

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

W. Oxley, trader, Pugwash.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Wm. M. Andrews, manufacturers agent, St. John.

INSURANCE—FIRE RECORD.

Hall, May 25.—Thirteen buildings and all the sheds back of the houses on Philomene St. destroyed. The sufferers are as follows: Mrs. Lebel, two tenements, uninsured; Meyers and Daous, occupied by Mr. Laliberté, insured; Mr. Seyers, two tenements occupied by Dufort & Prévost; Mr. Clairmont, one tenement, uninsured; Mr. D'Orsonneus, building occupied by Geo. Champagne and Jos. Morlan, insured; Jos. Champagne, sen., one tenement uninsured; and N. Moreau, one tenement, occupied by A. Roy. Total loss about \$8,000.

Montreal, May 25.—Two stables in rear of 102 St. Denis street, owned by Madame Lucien Arnot, almost destroyed, one occupied by Mr. Gauchier, the other was unoccupied. Loss covered by insurance.

Tecterville, May 25.—Saw and shingle mills, owned by John Bartholomew, with contents, destroyed. Loss about \$10,000; no insurance. Gay's River, N.S., May 22.—Dwelling and contents of Alex. Annand destroyed.

Franktown, May 22.—Cavanagh's saw and shingle mills destroyed. Loss \$6,000.

North Dorchester, May 20.—Barn belonging to John Mossip damaged. Cause, lightning.

London, May 20.—Three barns on the Ridge road, belonging to G.E. Smith, destroyed. Loss \$20,000.

Lowville, May 23.—The Lowville foundry, owned by Mr. Moore, of Hagarville, and occupied by Mr. Shields, and dwelling occupied by Mrs. E. Rumble, destroyed. Loss \$4,000. The foundry is insured for a small amount. Shields loses a large quantity of stock and tools; Mrs. Rumble is uninsured, but her furniture was all saved.

Port Stanley, May 24.—Barn and contents, belonging to John Mitchell, destroyed.

Bosanquet, May 24.—Barn situated on the Lake Road, belonging to Albin Rawlings, together with contents, destroyed. Loss \$2,200; partially insured.

Aylmer, Que., May 27.—Mrs. Fitzsimmon's grocery; vacant house owned by Mr. Goldstein, tailor; residence of W. J. Allan; barber shop of V. Mallette; E. Lauzon's, dry goods store; residence of A. Driscoll; and Mrs. Wiley's grocery, all destroyed. Lauzon and Driscoll only are insured.

Rochester, May 27.—Unoccupied four tenement house, owned by W. Wyatt, destroyed. Loss \$2,000.

Brussels, May 28.—The "Brussels House," owned by John Parker, occupied by Jas. Mannel, Davidson's harness shop, Thos. Fletcher's jewelry store and dwelling, Little Bros.' stationery store, Express and Dominion Telegraph Offices, Mechanics' Institute Library, T. Tate's grocery and liquor store and dwelling, and Carson's butcher shop and dwelling, all destroyed. The losses are as follows: Parker, on building, \$4,500, insured for \$2,300 in the Phoenix; Mannel, \$2,000, on furniture and liquors, insured for \$400 in the Gore District and Lancashire; Davidson, on stock, \$500, insured for \$400 in the Gore District; Fletcher, on building and stock, \$2,000, insured for \$1,250 in the Canada Fire and Marine, Phoenix and Gore District; Little Bros., on stock, \$2,000, insured for \$500 in the Canada Fire and Marine; Tate, on liquors and groceries, \$800, insured for \$400 in the Standard of Hamilton; Carson, on household furniture, \$400, no insurance; Dr. Holmes on buildings, \$1,000, no insurance; Mechanics' Institute Library, \$1,000, no insurance.

Forest, May 28.—Two grain sheds, belonging to Frayne & Willing; and limehouse and coal shed, belonging to one Shaw, destroyed. Partially insured.

St. John, N. B., May 28.—Forecastle of the bark *Carrie Delap* slightly damaged.

Nottawa, May 27.—Grist mill and contents, belonging to Jos. Skelton & Sons, destroyed. Loss, \$6,000; insurance unknown.

St. Sauveur, May 27.—Residence and hangard of Widow Savard destroyed.

Cobourg, May 28.—Residence and outbuilding, situated about a mile from this town, with all the contents, and \$4,000 worth of hams, stored in the cellar, belonging to Mr. Kobold, destroyed. Loss about \$10,000; insurance on buildings, \$3,000 in the Isolated Risk and Liverpool, London and Globe; on household goods \$1,700 in the Western; on the hams, \$1,000 in the Hartford and \$2,000 in the Phoenix of Brooklyn, N. Y. Incendiarism.

Gatineau Point, May 28.—New house belonging to William Derby destroyed. Small insurance.

Chelsea, May 29.—Dwelling of John McDonald destroyed; Part of contents saved. No insurance.

Baie Verte, N. B., May 29.—Barn belonging to Jos. Lingier destroyed, together with all his farming implements.

Point Levi, May 29.—The wharves and docks belonging to the St. Lawrence Warehouse, Dock and Wharfage Co., and a large quantity of lumber belonging to P. McLaren, stored thereon, destroyed. McLaren's loss is \$30,000; and no insurance. The Company are insured for \$4,000 in the Imperial.

Brome, May 19.—House on farm owned by William Johnston, occupied by Albert Hellen, destroyed, together with part of contents. Loss on building, \$600; insured for \$400 in the Ottawa Agricultural.

Commercial.

MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, May 30th, 1878.

Business continues fair, there being an improvement in the retail dry goods trade on account of the fine weather and the preparations people are making for the seaside. Farmers are through with their seeding, and have a little leisure to attend to shopping. The wholesale dry goods trade is kept fairly busy with letter and travellers' orders. Remittances show a slight improvement. Stocks have an upward tendency, owing, no doubt, to the declaration of the usual half-yearly dividends. The outlook, on the whole, is hopeful.

