

tle, their lands, and finally themselves, so that all the Egyptians became the slaves of Pharaoh. This looks like little transactions sometimes done in New York Exchanges."

#### FIRE RECORD.

London, Ont., Dec. 14.—The barn of Mr. Hovcroft destroyed by fire, together with two horses; insured for \$100, supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Lancaster, Ont., Dec. 16.—A wooden tenement house owned by J. Meadows was destroyed by fire; insured in the Niagara District Mutual for \$700. The house was occupied by Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Tinkiss; very little of their effects saved; no insurance.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 17.—An unoccupied building owned by Mr. Ferdinand totally destroyed by fire; also a house owned by Mrs. Doherty adjoining. Mr. Ferdinand's loss is about \$500; no insurance. Mrs. Doherty's loss is about \$800; insured in the Western for \$500. Cause incendiary.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.—A saw mill at Oxford, Cumberland County, owned by C. D. Fillmore, was destroyed by fire.

Hochelaga, Que., Dec. 17.—The French Church was badly damaged by fire; also the stables and hay lots of W. Scroggie, provision dealer, Messrs. Hall & Co., Ransom, and McDonald respectively. In these buildings a number of horses and cows were stabled several of which were burned to death. Loss \$75,000, supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Galt, Ont., Dec. 18.—Hogg and Ford's oatmeal mill destroyed by fire, also Young & Speer's cotton factory and glove factory; the axe factory was damaged but not seriously. Loss \$12,000; insured in the Waterloo Mutual, Gore and Wellington Mutual and the Hand-in-Hand.

Westport, Co. Leeds, Ont., Dec. 18.—Dier's carriage factory was totally destroyed by fire together with contents. Loss \$3,000; insured for \$1,000.

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 19.—The cabinet warehouse of J. Jackson was badly damaged by fire; insured for \$1,200, and the owner of the building, Mr. Horton, is insured for \$400; loss about \$2,000.

Brooklin, Ont., Dec. 20.—A house occupied by Mr. Balsom was destroyed by fire, most of the furniture saved, supposed to have started from a stove. Insurance unknown.

Caledonia, Ont., Dec. 19.—A tin-shop owned by R. E. Walker was totally destroyed by fire, together with most of the contents. Loss about \$2,000; building insured for \$400, and stock for \$1,000.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Four wooden houses in Queen street were destroyed by fire. Loss \$3,000; no insurance.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 20.—A house in McAddie's terrace, occupied by Wm. Pettie, was destroyed by fire, also an adjoining tenement occupied by N. Weese. McAddie's loss is about \$1,000; Weese's loss about \$100.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 20.—R. Hurry's jewellery store, at North Sydney, was destroyed by fire; insured for \$1,500.

Hamilton, Dec. 22.—The new malt house of Wm. Osborne damaged by fire; also the drug store of Messrs. A. Hamilton & Co. Loss about \$400; fully covered by insurance.

Peterboro, Ont., Dec. 23.—The English Church sheds were destroyed by fire, supposed to be the work of an incendiary; no insurance. Mr. Hall's residence was saved with difficulty.

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#### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23rd, 1875.

Since our last review there is nothing noteworthy in the condition of trade, nor can it be expected till the Spring business begins to develop. Of holiday retail city trade, there is almost nothing, the complete thaw of the last two days having destroyed the sleighing and made the roads almost impassable again. Remittances from the country have been better this week. Money continues easy for all legitimate uses, but just as difficult as usual for other purposes. There is, however, little demand. Good paper is discounted at 5 to 6 per cent, but higher rates are charged according to the character of the makers. Stocks are easy. The large number of Montreal Telegraph Shares which changed hands recently, do not seem to have had much effect or developed the intentions of the manipulators. But we shall see what we shall see. The financial feature of most interest lately, was the opening on Friday last of the Mechanics' Bank with Mr. Dunn, late accountant, as Manager. Time will reveal how long it will take to set matters on a sound basis or to exhaust the assistance procured from Molson's. The late directors of the Bank Jacques Cartier have had action instituted against them by the Hon. Charles Wilson to recover damages suffered by him through the late administration. This is a popular move, as it is felt that a little more light should be let in on the late management of the concern. Sterling Exchange is weak and dull, sympathizing with New York, and rules at 9½ to 9¼ for round amounts of 60-day bills.

