

parties unknown.' The insurance is \$700.—Aylmer, 23rd.—Duncan McMillan's barn and shed burned, caused by a spark from the engine while threshing clover seed. Loss \$1,000, insured for \$400.—Durham, 20th.—W. C. Brown's farm house and \$800 in cash consumed. No insurance.—Brockville, 25th.—B. W. Richards' frame rivet factory burned, upper floor gutted, machines on lower floor injured. Loss perhaps \$7,000 to \$10,000, insurance \$9,000. Smart & Shepherd lose some stock and machinery stored, covered by insurance.—Lindsay, 26th.—G.T.R. freight shed and storehouse, with seven laden cars and other goods burned. Loss \$40,000. W. D. Mathews & Co. lose probably \$15,000 on grain. Toronto, 26th.—Farley's dry goods shop on King Street was the scene of a fire among velvet, silk and wool goods, occasioned, it is supposed, by a spark from the electric light. Loss claimed to be several thousand dollars.—Windsor, 26.—Mr. Albert Winter's dwelling damaged \$100. Mrs. W. claims to have lost \$300 in money by theft during the fire.—Listowel, 27.—Banner printing office destroyed, contents partly saved. Loss above insurance placed at \$2,600.

OTHER PROVINCES.—Bridgetown, N.S., 20th.—The canning factory of F. C. Nutt, the district court house, the moulding shop and smith's shop of Craig's foundry (in which the fire originated), were all burned. Mr. Craig's loss is \$8,000; insurance, \$1,700. Mr. Nutt's \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000. The court house was insured for \$800.—Gratton, N.B., 21st.—Frank Rankine's dwelling damaged badly, furniture saved; loss, \$2,000; insured in N. B. & M. for \$800.—Halifax, N.S., 22nd.—Albert Wilson's barn burned, his brick building damaged; insured for \$2,000 in Western on house and \$400 on barn. S. K. Hatfield, a tenant, has \$800 in Citizens on furniture.—Rothesay, N.B., 22nd.—The steamer *Maggie Noble* burned to the water's edge; loss, \$1,800; insurance, \$1,000.

## Commercial.

### BRITISH MARKETS.

—The weekly report of the Edinburgh share market by Messrs. Bell, Begg & Cowan, dated 24th ult. quotes Canada North-west Land shares at 40s. to 41s. a fall of 2s. from previous week: Hudson Bay 24½ a fall of 1; Canadian Pacific, 45½ to 46½ a fall of a half; Grand Trunk seconds 46½, a fall of 4. The circular adds: "A goods business has been done in Canadians, but this market has been flat, and quotations have given way considerably. Grand Trunk Second Preference shows the heaviest decline, being 4½ lower, at 46½, and the Third Preference has fallen 1½, at 20½-1. The meeting passed off quietly. In response to lower prices from New York, Americans have been freely offered, and a fall has to be recorded, ranging from ½ to 2. Insurance shares also have been quiet, and quotations are without alteration. Investment Company shares have been irregular."

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Nov. 5th, 1884.

The trade situation is even less encouraging than a week ago, and by a reference to our remarks under the various heads, it will be seen that in no line is there anything like activity. Even in groceries there is some slackening of distribution, and as for dry goods, the season is now so well advanced that there is little chance of further large lots of goods being placed. The weather continues of a most dismal nature, more or less rain falling every day, and this no doubt exerts a depressing effect on trade, as in many parts of the country roads are well nigh impassable. In a few instances payments are spoken of as slightly better, but general reports are not much improved. Stocks are exceedingly dull; sales of only 400 shares were reported yesterday, and to-day's business was even less, but values remain fairly steady. The demand for money also continues very light and rates are unchanged.

ASHES.—The receipts of pots since January 1884 to date have been 5,627 brls.; pearls, 765 brls., making 6,392 brls. as compared with a total of 7,497 brls. for same period of 1883, showing the falling off to be over 1,100 brls. in the receipts. As showing that business this year has been poor, it may be stated that in spite of smaller receipts, stocks in store are 400 brls. in excess of what they were Nov. 1st last year, being now 1,473 brls. against 1,074 a year ago. The market at the moment is weaker, No. 1 pots being quoted at \$4 to \$4.15, seconds about \$3.50; pearls nominally \$5 still.

