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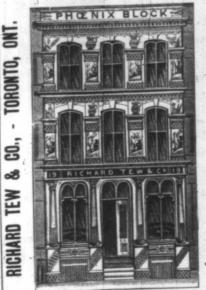
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-About 11,000 persons were thrown out of work by the Lynn and Boston fires.

—Mr. W. C. Morson, who has been acting as accountant in the branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Simcoe for some time, has been appointed manager of the Jarvis branch.

—A large number of bear skins have been brought into the cities this fall, says the Victoria Times, and have sold at good prices. The price of bear skins has almost doubled within the past two years.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

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Ashes.—The market is about dead, with values lower; we quote \$3.35 to 3.40 for first pots, and pearls about \$4.80 nominal. The prospects for the trade are blue, the demand is steadily lessening, and despite the smaller production prices keep steadily going down. Unless makers reduce the product still more there is little probability of any recovery in values. In support of this latter statement, we would give the following facts: Receipts this year are some 650 barrels less than in 1888, but in face of this, values had declined at the close of navigation this fall fully \$1.00 per cwt., and to further emphasize the situation, stocks of pots are over 400 barrels at date, as against 245 barrels at close of last year.

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stocks of pots are over 400 barrels at date, as against 245 barrels at close of last year.

Drugs and Chemicals.—The feature of the market is the jump in camphor; English is now quoted at 70 to 75c., and the refined article has not yet fully responded to the advance, in crude which is higher than it has been for seventy years. Cream tartar keeps advancing, with argols very scarce and high, and we put up quotations slightly; opium is higher in Smyrna and London, but New York is yet unchanged, the larger operators waiting to squeeze the smaller men out before putting up values; morphia is working up; insect powder is about the only article showing any decline, being now quoted at 45 to 50c. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.00 to 1.15; bi-carb soda, \$1.90 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$11.70; bi-chromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 9 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 30 to 319.; do. ground, 31 to 35c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 48 to 50c.; do. powder, 50 to 53c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.35 to 2.50; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.75 to 3.00; alum, \$1.50 to 1.60; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to 2.40; roll sulphur, \$2.10 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.75 to 1.90; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 45 to 50c.; German quinine, 45 to 50c.; Germa to 50c.; Howard's quinine, 60 to 65c.; opium, \$4.25 to 4.75; morphia, \$1.90 to 2.10; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to 1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$5.00 to 5.25; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$6.50 to 7.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$1.75 to 2.25; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.50; orange, \$2.90 to 3.10; oil peppermint, \$3.75 to 5.00; glycerine, 25 to 28c.; peppermint, \$3.75 to 5.00; glycerine, 25 to 28c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 70 to 75c.; American do., 58 to 63c.; insect powder, 45 to 50c.

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Dry Goods.—Last week's retail business in city and country was most disappointing, the dull, rainy weather prevailing nearly everywhere having a very depressing effect upon Xmas shopping. Saturday and Monday's return to a clear seasonable atmosphere had an excellent effect upon city trade at least, an endless procession of shoppers filling the