ASHES.—The quantity of Pots inspected has been very light. 32 brls Pearls have been inspected during the week. There are 180 brls Pots and 50 brls Pearls now awaiting inspection after the turn of the year. The sales of the week comprise 75 brls first Pots at \$1.85 to 4.00, and a few Seconds at \$3.80 to 3.85. Thirds nominal. No sales of Pearls reported. The receipts for the year to date are: 14933 brls Pots, 2486 brls Pearls. The deliveries 13243 brls Pots, and 2443 brls Pearls, and the stock in store this evening is 2078 barrels Pots, and 1036 barrels Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Few orders coming in. No change in prices. We quote:—Men's kip boots, \$2.75 to \$3 do; French calf, \$3 to \$3.75; do buff congress, \$2 to 2.50; do split brogans, \$1.10 to 1.25; ditto kip brogans, \$1.30

to \$1.50; boys' stoga boots, \$1.25 to \$1.90; ditto buff and pebbled congress, \$1.40 to \$1.50; women's buff and pebbled balmorals, \$1.30 to \$1.75; ditto prunella balmorals, 75c. to \$1.75; ditto congress, 75c. to \$1.75; misses buff and pebbled balmorals, \$1.00 to \$1.25; ditto prunella balmorals and congress, 70c. to \$1.35; children's ditto ditto, 50c. to 75c.; turned cacks, 25c. to 50c.

CATTLE.—At the St. Gabriel market on Monday, there was a large number of cattle offered for sale, many of them being splendid animals intended for Christmas beef. About 22 carloads were on the market against 40 last week and 9 the week before. Nearly all the cattle were in very choice condition. Buyers, however, were not very plentiful, many preferring to wait a little longer before killing their Christmas beef, and the prices obtained were, compared with the quality offered, rather low. 20 head of extra steers and heifers were sold at \$6.00 per 100 lbs live weight, the average weight being 1400 lbs. Several two year old heifers and steers brought 66.00 or a little over \$5.00 do do; several more were sold at \$60.00, being nearly \$5.00 do do; 8 more steers were sold at \$5.00 do do by weight, and a very fine fat bull was sold for \$120. A good number other fine steers and heifers were sold at prices ranging from \$4.50 per 100 lbs live weight to \$5.15 do do, and some fair cattle at from \$3.50 do do to 4.25 do do. Altogether the cattle offered on Monday may be said to have been very superior, every thing offered being well fattened, and, with the exception of a few raw-boned oxen, showed superior breeding. 65 sheep were sold at \$5.00 each and several more lots offered without finding purchasers. At Viger market on Tuesday, very little was doing; there were few cattle offered, and those few were inferior. The market to-day was tolerably supplied with fair to good cattle, and on the week's operations we may quote prices: Extra superior, \$5.50 to \$6.00; First class, \$5 to \$5.25, per 100 live weight; do good, \$4.25 to \$1.75; do medium, \$3.50 to \$1.00; inferior, \$3.00 to \$3.25 do. Sheep—Good quality, \$5.00 to \$6.00 each. Lamb—Good, \$2.00 to \$3.00; extra do, \$4 each. Sheep and Lambs from \$3.50 to \$5 each. Milch cows, in fair demand, worth \$40 and \$0 each for good; milking \$20 to \$30. Working oxen by the yoke, \$90 to \$120.

Hogs are in small demand and prices are notably unchanged at \$6.25 to \$6.50 per 100 lbs. live weight, a id are worth about \$7.50 to \$8.00 dead weight.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Little or nothing doing. Prices are without change and nominal. We quote: Soda Ash at \$1.90 to 2.25; Sal Soda, \$1.50 to 1.75, according to quantity; Soda Bicarb \$4 to 4.25; Caustic Soda, ¾c to ¾c; Alum, 2 to 2½. Extract Logwood continues scarce and firm at 12c. to 12½c. for bulk, and for packages in proportion. Bleaching Powder 2½.

DRY GOODS.—The splendid sleigh roads leading from all directions into the city had the most satisfactory effect upon the retail trade during the early part of the week. The same quietness usual at this season of the year, pervades the wholesale, with the exception of a few little orders. Money comes in much more freely this week than at any time earlier in the month, and a decided change for the better is looked for as the season advances, and the country roads in the west improve.

FISH.—This being Christmas week, everything in this department of trade is quiet. Holders, however, are firm in their views. Prices are nominally unchanged. Labrador Herrings \$5.00. Other fish firm at quotations but demand light. Dry cod, cwt \$5.50; brl. No. 1, \$5.50; Draft Codfish in Hhds. No. 1, \$7.25; No. 2, \$6.75. Green Gad, \$5.50 to \$6.00; Mackerel in small demand, No. 1, \$8.60; No. 2 \$7.50. Canned goods nominal. Salmon in good supply and steady. No. 1, \$15; No. 2, \$14; No. 3, \$13. White Fish quiet, \$4.50 for round lots; Trout \$4.25 for quantities.

FLOUR.—Is again easier, although the arrivals have not been large, they have been in excess of the wants of the trade, and holders have accept-