

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, in-  
sured 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 machin-  
ery 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, occasion-  
ed, 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 de-  
stroyed, contents partly saved. Loss above in-  
surance 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 origi-  
nated), 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 in-  
sured 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; in-  
sured 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 Prefer-  
ence 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, Ameri-  
cans have been freely offered, and a fall has to be  
recorded, ranging from ¼ to 2. Insurance shares  
also have been quiet, and quotations are with-  
out 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, show-  
ing 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 im-  
proved 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 gen-  
eral 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 her-  
rings, 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 Tar-  
tar* crystals, 32 to 34c.; do ground 36c. to 38c.;  
*Tartaric Acid* crystals, 52½ to 55c.; do. powders  
55 to 58c. per lb.; *Cautic Soda*, white, \$2.40  
to 2.60; *Sugar of Lead*, 9 to 11c.; *Bleach-  
ing 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 Sul-  
phur*, 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 prob-  
ably 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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