ASHES.—Receipts of Pots very light indeed, yet price declined to \$3.75 to \$3.80 till within the past two days they are stronger at \$3.82½ to \$3.85. A few large lots arriving would, however, probably cause a further decline. There is a fair export demand, but no enquiry by speculators. Seconds, \$3.40; Thirds, \$2.75. Pearls.—Receipts for May 16½ brls. against 67 brls. last year. The stock is moderate. Sales of Firsts at \$5.65 to \$5.70. Nothing doing in Seconds. The receipts since 1st January have been 3,619 brls. Pots and 226 brls. Pearls; deliveries, 81 brls. Pots and 634 brls. Pearls, and the stock in store on Wednesday 29 May was 2,932 brls. Pots and 245 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Light orders for sorting up are still coming forward to some extent, but are for small amounts, and the spring trade may be considered as pretty much over, and manufacturers are now turning their attention to fall goods.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A fair amount of business has been doing since our last issue, with rather easier figures for several lines. Cream of Tartar is considerably firmer in consequence of reports of an advance in France, and stocks here are low. Other articles are unchanged.

DRY GOODS.—The City retail trade is said to be satisfied with the business being done, and now that the time to migrate to the seaside and elsewhere draws near, many are no doubt anticipating their summer supplies, and this is adding largely to the usual everyday sales.

The wholesale trade is kept moderately busy with letter and travellers' orders. Remittances with some are said to have very much improved within the last few days, while others complain that there is really no change for the better noticeable.

Flour.—We have to record another week of dull and declining markets. The stock is not large, and there is no pressure to sell, but, while wheat continues to droop, buyers of flour insist upon a corresponding concession. Quotations about fifteen cents per barrel lower on the week. Toronto, May 30.—Fall wheat, No. 1, \$1.10 to \$1.12; No. 2, \$1.06 to \$1.08; No. 3, \$1.00 to \$1.02. Spring No. 1, \$1.00 to \$1.02; No. 2, 95c. to \$1; No. 3, 93c. to 95c. Barley, No. 1, 57c. to 58c.; No. 2, 48c. to 49c.; No. 3, 38c. to 39c.

Chicago, 10.48 a.m.—Wheat, 97½c June; 94½c July; receipts, 75,000; shipments, 75,000. Corn, 35½c June; 36½c July; receipts, 690,000; shipments, 362,000. Pork, \$8.50 June; \$8.67½ July; \$8.82½ August. Lard, \$6.65 July; \$6.72½ to \$6.75 August; receipts, hogs, 21,000.

Milwaukee, 10.14 a.m.—Wheat, 94½c June; 96½c July; receipts 59,000; shipments, 10,000.

Beerbolm's Report of Yesterday.—Floating Cargoes Wheat and Corn, depressed. Cargoes on passage, Wheat and Corn, depressed. Chicago or Milwaukee off coast, 46s 6d to 47s; Red Winter Wheat off coast, 49s to 49s 6d; California Wheat off coast, 51s 6d to 52s; Corn off coast, 25s to 25s 6d; Corn for prompt shipment, 23s to 23s 6d. California Wheat (just shipped), 50s; California Wheat, nearly due, 51s. Chicago or Milwaukee Wheat to arrive, 43s 6d. Arrivals, Wheat and Corn, small. English and French country markets, unaltered. Imports Wheat past week into the United Kingdom, 170,000 to 175,000 qrs.; imports Corn past week into United Kingdom, 175,000 to 180,000 qrs.; imports Flour past week into United Kingdom, 55,000 to 60,000 bbls. and sacks. Liverpool Spot Wheat and Corn, easier. White Wheat, 16s 8d to 11s; Spring, 9s 4d to 10s 1d; Corn, 24s 6d; Peas, 35s.

FREIGHTS.—To Liverpool, 5s 6d for Grain; Flour, 3s; Ashes—25s Pots, 32s 6d Pearls; Cheese, 35s to 40s.

HARDWARE.—There have been considerable quantities of goods sold during the last four weeks, and dealers are busy receiving and shipping, but prices show no improvement. We have already referred to a move by the tin-plate manufacturers at Swansea to curtail the production, with a view to bringing up prices. At a subsequent meeting, a reduction of 20 per cent. in the amount made, till the end of the year, was agreed to. 180 mills have bound themselves by this agreement, and it is believed 198 will adhere to it.

HAY AND STRAW.—Prices declining for hay, owing to large quantities in market. We quote \$9 to \$11.50 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs. each. Pressed hay, \$14 per ton. Straw, \$6 to \$7 per 100 bundles of 12 lbs. Pressed straw, \$13 per ton.

LEATHER.—Since our report of last week no improvement has taken place in this line; in fact, owing to the holidays, business has rather fallen off. We look for a better demand next month; but it is very doubtful if prices advance. Nice medium Splits are enquired for; also prime medium waxed upper, but at unprofitable prices to the tanner. No. 1 B A sole is in good demand with limited supply. Hides continue about the same.

LIVE STOCK.—The arrivals of live stock from the West at Point St. Charles during last week were fifty-five carloads of cattle for shipment to Britain and sixteen carloads for sale on this market; also 1,000 Chicago hogs, which chiefly belonged to city butchers. Business has been very dull, except for cattle to ship to Britain, for which there is a good demand. The price ranges from 4c to 5c per lb. A number of good milk cows have been offered during the week and command from \$30 to \$42. Some poor ones have been sold for \$16. Calves were plentiful, and sold at from \$ to \$5 each. Sheep and lambs were more plentiful than usual. The brisk demand for good lambs last week caused a very large number to be brought to market.