

**Insurance.**

**FIRE RECORD.**—Port Hope, 20th Oct., 1869.—Mr. J. N. G. Lodge, agent, writes:—This afternoon about five o'clock, the frame dwelling of W. Hooley on lot 32, 11th concession, township of Hamilton, was burned down. The family being away from home at the time, nearly all the furniture was lost. Loss about \$2,000. No insurance.

Niagara, Ont., Oct.—The barn attached to Rousseau's Hotel, together with two barns and sheds adjacent belonging to Mr. O'Neil, were destroyed by fire. Loss stated at about \$1,500.

East Gwillinbury Township, Ont., Oct. 14.—House of Mr. Wreggitt was consumed; no insurance. Oct. 15.—The Eastville Hotel in the same township with all outbuildings, occupied by Jos. Armitage. Three horses were burned with the stables. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Cobourg, Ont., Oct. 17.—Queen's Arms Hotel, a large wooden storehouse with the buildings attached was consumed. Also, Mrs. Lander's and Mr. Clench's, sheds and outhouses. The hotel belonged to Jno. Cowley, and was insured in the Provincial for \$1,000; so says the *Sentinel*. Mrs. Lander had a policy of \$100 in the Hartford, and Mr. Clench \$100 in the Western.

Port Colborne, Oct. 23.—A dwelling house unoccupied, belonging to Paul Kingston, was burnt down last night. Insured to the amount of \$800. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Toronto, Oct. 25th.—A fire destroyed the distillery of Messrs. Gooderham & Worts. Loss \$150,000; no insurance. The plan of being their own insurers has been adopted by Messrs. Gooderham & Worts with reference to this property, a certain sum being set aside annually to accumulate against such a contingency. Twelve houses, brick and frame, at the corner of Queen and Brock streets, were consumed. Only two were insured. D. B. Johnson had \$800 on his furniture, &c. Loss settled at \$400. J. Perry was insured for \$1,000 in the Western.

Montreal, Oct. 25.—A fire broke out in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday morning which completely destroyed that edifice. The loss is partly covered by insurance. The Liverpool, & London & Globe has \$17,000 on the church and \$3,000 on the organ; the Royal has also \$17,000 on church and \$3,000 on organ; altogether \$40,000. The Unitarian Church was also destroyed, insured in London Assurance Corporation for \$15,000. It is a suspicious circumstance that fires broke out in several other places in the city on that night. The Fire Marshalls have commenced an investigation into the origin of the fires. Some of the firemen had a narrow escape with their lives.

Country Harbor, N. S., Oct. 12.—The quartz crushing mill of D. McDonald was destroyed, said to be covered by insurance, cause unknown.

Hamilton, Oct. 25.—The woodman's office and weigh-scales of the Great Western Railway were destroyed.

Pictou, N. S., Oct. 14.—The mills of J. Ritchie and Jno. Cavanah at the west branch of River John were destroyed. Loss \$8,000 to \$10,000—no insurance.

Arthur, Ont., Oct. 23.—Barn of P. O'Reilly with contents.

—A correspondent of the St. John press gives the following list of vessels driven ashore at various points, some of them having beached in favorable situations during the latest storm: Machias Port, 11; West Quoddy Bay, 18; Rummery's Bay 5; Broad Cove, 9; Eastport, 10; Deer Island, 20; Indian Island, 1; Clam Cove, 8; St. Andrew's Bay, 2; Calais, St. Stephen, and one the river, 26. Total. 121.

—The Dominion Parliament is to meet on the 15th February next for a short session.

**Financial.**

**MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.**

Reported by Robert Moat, Broker.

NORTH BRITISH CHAMBERS,  
Montreal, Oct. 26, 1869.

The difficulty of finding good investments, and the rapid advance in prices, has, to some extent, restricted business. The most marked changes are in Bank of Montreal and Merchants' Bank, both of which have advanced from two to three per cent. Money is very abundant, both at the banks and on the street, and rates for discount are now six to seven and eight to ten respectively.

**Banks.**—There was an active demand throughout the week for all descriptions, and with very few exceptions a general advance in prices has been established. The principal demand was for Montreal, which is now held for 167, and Merchants', which was largely dealt in at 106½ to 107. Du Peuple sold at 105, but 106 would now be paid. City is inquired for, with sellers at 92. Ontario closes very firm, with buyers at 99 and sellers at 101. British sold at 106½, 106½, and 106½; Canadian Bank of Commerce at 109½; and Royal Canadian at 60 and 61. There was a decline in the latter, but sellers here are now holding in expectation of higher prices. There are buyers of Toronto at 126; Molsons' at 101½; Quebec at 103; Gore at 57½; Jacques Cartier at 109; Eastern Townships at 100; Union at 106.