DRY GOODS.—The situation presents no improved features. The orders coming in are very small indeed, and some houses report letters from customers saying that it would be of no use for travellers to call as they would make no further purchases this fall. One house reports a few fair orders from the Eastern Townships, but all other houses consulted complain of general lightness of business. City retail trade is better than the miserable weather would lead one to expect, and in several cases we hear reports of slightly improved remittances, but these are the only few noticeable bright streaks in an otherwise gloomy sky. The bulk of the little demand existing at the moment is for underwear and kindred woollens.

CEMENTS, &c.—In cements, fireclay, &c., there is no disposition to concede on prices, which are firmly held at quotations. Portland Cement, \$3.25 per brl.; round lots \$2.90 to \$3; Roman, \$2.75; Canadian, \$1.75; Fireclay, \$2 per bag; Firebricks, \$22 to \$30 per thousand as to brand.

FISH.—The total receipts of Labrador herrings, so far, are estimated at only 3,300 brls., against over 30,000 brls. last fall, and two-thirds of what have come have been shipped west. At the moment there is probably not more than 700 or 800 brls. in the market altogether; sales have been made at \$6 to \$6.50. Cape Breton herrings, \$5.25 to \$5.75; dry cod, \$4.25 to \$4.75; under liberal receipts green cod has declined in price, No. 1 being sold at \$4.50 to \$4.75; No. 2, \$3.50 to \$3.75; North Shore salmon weaker at \$14, \$13, and \$12 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; British Columbia salmon \$12; Mackerel, \$4 to \$6; lake trout, \$4.25 to \$4.50.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade in these lines is in no way improved, neither do remittances show any improvement. As regards prices there is little change; iodide of potash has advanced 10 per cent. and is now quoted at \$1.80 to \$2.00 per lb. Bleaching powder is a little stiffer, while quinine is if anything a shade weaker. We quote: Sal Soda \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; Bi-Carb. Soda, 2.50 to \$2.60; Soda Ash \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$10; Borax refined, 11 to 12½c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 32 to 34c.; do ground 36c. to 38c.; Tartaric Acid crystals, 52½ to 55c.; do. powders 55 to 58c. per lb.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.50 to \$3.00 according to lot; Alum \$1.75 to \$1.90; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Ground Sulphur, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Flowers Sulphur, sublim per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.25; Roll Sulphur, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.75 to \$3.50; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Salt-petre, \$9.00 to \$9.50; German Quinine, about \$1.10 to \$1.20; American do., \$1.20 to \$1.25; Howard, \$1.25 to \$1.35; Opium, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Morphia, \$2.20 to \$2.30; Gum Arabic, sort, 28 to 33c.; White, 40 to 55c.; Carbolic acid, 45 to 55c.

FLOUR.—The market is only moderately active. Receipts last week were 24,483 barrels, and stock on hand Saturday last 42,240. Values remain pretty steady, and we quote: Superior Extra, \$4.00 to 4.05; Extra Superfine, \$3.87½ to 3.90; Fancy, \$3.75 to 3.80; Spring Extra \$3.75 to 3.80; Superfine, \$3.40 to 0.00; Strong Bakers (Canadian) \$4.50 to 4.85; American ditto., \$5.00 to \$5.50; Fine, \$3.10 to 3.15.

FURS.—Of raw furs only small quantities are yet coming forward, and prices remain just as quoted. In a fortnight or so, receipts will probably be more liberal. Local furriers are all pretty busy, and looking for a fair season. There is no decline looked for at sale of salted season in London this month, as fine skins are always in demand at high prices. We quote for prime skins: Beaver, 2.75; Bear, \$8.00 to 10.00; do., cub, \$4.00 to \$6.00; Fisher, \$4.00 to \$6.00; Red Fox, \$1.00 to 1.20; Cross do., \$2.00 to \$3.00; Marten, \$1.00 to \$1.10; Lynx, \$2.50 to \$3.00; Mink, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Muskrat, 8 to 10c; Otter, \$8.00 to \$10.00; Raccoon, 50c average; Skunk, 40 to 60c.

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