

bank refuses to make any claim thereupon, and it is supposed that friends of the parties will arrange the matter, in one case at least, which we trust will prove to be correct.

FIRE RECORD.

ONTARIO.

Wyeale, March 30.—Residence of John Rankin destroyed. Loss about \$800; no insurance. 31.—Boarding house in connection with A. & R. Fleming's saw mill destroyed. Loss about \$500; no insurance. *Otterville*, April 1.—M. Durkee's tannery destroyed with contents. Loss about \$2,000; building insured for \$600 in the Phoenix of Toronto. *Virgil*, 2.—Residence of George Cairns destroyed with most of the contents. Loss \$4,000; insured for \$1,400. *Chatham*, 4.—Building occupied by Ridley & Patton, druggists, damaged to the extent of about \$500; fully insured in the Dominion, and Canada Fire and Marine Cos. *Hampton*, 4.—M. Cryderman's saw mill destroyed. Loss about \$1,500; no insurance. *Camden East*, 4.—Residence of J. S. Jackson destroyed. Loss about \$1,200; insurance small. *Watertown*, G.—J. L. Barber's cabinet factory destroyed. Loss \$3,000; insured for \$1,500. *London*, G.—Massie's boat house destroyed.

QUEBEC.

Sherbrooke, March 25.—The oil store of Messrs. Lucke & Mitchell and W. W. Beckett totally consumed. Messrs. Lucke & Mitchell lost about thirty barrels of kerosene, fully insured in the Citizens. They also lost a carload of coal. The building, belonging to B. A. Land & Co., was not insured. Loss about \$600. *Quebec*, 30.—A three-storey house, occupied in part by G. A. Bolduc, watchmaker, Mr. Baylis, toys, and private residences, destroyed. Loss about \$18,000. *Hochelaga*, 30.—The freight sheds and station of the Q. M. O. & O. R.R. totally destroyed. Loss between \$5,000 and \$6,000; fully insured in the Sovereign Fire of Toronto. *Montreal*, 30.—Gareau's grocery destroyed. Loss about \$500. *Rimouski*, April 5.—The R. C. college totally destroyed. Loss estimated at \$60,000; insured for \$15,000 in the Royal of England and \$10,000 in the Queens.

Financial and Commercial.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, 7th April, 1881.

The season continues backward, and business men seem to be awaiting the opening of navigation and reduction of freight rates. Some departments, however, exhibit increased activity, and on the whole the volume of business for the week shows some improvement. The grain tonnage at this port during next month is expected to be large; the capacity is estimated at about 4,000,000 bushels, and it is stated that some 600,000 bushels of grain have been sold by one firm alone for delivery between the 1st and 20th May. The money market is unchanged. In stocks little interest has been manifested, and transactions have been unimportant. The high prices seem to have deterred both investors and speculators from operating to any extent. The market closes dull, with values about steady.

Sales to-day: Morning Board—87 Montreal at 185; 15 People's at 90; 3 Merchants at 119; 20 Commerce at 114; 8 Graphic at 59; 25 Exchange at 132; 50 Montreal Telegraph Company at 128; 25 do at 127; 60 Richelieu at 62; 50 do at 62; 20 City Passenger at 118; 30 do at 118; 267 City Gas at 147; 100 do at 146. Afternoon Board—7 Montreal at 184; 113 do at 185; 100 Ontario at 102; 113 Molsons at 109; 50 Commerce at 143; 15 Hochelaga

at 78; 25 Exchange at 136; 25 Richelieu at 62; 45 City Passenger at 118; 100 City Gas at 146; 15 Montreal Loan and Mortgage Co. at 109.

ASRKS.—Receipts have been light, and, with a brisk demand, the market for First Pots has slightly improved. Sales of about 100 bris at \$3.95 to \$4.00, and very heavy tares \$4.10. Seconds scarce; a barrel sells now and then at \$3.50. No Thirds here. Pearls continue neglected. Receipts for the week, 5 bris Seconds. No sales reported. Receipts since 1st January, 2790 bris Pots, 180 bris Pearls. Deliveries, 1476 bris Pots, 50 bris Pearls. Stock in store at six o'clock on Wednesday evening, 1402 bris Pots and 151 bris Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The situation is practically unchanged, manufacturers being still busy on back orders, with no prospective change in prices. A few more country customers, while sorting-up in other lines in this market, have visited our large houses during the week, but their purchases were small. No complaints heard against remittances.

