

FIRE AT WINNIPEG.

A fire broke out on the 21st instant, in a warehouse adjoining the Dyson Company's building which at the time, was being filled with pressed hay. The flames quickly spread to the building occupied by the Rat Portage Lumber Company. The building was covered by a metal roof, which we learn greatly impeded the work of the firemen; the lumber in the building was kiln dried. The insurance carried by this company is as follows: *On Building*—Northern, \$3,500; Law Union & Crown, \$3,500; Commercial Union, \$2,750; German American, \$3,000; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$2,250. Total, \$15,000. *On Stock*—Commercial Union, \$2,250; Guardian, \$6,000; Norwich Union, \$2,500; North British & Mercantile, \$5,000; Manitoba, \$5,000; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$12,000; Phoenix of Hartford, \$6,500; Phoenix of London, \$2,500; Hartford, \$6,500; Phoenix of Brooklyn, \$2,000; British American, \$5,000; North America, \$3,500; Connecticut, \$1,500; London, \$1,500; Sovereign, \$1,000; Richmond & Drummond, \$2,500; Atlas, \$1,500; Mercantile, \$1,500; Central Canada, \$1,500; Pacific Coast, \$1,500. Total, \$71,500. Both stock and building are a total loss.

Merrick Anderson, Warehouse & Tarring Factory. *On Stock*—Northern, \$3,000; Equity, \$2,000; Dominion Fire, \$2,500; Canadian Fire, \$3,500; Liverpool & London & Globe, \$2,000; Ottawa, \$1,000. *On Building*—Norwich Union, \$1,200; North America, \$600. Loss about 75 p.c.

THE MONTREAL CITY COUNCIL is still talking about water and pumps. The chief anxiety of the aldermen seems to be regarding, not future improvement, but responsibility for past blunders. It was decided to get another report and have some more meetings. We do not see that masterly inactivity could much further go—even on the eve of a civic election. Montreal cannot afford to take any chances regarding its water supply. It is nothing short of criminal to do so.

FREDERICK L. CUTTING, for the past ten years insurance commissioner of Massachusetts, and one of the most highly respected insurance commissioners in the United States, last week retired from active service on account of failing health.

DECEMBER DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST**STOCKS.**

Bank of Montreal.....	2½ % Quarterly
Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	2 " "
Quebec Bank.....	1½ " "
Bank of Toronto.....	2½ " "
Hochelaga Bank.....	2 " "
Bank of Ottawa.....	2½ " "
Merchants Bank.....	2 " "
Standard Bank.....	3 " "
Union Bank.....	1½ " "
Bank of Hamilton.....	2½ " "
Sovereign Bank.....	2 (for 4 months period)
Home Bank.....	3 Half yearly
Richelieu.....	1½ Quarterly
Woods Pfd.....	1½ " "
Ogilvie Pfd.....	1½ " "

BONDS.

Ogilvie Flour.....	3 Half yearly
Price Bros.....	3 " "
Sao Polo.....	2½ " "
Trinidad Electric.....	2½ " "

Stock Exchange Notes

Montreal, Wednesday, p.m., 27 Nov., 1907.

The market shows an improved tone and an upward tendency in prices. With the exception of Detroit and Toledo, stocks are generally higher and the pressure of liquidation seems relaxed. Montreal Power, Dominion Iron Common, Twin City and Toledo were the leaders and Detroit United and Toronto Railway were also active. The advance seems likely to go a little further, but it is not considered probable that any pronounced or prolonged rise will take place while money conditions remain as at present. The bargain hunters are still in evidence and a large amount of stock in the aggregate is being taken up in small lots by investors. Montreal Power, Lake of the Woods Common and Toronto Railway seem to be favored, but the investment buying is well scattered through the list and some industrials which now show a large yield are being bought by the more speculative. The money market in Montreal is unchanged, very little new money is coming out and rates remain the same, from 6 per cent. to 7 per cent., for call loans. A number of the leading houses are paying dividends on 2nd December. The Bank of England rate is unchanged at 7 per cent.

C.P.R. closed with 145 1-4 bid, an advance of 3 3-4 points for the week on limited trading of only 93 shares. The earnings for the third week of November show an increase of \$225,000. Soo Common transactions totalled 350 shares and it closed 1 point up with 71 bid. Montreal Street advanced 2 1-2 points and closed with 165 bid and 373 shares changed hands. Toronto Railway closed with 87 1-2 bid, a gain of 4 points on sales of 952 shares. Twin City was the most active of the tractions and 1,204 shares were traded in. The closing bid was 74, an advance of 3-4 points. Detroit Railway sold below 31 and closed with 31 1-8 bid, a net loss of 5-8 points on sales of 991 shares. Toledo Railway closed with 9 1-4 bid, a loss of 2 1-4 points and 1,095 shares changed hands. Illinois Preferred is 1-2 point up with 71 bid, and 145 shares figured in the trading. Halifax tram closed with 90 bid as compared with 89 on sales of 97 shares.

R. & O. is up 3 3-4 points, closing with 53 1-2 bid and 341 shares were dealt in. Mackay Common on transactions of 495 shares advanced 3 1-2 points to 48 bid. The Preferred closed with 54 1-2 bid, an advance of 1 1-4 points and 210 shares changed hands. Montreal Power was the most active security, and 1,618 shares were involved in the trading. The closing bid was 82 3-4, a gain of 2 3-4 points.

Dominion Iron Common sales brought out 1,280 shares, and the closing bid was 13 5-8c, an advance of 3-8 points. The Preferred closed 2 points higher with 38 bid, and 480 shares changed hands. The Bonds were traded in for \$33,000, and closed at a decline of 3-4 point with 66 1-4 bid. Dominion Coal Common is fractionally stronger at 38 bid, and 305 shares were dealt in. In the Preferred, 11 shares changed hands at 85, but there were no sales in the Bonds. Nova Scotia Steel Common closed with 53 bid, an advance of 3 1-2 points on sales of 225 shares. In the Preferred, 10 shares sold at 108 and 25 shares at 106. The Bonds were not traded in.

Lake of the Woods Common closed with 68 bid, and 362 shares changed hands. The trading in the Preferred involved 58 shares, the last sales being made at 99 1-4, and in the Bonds \$7,000 sold at 102 and \$5,000 at 100. Dominion Textile Preferred figured to the extent of 164 shares and closed offered at 78 with 76 bid. The closing quotations for the Bonds were as follows:—Series A and C. 79 bid, Series B. and D. no quotation.

Call loans in Montreal continue to rule at 6 per cent. The ruling rate in New York to-day was 6 per cent., and the London rate was 5 per cent.

	Per cent.
Call money in Montreal.....	6
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Call money in London.....	5
Bank of England rate.....	7
Consols.....	82 1-2
Demand Sterling.....	9 1-2
Sixty days' sight Sterling.....	8 1-8