

Rose & Erlick, boot and shoe manufacturers. Stock, valued at \$20,000, is all damaged and a great part burned. Insured for \$8,000. There is an insurance on the building of \$14,000. The Royal loses \$3,600; the Phoenix \$3,600. J. J. Perry, druggist, has no insurance. Messrs. Hooper & Sons, dry goods, insured in the Hand-in-Hand for \$5,000. The Stadacona is also a sufferer to a small amount.

Belleville, Nov. 18.—McNicks' carriage factory partially destroyed. Loss \$300; covered by insurance.

Hamilton, Nov. 18.—Mr. Boyd's barn in Ancaster destroyed by fire.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—Fire in Wm. Hamilton's foundry, which covers about 3 acres of ground, in King St. East, near the Don. Loss likely to be about \$300,000, insurance upon which is only about \$30,000.

Halifax, Nov. 20.—Unoccupied house, owned by Mr. John Malchie, at Brookville, Digby Co., destroyed by fire.

Lachine, Nov. 20.—The amount claimed by Messrs. Dawes from the Canada Agricultural is \$600, not \$6000 as reported.

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—Dwelling-house and out-building of Patrick O'Meara, Fallowfield, burned down. Loss will probably reach \$3,000; no insurance.

Quebec, Nov. 20.—Drill-shed on the St. Louis road, set on fire but quickly extinguished.

Montreal, Nov. 21.—Fire in store occupied by Edmond Fréchette, carriage-maker, on Ontario st., near corner of St. André. The building is owned by the Montarville Building Society, and is insured. The total damage will be about \$2,000.

Toronto, Nov. 21.—Fire in Hamilton's foundry. Insurances as follows:—Northern, \$5,000; Eina, \$5,000; Queen, \$3,750; Provincial, \$5,750; the Gore Mutual Company, \$5,300; Hastings Mutual Company, \$5,300; Royal Canadian, \$5,000; Guardian, \$2,000; and the Western, \$5,750.

Quebec, Nov. 22.—Small wooden house at Bennet's Cove destroyed by fire. Loss about \$400; insured in the Royal.

Ottawa, Nov. 22.—Residence of Joseph Nadeau, Ironside, burned down. Loss \$2,000.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 22.—Fire in Thos. Gorst's dwelling. Insurance on house, \$800, and on furniture \$350.

Commercial.

MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Nov. 23rd, 1876.

A few merchants continue to come to town, many on re-purchasing trips, but not a few of them for the purpose of getting renewals, paying perhaps from 25 to 50 per cent. of their notes, and getting extensions for the balance. The close of navigation this season occurs with spring-like weather. The season is the mildest in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, and this has a tendency to injure the retail trade in the lessened demand for winter goods. We do not hear so much complaint of "hard times" as was customary a few months ago, many claiming that stocks are so low in the country that a fair trade is likely to continue through the winter; others that, as the crops have been a partial failure, there need be little expectation of much revival in business till the next crops begin to prove themselves. The stock market has partially recovered from the effects of last week. Money market unchanged.

ASUS.—The receipts the past week were very small, until yesterday, when 84 brls. Pots were inspected. There was a brisk demand for the last two steamers from Montreal, and considerable sales were effected at \$4.25 to \$4.30 for light and \$4.35 for good tares. The rate of freight via Portland being much higher than closing rate by the river, prices have receded, and sales have been made at \$4.10 to \$4.15 for Firsts. Seconds have declined to \$3.00 there; are no thirds offering. Pearls sold at \$5.10 for Firsts, early in the week, and to day 32 brls. were placed at \$5.07½, and 20 brls. Second

Pearls were sold at \$4.75, the only sale reported for some weeks. The receipts for the year to this date are 12,997 brls. Pots and 1302 brls. Pearls. The deliveries 12,637 brls. Pots and 1618 brls. Pearls, and the stock in store at 6 o'clock this evening was 2441 brls. Pots and 689 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Nothing new to note since last reports, a fair sorting-up trade continues, and will likely hold out to the close of navigation. There is no change in prices, but higher rates must prevail when new stocks are placed upon the market.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in this line is pretty well closed up for the season, transactions being limited to small local requirements. Importations this fall have been lighter than usual, and holders of goods, as a consequence, will be enabled to obtain full value for their stocks. The market reports from Britain show an increased firmness in most lines, with a tendency upwards, which is likely to be maintained. As navigation is now virtually closed further shipments will have to come via Halifax or Portland, by which routes reasonable rates of freight are quoted for shipments on the way, 20s. for the former and 17s. 6d. by the latter. Quinine has still further advanced, and is held here at \$3.35 to 3.50 per oz. for Howard's make. Other goods unchanged.

Dry Goods.—The extraordinary mildness of the season has had, and is having, a very depressing effect upon the general trade of city, town, village and hamlet, and the cry from all parts is "no roads," consequently but few orders and very little money coming in.

FLOUR.—There has been considerable activity in the market during the past week, owing to the near approach to the close of navigation. The towns and villages on the river, as well as Quebec and the ports below, have been making their final purchases for water shipment; and as the market is not very well supplied with flour, the effect has been to stiffen prices. Sales have been made at the following rates: Fine, \$4.45 to 4.50; Superfine, \$4.35 to 5.00; Spring extra, \$5.10 to 5.35; Strong Baker's, \$5.35 to 5.60; Fancy, \$5.40 to 5.45; Extra, \$5.55 to 5.60; Superior, \$5.80 to 6.00. In wheat there is nothing doing, as the season for transactions in this cereal is now over.