CATTLE.—The supply at the market on Tuesday last was small, though averaging in quality that of the previous week. Sales were somewhat dull, but without affecting prices, 5½c to 5½c per lb. being the figures for choice lots; inferior from 4c to 5c. The Guelph, Ont., Easter market was largely attended by dealers from all points throughout the Province, and good prices were realized, the figures being from 4c to 7c per lb., according to quality.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Nothing of interest has transpired in connection with the Butter trade; receipts have been light during the week, and stocks are slowly being reduced. The stock of butter here is estimated by judges to be from 5,000 to 6,000 packages,—sufficiently large for the season. English mail advices are quite discouraging, and note a recent decline in prices in both London and Liverpool. The demand here is confined to the city trade, at 20c to 22c for new make, and 17c to 19c for best grades of Fall butter. Some lots have been re-shipped during the week to points west, where better prices have been obtained than could be had here. A lot of 50 pkgs of good useful dairy was reported sold here on Tuesday at 18c for the local trade. It is said that a few orders were received from the lower ports, but holders refused to accept the low figures bid. In New York the demand has been fairly active for table butter, and really choice sells closely at about former rates. The export demand amounts to nothing worthy of note, and shipments of actual butter this week are expected to be small. Cheese remains unchanged; jobbing lots here are worth 13c to 14c for factory, and 11c to 12c for dairy. The Liverpool market is reported per cable dull at 68s. 6d. for good American and Canadian. In New York the only demand for export is for choice and fancy stock, which holders are not anxious to sell, as these grades are scarce and well under control; little business is therefore done. The home trade there is dull.

Dry Goods.—Although some houses have been busier than others, on the whole a comparatively quiet week has been passed. The cold, frosty weather which has prevailed since Saturday last has greatly retarded business in both wholesale and retail departments. Customers have been in the market from the Townships, Three Rivers, and Quebec, also from the Ottawa District and western towns, buying moderate-sized parcels; but, compared with the expectations to which the lively business done earlier in the season gave rise, the number of buyers who have visited the city during the past month is small; in recent years the larger percentage of business has been done through the travellers, and the operation of this modern movement, or change of method, has been especially noticeable this season. This may account for some disappointment, heretofore noted, as to the effect of the cheap passenger

rates, which remain in force on the G. T. R. until the 15th inst. Business now consists chiefly in filling back orders, and those received by mail; and for the remainder of the season the demand will likely be of a light, sorting-up character. Travellers are preparing for their second trip, and will probably go out next week. Although importations were considerably heavier than last year, stocks, which are yet pretty well assorted, are expected to be well reduced by the end of the season. Buyers for some of our leading houses will leave here for the English market next week. No changes advised in prices for any of the staple or fancy lines of goods. Payments on the 4th inst. were quite as good as at the like date last year, and it is gratifying to be able to state that one or two leading houses who complained last month report an improvement.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is no favorable change to report regarding business in this line. Dullness still prevails, more so than usual for this season, and prices are nominal and unchanged. Reports from England show a downward tendency with a slight decline in *Blanching Powder* and *Sul Soda* and very little business doing.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The British wheat markets have been firm and advancing during the week, especially since Saturday. The unreasonable weather has been quite unfavorable to the winter wheat crop, the future of which depends so much upon the present critical stage of its growth. Yesterday Chicago and Milwaukee wheat off coast advanced 6d per qr. in England and red winter off coast was quoted 9d higher. To-day the English markets were firm but scarcely so strong; in Liverpool wheat was in good consumptive demand at previous quotations, and the decline in corn received a check. The western wheat markets have been somewhat unsettled, but firmer this week, in consequence of the unfavorable weather throughout the wheat-growing sections of the States. To-day Chicago market is reported ½c lower than yesterday, No. 2 Spring wheat being quoted at \$1.05½ May, and \$1.06½ June. New York steady, with values a shade lower. In the local market little business of importance has been done in grain. There have been a few sales of wheat on export account at \$1.26 to \$1.27 for white and red winter, and of peas at 90c for May; 20,000 bush were reported sold yesterday at this price. No. 2 Toledo red wheat would cost about \$1.23 laid down here. There has been considerable demand for rye, and prices have advanced several cents within the week; yesterday some 35,000 bush changed hands at \$1.02½ May, and \$1.00 per bushel was asked in the West, but there is not much to be had, as most of it has been bought by Montreal dealers for shipment. The stock of rye in Canada is estimated at between 85,000 and 90,000 bush. Oats have sold in car lots at 35c, but for cargo lots shippers will not pay over 34½c. Barley steady at 75c to 80c; few or no offerings on spot. In sympathy with the advances in the English and American markets, flour has been held for higher prices here, but buyers have not readily responded, and but little business has been done. Millers are asking \$5.35 for Superiors, which is about the outside figure buyers here are willing to pay, leaving no margin for the dealers. There is a difference of about 10c between buyers and sellers, and but a local trade will likely be done until the opening of navigation. Values show an advance of about 5c for the week.

FRUITS.—The cold weather during the week has unfavorably affected trade, and the market is reported as dull as possible for everything. Apples almost unsaleable; market demoralized by heavy receipts from Ontario, and shipments are out of the question. In a few cases during the winter shippers have had to make remittances to England to meet deficits on poor stock. Several carloads of damaged fruit have arrived from the West with the week, and remain a