

ance under \$4,000. Many smaller traders burnt out or partial sufferers. Total loss placed at \$108,000 and insurance at \$24,000.—Carberry, Man., 16.—Smith & McCall's office burned, along with J. Thompson's general store, J. Spear's dwelling and D. Maxwell's implement warehouse. The losses are: Smith & McCall, building, \$4,000, insurance, \$1,000; Thompson, stock, \$15,000, insurance \$2,000; Spear's, house, \$600, no insurance; Maxwell, building, \$1,000, no insurance.—Quebec, 18.—A building on Finlay Market Square damaged \$1,000, fully insured.—Montreal, 20.—Mayor Morris' house in St. Gabriel Village damaged \$1,000.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, December 1st, 1886.

ASHES.—Very little ashes coming forward, and this fact, with light stocks here, and in England, has given some strength to the market, prices being \$3.90 to \$4.00 for first pots, but any marked increase in receipts would likely tend to lower prices again; last sale of second pots was at \$3.40. There are only nine barrels of pots in store, there have been no sales of late and prices are entirely nominal.

CEMENTS, FIRECLAY, ETC.—Stocks are now all in store, and winter prices fixed; cements are not in full supply, and any active demand would lead to higher prices. We quote: Portland, \$2.75 to \$3.25 as to lot; Roman, \$2.75; Canadians, \$1.75; fireclay, \$1.50 per bag; firebricks \$25 to \$30 per M.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Wholesale men still report a very fair movement, and the general tendency of values is to firmness. Glycerine holds its strong position; opium continues to advance; quinine is acquiring strength. 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, 9 to 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 31 to 33c.; do. ground, 35 to 36c.; Tartaric Acid crystals, 80 to 90c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 75 to 80; 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 \$1.75; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, 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, 70 to 75c.; Howard's quinine, 85 to 90c.; Opium, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Morphia, \$1.50 to \$1.70; Gum Arabic sorts, 70 to 80c.; White \$1 to \$1.10; Carbolic acid, 45 to 60c.; Iodide Potassium, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Iodoform, \$6.00 to \$7.00. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.50 to \$3.00; oil bergamot \$3.25 to \$3.75; Orange, \$3.50.

DRY GOODS.—Reports from the west indicate that the weather has been too open to cause any heavy breaking into retail stocks. Nearer home, matters are a little better in this particular, but steady cold weather and snow roads are needed to help trade generally. There are still some travellers out, but orders are not very large or numerous at the moment, and many houses will soon be busy stock-taking. Remittances are very well spoken of. Prices of cottons continue firm, and there is some disposition being shown by the mills to advance the prices of colored goods generally. Woollens are firm at recent advance.

FURS.—The demand for all lines of furs needed for the local trade is excellent, and furriers look for a busy December. Receipts are fairly liberal, and the opening of the C. P. R. north of Lake Superior is opening up a fresh source of supply for the market, both here and in Toronto, many of the furs from this section which used to go to the Hudson Bay Co's. factories, now coming this way. We still quote:—Beaver \$3.50 to \$4.00; bear \$12 to \$14; cub do. \$5 to \$6; fisher \$5 to \$6; fox, red, \$1 to \$1.10; fox cross, \$2.00; lynx, \$3 to \$4; marten \$1 to \$1.25; mink, 75c. to \$1; muskrat, 10 to 12c.; raccoon 50 to 60c.; skunk 40 to \$1.00 as to quality; otter, \$8 to \$12.

FISH.—There is not any great rush in this line, the principal movement is in green cod. A cargo of damaged herrings sold at auction at prices ranging from \$1.10 to \$2.00, for damaged to \$4.25 to \$5.00. Salmon is firmly held though stocks have been added to of late. We quote:—Genuine Labrador herrings \$5.75 to \$6.00; inferior brands so-called \$5 to \$5.50;

Cape Breton \$5.50 to \$5.75; dry cod \$2.75 to \$3.00; green ditto, \$4.00 to \$4.25 for No. 1; No. 2 \$3.00 to \$3.25; mackerel scarce at \$6.50; North Shore salmon No. 1 \$17.00, No. 2 \$16.00; British Columbia do. \$14.00; lake trout \$3.75.

GROCERIES.—The volume of trade is fairly maintained, but snow roads in the country would give an impetus to trade. Remittances are generally spoken of as satisfactory. There are no special changes in values. Sugars remain at the old level, granulated being 6c. in quantity at refinery, and 6½ to 6¾ in a jobbing way; yellows 4½ to 5½c; syrup firm at last noted advance, and hard to get; molasses 32½ to 34c. for Barbadoes. Tea values remain as they were, though the New York market shows a turn in the favor of better prices for Japans; stocks there are light, and the shortage in greens will lead to a larger consumption of Japans; low grade blacks are easier in London. Coffees are firm. The attempt to advance prices of Valencia raisins has not made much progress as yet, as the stocks of inferior goods in the market will have to be exhausted first. There are some wet lots to be had at 5½c., and the general keeping qualities of this year's crop is not first-class; holders of good fruit are asking 6½c. in lots, and say they will hold on for this figure; currants steady at 5½ to 6½c.; Malaga fruit steady at former quotations. All lines of canned goods very firm at high prices last noted.

HIDES.—Fair sales of butchers' green hides are reported at 8½, 7½, and 6½c. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively, also of cured No. 1 at 9½c. No. 1 Winnipeg inspected are reported as having been sold for Montreal at 8½c.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Leather matters are rather quiet, and we do not hear of any important sales; stocks, however are in good shape, and there is no weakening of the market. Shoe men are fairly employed as a rule on spring orders, which are coming in satisfactorily. The excitement anent recent failures has quieted down, and there are no anticipations of any further troubles. 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 27c.; oak sole, 40 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.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf, skins 80 to 85; Russet Sheepskin 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.—Scotch warrants are cabled at 42/1d., being a penny easier than a week ago, makers' prices have undergone no change, and locally prices remain pretty much as they were, while there is a lull reported in the demand; bar iron at unchanged rates; for Canada plates there is a good enquiry at \$2.30 to \$2.35 for ordinary brands in fair lots. No Penn to be had; tin plates are a little duller in England, and there is more inclination to quote for future business than there was; tin is vibrating considerably, but is still high and will likely go higher still; copper steady; lead not a deal doing, some round ota have changed hands at \$3.65. There is considerable enquiry for boiler plates from the West. We quote:—Summerlee, \$18.00; Gartsherrie, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Langloan and Coltness, \$18.00; Shott, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$16 to \$16.50; Calder, \$17 to \$17.50; Carnbroe, \$16.50 to \$17.00; Hematite, \$20;

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