FISH.—Herrings and Shad easier. Stocks of fish small, and full prices will be obtained later on. Labrador Herrings, \$6.00 to \$6.25. Salmon No. 1, 2 and 3, \$13, \$11, \$10. Mackerel No. 1, \$10; No. 2, \$9. Tablefish \$5.50 per qt., demand greatly checked by high prices. Greenfish, No. 1, per brl. \$6.50; No. 2, \$5.50. Draft-fish No. 1, \$7.50. Greenfish is scarce and firm.

FURS AND SKINS.—Trade in this department is very quiet and prices weak, especially for low grades which are not wanted. The mild weather of the last four weeks has had a rather unfavorable influence upon the fur trade. We quote:—Rat, Fall, 12c. to 15c. Do, Winter, 15c. to 22c.; Fox, Red, \$1.20 to 1.50; Marten, Pale, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Marten, dark Labrador, \$5 to \$7; Mink, Western, \$2 to \$2.50; Mink, Canada, dark prime large, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Otter, dark prime, \$6.00 to \$9.00; Fisher, \$5 to \$7; Lynx, \$1.25 to \$2; Beaver, Fall, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Beaver, Winter, \$1.50 to \$2; Bear, large, \$8 to \$12.

HARDWARE.—Small orders keep coming in, but to all intents and purposes season has closed.—See Prices Current.

LEATHER.—A very decided change has taken place in all kinds of Sole Leather the past week, prices having advanced steadily. It is our impression that prices will remain firm at present quotations. Buff, Pebble and Upper Leather must advance as soon as a demand arises. Most of the large Boot and Shoe houses are preparing to take stock, and are therefore buying very sparingly. See Prices Current.

LIQUORS.—Quite a movement has occurred during the past week in Hennessy Brandy, the market having been completely cleared of outside lots at about 9½ per case. See Prices Current.

LIVE STOCK.—The arrivals of live stock by rail last week were 25 carloads of cattle, 14 of hogs, 4 of sheep, 2 mixed loads of sheep and

cattle, and 6 mixed loads of cattle and hogs. Five of the carloads of hogs were from Chicago. The arrivals on Monday at the St. Gabriel market were five carloads of cattle, two of sheep, and two mixed loads of cattle and hogs. The demand was good notwithstanding the crowded state of the market. Prices of cattle ranged from \$3 to 4.75 per 100 lbs. live weight. Several animals, weighing about 1000 lbs. each, were sold at \$3.75 per 100 lbs. These were not of very good quality or condition. Small cattle brought from \$23 to \$30 each. Hogs are in full supply, but transactions were few, as buyers and sellers could not agree as to market value. Prices ranged from \$5 to 5.50 per 100 lbs. live weight. A large lot of sheep of about 135 lbs. each were sold at \$4.50 per 100 lbs. for immediate shipment to England, by the *Moravian*. The *Montoban* took out 430 more on Wednesday. Hides, Pelts and Tallow are unchanged in price, but continue in good demand.

LUMBER.—Business almost at a standstill, and prices are nominally as follows: *Shipping culls*, \$8.00 per m. ft.; *Spruce Sidings*, \$8.00 do. *Pine*—Common boards and scantling, \$10.00 to \$16.00 per m.; Clear lumber, \$30.00 to \$45.00; First quality lumber, \$30.00 to \$35.00; Third class three inch deals, \$3.00 to \$36 per m., surface measure; Cull deals, \$18 to \$24 do.; do, dressed, \$35 to \$40 do.; 2 by 1 inch furrings, \$4 per 100 pieces; Laths, \$1.30 to \$1.50 per m.; *Spruce* lumber, \$10 to \$12 per m. feet; *Spruce*

Insurance.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

Globe Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York,

JANUARY, 1876.

Balance from last account.....	\$3,807,695 10
Premiums received during the year 1875.....	869,033 03
Interest and Rents received during the year 1875.....	214,542 24
Other items received during the year 1875.....	1,610 37
	\$4,882,680 74
Paid for Losses and Endowments.....	393,054 75
Paid for Policies surrendered, Return Premiums and Rebate to Policy holders	265,871 86
Paid for Commissions and Salaries to Agents.....	117,248 50
Paid for Taxes and Reinsurance.....	8,235 86
Paid for all other expenses.....	117,361 68
Balance to new account.....	3,980,908 67

LIABILITIES.

Policy Reserve at 4 1/2 per cent interest.....	\$3,564,510 00
Less value of Risks reinsured.....	1,968 00
	\$3,562,551 00
Policy claims adjusted, not due and unadjusted.....	121,348 00
Reserve for other liabilities.....	114,906 00
All other claims against the Company.....	7,000 00
Surplus to Policy-holders.....	607,230 68

\$4,418,036 68

ASSETS.

Loans on Stocks and Bonds.....	\$ 107,323 70
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages and Real Estate.....	2,301,541 67
Stocks and Bonds owned (at market value).....	1,161,255 39
Loans on Policies in force.....	33,361 40
Cash on hand and in Banks.....	219,840 57
Accrued Interest.....	76,636 55
Premiums uncollected and deferred, less cost of collection.....	172,639 42
All other items.....	40,337 38

\$4,418,036 68

Dec. 31, Surplus to Policy-Holders .. \$ 607,230 68

In force Dec. 31, 1875, 10,818 Policies, insuring..... \$21,744,460 00

From the undivided Surplus the Board of Trustees have declared a Bonus of premium on all participating Policies entitled thereto, to be applied in settlement of Unearned Premiums falling due from March 1, 1876, to March 1, 1877.

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