sales for to-day are as follows: 50 Bank of Montreal at 136 $\frac{1}{2}$; 18 T.onto, at 122; 145 Merchants' at 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 88; 200 Commerce, at 114 to 114 $\frac{1}{2}$; 9 Molsons, at 77; 20 City Passenger Railway, at 80; 275 Montreal Telegraph, at 90 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 89 $\frac{1}{2}$; 85 Richelieu Navigation, at 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 39 $\frac{1}{2}$, and 75 City Gas at 116.

ASHES.—Receipts of Pots are still large for the season, and prices have again given way. The range for the week has been \$4.40 down to \$1.25 for first Pots. Seconds, \$3.50. No Thirds. The market closes quiet.—*Pearls.* No transactions reported the past week, and any quotations would be purely nominal. Receipts since 1st January, 500 barrels Pots and 167 barrels Pearls. Deliveries, 237 barrels Pots and 80 barrels Pearls. Stock in store at 6 o'clock on 21st inst 785 barrels Pots and 191 barrels Pearls.

ROOTS AND SNOGS.—Orders continue to come in fairly from commercial travellers, and an average spring trade may be expected. Prices, however, as noted last week, are hardly up to present rates of stock.

Dry GOODS.—A goodly proportion of the army of travellers is now on the march, but some houses are holding back their forces either on account of delay in receiving spring samples or from well considered objections to an over-eager and over-early hunt for custom. Skirmishing operations only have thus far been entered upon and consequently conclusions deduced therefrom should be taken to have the qualified application due to observations over a limited field. The accounts to hand are fairly satisfactory, and incoming orders are not disproportionate to reasonable expectations, although there is yet a good margin for improvement as compared with hopes built upon the general outlook. Here and there instances occur of obstinate refusal to recognize the changed order of things represented by new and higher price lists, and some difficulty in effecting sales results, but such cases would appear to be exceptional, and rather reflect individual traits of character than the temper of the market. As a rule, judging from the circumscribed horizon indicated, buyers are more ready to take in supplies this year on the basis of new prices than last year at the old. Should the season continue equal with its present promise, the trade we doubt not will accept the results attained with genuine cheerfulness. Some complaints are heard of the roads on account of the soft weather, but this is a drawback that is sure to disappear in time, and probably did so to some extent beneath the storm of Tuesday night.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Since our last there is little change to note, excepting rather more firmness in Caustic Soda and Bleaching Powder in England. The demand here for most goods is not very active as yet, nor do we look for much improvement before next month. Quinine maintains the recent advance.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—In this market sales of a few car-loads of Canada spring wheat No. 2 are reported at \$1.37, since when offerings have been made at \$1.36 and not accepted. The speculators for a forced rise or a corner in wheat in Chicago have not yet publicly abandoned their undertaking, but the price seems to have abandoned it for them. With large stocks in Liverpool and New York, and with Chicago burdened to its utmost capacity, all attempts to bolster up the market have proved futile, and the only wonder is that the decline which has taken place was so steady and free from the natural accompaniment of disaster. Within a fortnight the price of wheat has declined 10 cents per bushel, and within a month about 15 cents, and this at a time when stocks were concentrated in the hands of speculators to an extent productive of general blockade of the natural forwarding movement. With 8,000,000 bushels of wheat in Chicago, and 11,000,000 bushels in New York, the great bulk of which is accounted under the immediate control of a single operator, it is apparent that an enormous speculative loss has been made on paper, and it must daily become a more interesting question, how long such accruing losses will be faced