

## BUSINESS CHANGES.

We note the following business changes for the past week:—Dissolutions:—Sheffield & White, general store, Brockville, continued by W. White; Gibb & Tatlow, manufacturers' agents, Montreal, continued by P. T. Gibb, under style of P. T. Gibb & Co.; Sewell & Hailstone, woodenware, Quebec; Moore & Sweetman, gents furnishings, Hamilton; and Greenfield Bros. & Co., tailors, grocers, etc., Amherst, N.S., continued by S. R. W. C., and H. M. Greenfield, under style of S. R. Greenfield & Sons.

Offer to compromise:—F. J. Chubb, grocer, Guelph, at 10 cents on the dollar.

Compromised:—Wm. Forgie, stores, Cobourg, at 50 cents on the dollar.

Commencing or recently commenced business:—Jos. Rouchty, boots and shoes, Dublin, Ont.; Been & Hyman, flour mills, Dublin, Ont.; Campbell Bros., dry goods and grocers, Flora; Baker & Brown, wholesale cigars, Hamilton; John Onisack, grocer, St. Thomas; Hy. Gratton sash and door factory, Strathfordville; Saml. Ryan, dry goods and grocer, Thedford; J. F. Gimson & Co., woollens and tweeds, Toronto; P. G. Stewart, boots and shoes, Toronto; and R. Smith, grocer, Welland.

Sold out:—Hy. Arnold, stoves and tin, Gran- ton; John Haines, grocer, crockery and fancy goods, Teeswater, to Allan Malcolm; T. Brown- low & Co., general store, Toronto; and R. Smith, grocer, Thorold.

Called meetings of creditors:—J. Green jeweller, Hamilton; and Geo. Moorhead Manu- facturing Co.

New co-partnerships: J. Rhéaume & Co., boots and shoes, Montreal, composed of Jos. and Edmond Rhéaume; and Kelly & Sullivan, liquors, St. John, N.B., composed of M. Kelly and John O'Sullivan.

A demand of assignment has been made upon M. H. Tompkins, manufacturers' agent, Mont- real. Horace King was admitted as partner to the firm of S. T. King & Son, saw mill, St. John, N. B.; the business to be carried on as S. T. King & Sons.

—As anticipated in a previous issue, the composition of John Holmes, wholesale shoes, of Toronto, has fallen through owing to the recent insolvency of his security. The estate has been offered for sale *en bloc*, and has been purchased by Messrs. Farley & Oliver, of Toronto, for \$22,000 cash.

—The Hessian fly is committing great de- predations upon the wheat crop in Pennsylv- ania, and in some localities its ravages have been so serious that the farmers have ploughed down their wheat and planted the ground with corn.—*N. Y. Telegram*.

## FIRE RECORD—INSURANCE.

Batiscan, June 15.—Steam sawmill and match factory owned by G. Brunelle, destroyed. Loss, \$10,000; no insurance.

Dartmouth, N.S., June 15.—House owned and occupied by Richard Innis, badly damaged.

Montreal, June 17.—Tug *Walney*, owned by F. B. McNamee & Co., slightly damaged. Cause,—overheating of the boiler furnace.

Toronto, June 19.—Gas metre testing room of the Inland Revenue Departments considerably damaged. Loss about 1,000.

Huntingdon, June 18.—Store of Wm. Walsb

destroyed. Most of contents were saved. Par- tially insured.

Brussels, June 18.—A number of stores and offices, among which are the Harrison's Bank, Post Office and Dominion Telegraph Co., de- stroyed or damaged. All the mail matter was saved. The sale of the post-office opened in the midst of the flames, and a large amount of postage and bill stamps were consumed, with some valuable private papers. The losses are as follows:—D. Scott and Son, general store, on stock, \$2,500, insurance \$500; J. R. Grant, postmaster, on building, \$1,800, insurance \$900. The other losses are small.