**Sundries.**—There have been no transactions in either railroad or mining shares, and prices remain unchanged. Montreal Telegraph Company sold at 136, and City Passenger Railway at 107½, which is still offered. City Gas is asked for at 139, sellers holding for 140. Richelieu Company is in demand at 122½. Canadian Navigation Company remains unchanged, with buyers at 99½, and sellers at 100½.

**Bonds.**—Governments continue in good demand, but unchanged in price. Dominion Stock sold at 106. Montreal City Bonds sold at 98, at which price they are still procurable.

Exchange on London closes dull at 9 to 9½ for banker's bills, and 8 to 8½ for private.

**TORONTO STOCK MARKET.**

(Reported by Pellatt & Osler, Brokers.)

The improvement noted in our last report has been sustained during the past week. The transactions have been numerous, and prices have in many cases materially advanced. All securities are in good demand.

**Bank Stock.**—Montreal has steadily advanced during the week; sales were made at 164 to 165½, closing firm at the latter rate. British is in steady demand at 106. Ontario has advanced, with sales at 97½, 98, and 99, and no sellers now under par. Toronto is in demand at 125½, at which rate there have been small sales. Large sales of Royal Canadian were made during the week at 60 and 60½. Commerce has been freely dealt in during the week at 109½ and 109½. Gore is inquired for, but no sales in this market. Merchants' has advanced, with buyers at 107. There are buyers of Quebec at 102½. Sales of Molsons' were made during the week at 102; the stock is inquired for at par. There are buyers of City at 90, with sellers at 91. Du Peuple is in demand at 105, and no sellers under 105½. Sales of Jacques Cartier were made at 108½, at which rate there are buyers. Union Bank is in demand at 106; no sellers under 107.

**Debentures.**—No Canada on market. Dominion Stock sold at 106½, 106½, and 106½; it is in fair demand. Considerable sales of Toronto were made at rates to pay 6½ per cent. interest. County are in good demand at par; very limited amount offering.

**Sundries.**—No City Gas in market; buyers offer 111. There are buyers of British America

Assurance at 65; no sellers. Considerable amounts of Western are in market, offering at 90. There were considerable sales of Canada Permanent Building Society at 124½, 124½ and 125; the stock is in demand at the latter rate. Western Canada Building Society is in demand at 121½; none on market. There are buyers of Freehold Building Society at 121½; but no stock offering. Huron and Erie Savings and Loan Society sold during the week at 113½, and is still asked for at that rate. Sales of Montreal Telegraph at 136, and in demand. Canada Landed Credit is asked for at 80½ to 81. Mortgages have been freely dealt in at 8 per cent.

—Mr. T. W. Griffith, formerly of Montreal, has opened an office in New York, and, as he informs us with good prospects of success in his new place of business. His announcement will be found in our advertising columns.

**Railway News.**

**GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.**—Traffic for week ending October 8, 1869:

Passengers .....	35,485 38
Freight.....	39,089 54
Mails and Sundries.....	2,553 26

Total Receipts for week.....	\$77,128 18
Corresponding week, 1868...	95,232 09

Decrease .....

**GREAT WESTERN OF CANADA.**—Remarkable but agreeable results will be noticed in the monthly revenue statement for August, 1869. The gross traffic earnings have declined by \$31,425, the working expenses including renewals increased \$15,018, and consequently the net earnings or working profits are less by \$46,443, yet the net profits available for dividend, after the deduction of interest charges, and loss by exchange are more by upwards of \$7,000, being \$41,928 against \$34,810 for August, 1862. It follows that the interest charges and loss by exchange must be very much less than they were in August, last year.—*Herepratt's Journal*.

**INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.**—Mr. A. P. MacDonald writes to the press to the effect, that he has lately examined the road from River du Loup to Truro and finds that the contractors acknowledge that their prices are far too low, even after all the advantage that can be given them by change of location and grade, amounting in some sections to \$20,000, and on others to \$100,000. Complaint is made of Mr. Fleming's mode of awarding the monthly estimates, by paying not according to the schedule of prices, made by the contractors, but a per centage of the value of the work done according to the bulk sum. Mr. MacDonald considers that the work will cost from 20 to 50 per cent. more than it has been let at.

—Kingston is to be the terminus of the proposed railway from Madoc to the frontier, that city having offered a bonus of \$50,000.

—The Montreal City Passenger Railway are about to use steam engines, for the propulsion of their cars. The engine will be under the floor of the car, the boilers standing upright on the front and rear platform.

—The St. John *Telegraph* says that an agent for an English mining company has purchased Jamieson's Island, in Quoddy River, New Brunswick. The island is small, but the prospects of rich discoveries of copper are flattering. At Adams' Island, in the same locality, two shafts are sunk by a Halifax company, and the ore obtained is of excellent quality and tests high.

—Some Montreal firms are said to be heavy losers by the failure of the firm of Lumsden and Co., Quebec.