Ottawa, June 18.—House owned by Madame Campani damaged. Loss \$500.

Severnbridge, June 19.—Large shingle mill, and about 200,000 shingles destroyed. Building partly insured.

Gatineau Point, June 13.—Dwelling of Wm. Scharf, destroyed. Small insurance.

Toronto, June 17.—Stables and outhouses belonging to M. O'Halloran damaged. Loss \$800; insurance \$1,200.

Côte St. Paul, June 19.—Residence of Jas. Parkyn, slightly damaged. Cause—ex- losion of a coal oil lamp.

Campbellford, June 18.—The Campbellford Woollen Mill owned by a joint stock company, and occupied by D. Morrice & Co., of Montreal, and stables of the Queen's hotel, owned by R. Cockburn, destroyed. The machinery belonged to the occupants. Loss \$30,000; the insurance is as follows:—on machinery, Royal, \$3,000; Queen, \$3,000; Citizen's, \$3,000; Gore, \$2,000; Royal Canadian, \$1,000; Northern, \$2,000. On wool, British America, \$1,500; Scottish Impe- rial, \$2,500; Phoenix, \$3,500. On boiler, &c., British America, \$1,000.

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, June 20th, 1878.

The general business of the week has been quite moderate, and without any manifestation worthy of note in any one department. Prices are generally very low in most lines, merchants being satisfied with small profits, and every in- ducement is held out to reliable purchasers. A very fair spring trade has been done, but profits have been light. The smallwares and fancy goods trade has been unusually brisk, and prominent houses express themselves highly sa- tisfied with the results of the season's business. The excellent prospects of a good harvest again this year are having a visibly strong effect in promoting an improved tone and greater con- fidence in business circles. There are, however, as yet too many persons in business in both city and country, and a little farther weeding out must take place ere the proper proportion of sel- lers to buyers is reached. The list of casualties is gradually decreasing, and it is not too much to augur that we shall soon see the beginning of the end. There can be no doubt that until the number of banking institutions also is lessened, business will not attain a thoroughly healthy state, and the sooner some of the weak concerns recognise the logic of events and retire from the field the sooner will illegitimate traders again seek a surer return for their abilities in the service of the merchant who has his own capital invested in his business. Stocks are not materially changed since our last review. The money market is easy. Remittances are, we trust, capable of much improvement.

Asiatic.—Receipts moderate, and with a fair demand prices have remained firm. About 200 brls. First Pots have been sold at \$3.70 to \$3.75; Seconds, \$3.35; Thirds, \$2.60. Market closes steady. *Pearls*.—No transaction this week, the latest sale was 10 brls. First sort at \$5.55. The receipts since 1st January have been 4,639 brls. Pots, 298 brls. Pearls: the deliveries 3,238 brls. Pots 681 brls. Pearls: and the stock in store on 20th June at noon, was 3,355 brls. Pots and 270 brls. Pearls.

Boots and Shoes.—Business continues quiet, and a moderately fair sorting-up trade is being done. Stocks of spring goods are well reduced. Prices remain without material change, and we still hear of some fall orders being placed at very low rates, which can hardly afford the manufacturers a living profit. This is becoming the curse of the business.

Flour.—There is a fairly active demand for fresh ground flour, both for shipment and for the local trade. The stock is decreasing, and the business generally becoming more satisfac- tory.

WHEAT.—No. 1 Canada Spring, Toronto in- spection, has been sold to arrive at \$1.01, and No. 2 in store at 98c. Market quiet.

Toronto, June 20.—Wheat, Fall No. 1, \$1.05 to \$1.07; No. 2, \$1.03 to \$1.05; No. 3, 95c to 97c; Spring No. 1, 96c to 97c; No. 2 92c to 93c; No. 3, 87c to 88c. Barley, No. 1, 58c to 60c; No. 2, 56c to 57c; No. 3, 46c to 42c. Peas, No. 1, 66c to 67c; No. 2, 65c to 66c. Oats, No. 1, 31c to 32c; No. 2, 30c to 31c. Corn, 42c to 47c. Flour, Superior, \$1.55 to \$4.60; Extra, \$4.35 to \$4.40; Fancy, \$4.10 to \$4.15; Strong Bakers', \$4.10 to \$4.15; Spring Extra, \$4.05 to \$4.10; Superfine, \$3.50 to \$3.55; Fine, \$3.20 to \$3.25. Bran, \$10.50 to \$11. Clover Seed, \$4.10 to \$4.20. Timothy, \$1.55 to \$1.60. Hogs, none. Butter, old, 4c; new, 10c to 12c. Wool, 20c to 21c. Cargo No. 1 Spring sold at 96c, same offered for more, but held higher now; 92c bid for No. 2. No demand for call at over \$1.03 for No. 2. Spring Extra sold at \$4.10.

Chicago, 10.53 a.m., June 20th.—Wheat, 92c July; 86c Aug.; receipts, 19,000; ship- ments, 98,000 bush. Corn, 37c July; 37c Aug.; receipts 156,000 bush.; shipments, 297,000 bush. Oats, 24c June; 23c July; 13c Aug.; re- ceipts, 42,000 bush.; shipments, 27,000 bush. Pork, \$9.17 July; \$9.32 Aug. Lard, \$6.87 July; \$6.97 Aug.; receipts, hogs, 22,000. Prospects firm and higher.

Milwaukee, June 20.—Wheat, 95c July; receipts, 49,000 bush.; shipments, 21,000 bush.

Beerbohm's Report.—Floating cargoes Wheat and Corn unchanged. Cargoes on passage, Wheat, higher prices asked, but no advance established. Cargoes on passage, Corn, quiet. Weather in England shows signs of improving. Liverpool Spot Wheat, quiet. Corn, firm. Amount on passage, Wheat, 1,107,000 bush.; Corn, 588,000 bush.

Private message to Michaud & Coones.—Wheat market inactive; transactions of a light character and favoring buyers.

New York, 12 a.m., June 20.—Chicago, \$1.07 to \$1.08; Milwaukee, \$1.07 to \$1.08; receipts, 70,000. Corn quiet, 42c str.; receipts, 77,000. Pork, \$10.10 July; Lard, \$7.20 July.

Liverpool Press Report, June 20.—Flour, 22s to 24s. Red Wheat, 8s 10d to 9s 4d. Red Winter, 10s 1d to 10s 3d. White, 10s 3d to 10s 6d. Club, 10s 6d to 11s. Corn, 22s to 22s 6d. Peas, 3s 6d. Pork, 43s. Lard, 3s 9d. Cheese, 48s. Consols, 95 7-16.

Drugs and Chemicals.—Business has been very quiet during the week, with little change of note in any direction. At the manufacturing centres in England, a rather more hopeful feel- ing prevails, and there is rather more enquiry for goods without, however, materially affect- ing prices, although there is some expectation of higher figures. Quinine is steady, and its fu- ture movements is uncertain. Opium is dull and slightly lower on account of reports from Smyrna of a crop above the average. This ar- ticle is, however, or has been, controlled to a very considerable extent by speculators.

Dry Goods.—The city retail trade has been tolerably busy, the warm weather of the last few days having its effect in selling the lighter fabrics suitable for the season. The wholesale is, with the exception of a few sorting orders, quiet. Remittance are far from being satis- factory.

FURS AND SKINS.—We quote: Rats, Spring, 13c to 16c; Rats, Winter, 10c to 13c; Rats, Fall, 8c to 10c; Fox, \$1.10 to \$1.20; Lynx, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Martin, 75c to \$1.00; Otter, \$3.00 to \$5.00; Mink, Dark Prime, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Mink, Pale, 25c to 50c; Beaver, Winter, clean Pelt, per lb.,