

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 21st, 1894

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average.
Montreal...	220 1/2	220	36	231	270 1/2	238
Ontario					112	120
People's						112
Molson's					165	175
Toronto	230 1/2	230 1/2	9		230 1/2	230 1/2
Jac. Cartier ..						130
Merchants	156	156	16	156 1/2	156	167
Commerce	134 1/2	134 1/2	43	135 1/2	134 1/2	147 1/2
Union						
M. Teleg.	145	144 1/2	170	146	145	142
Rich. & Ont.	84	83 1/2	619	83	83 1/2	76 1/2
Street Ry.	169 1/2	169 1/2	462	170	169	192
Gas	179 1/2	179 1/2	192	179 1/2	179 1/2	233
C. Pacific Ry.	70	69 1/2	530	69 1/2	69 1/2	84 1/2
Land Grant B'ds ..					109	108
N. West Land.						
Bell Tele.	137	137	5	139	136	16 1/2
Montreal 4%						

NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY AMALGAMATION.

A cablegram from London says the shareholders of the Windsor and Annapolis Railway have confirmed the purchase of the Yarmouth and Annapolis Railway. This road, eighty-seven miles long, was formerly known as the Western Counties Railway. It has had a checkered career, and was sold to the Windsor and Annapolis Company for \$1,225,000. By its absorption the Windsor and Annapolis Company gets a trunk line from Halifax, to the land of Evangeline to Yarmouth, 217 miles, where the road connects with the Yarmouth line of steamers to Boston. It is said that the next move will be to absorb the Yarmouth line of steamers, and thus obtain daily connection with Boston, and send Nova Scotia passengers to Montreal and Western Canadian points via Boston. Another project is for the railway company to run a daily steamer between Annapolis and St. John to divert the Canadian Pacific summer tourist travel from the Intercolonial Railway across the Bay of Fundy and to the Windsor and Annapolis road.

REMARKABLE INSURANCE CASE.

A remarkable insurance case—Needler v. The Standard Accident Insurance Company—was concluded in the Lord Chief Justice's Court on Wednesday. The plaintiff is an accountant and money lender at Hull. In December, 1892, he took out policies in four companies insuring against accidents. Soon after completing the last of the four policies the plaintiff took out a gun license and purchased a gun. In a few days an unfortunate accident occurred. Whilst the plaintiff was handling the gun it exploded and blew off his left hand. He sent in claims to each of the four companies for a "partial disablement," and the companies, after conferring with each other, combined to resist the claim, on the ground that the plaintiff had concealed material facts in the original proposal, and that the injury to his hand had been self-inflicted with the view of perpetrating an "abominable fraud" on the companies.

The case was tried at Leeds in the summer, but the jury could not agree upon a verdict, and it was re-tried in London. The case has occupied many days. The jury found that the claim contained false statements, but that the statements in the proposal were not untrue, that the policy was not obtained by misrepresentation, that the claim was not intentionally false, and that the injuries were not intentionally self-inflicted. Mr. Waddy, for the defendant company, claimed judgment on this finding, and it was arranged that the points of law involved shall be argued at a special sitting. Afterwards a consultation took place at the suggestion of the lord chief justice with a view to a settlement, and we are informed resulted in the defendant companies agreeing to pay plaintiff £1,050 and the costs of both actions.—*Manchester Courier*, 21st January.

—The Dominion and Beaver steamship companies, it is said, as well as the Allan Company, will supply their steerage passengers with free outfits for the voyage.

—Some of the residents of Warton desire to have a market established in that town.

—An attempt was made in Kaslo, B.C., a short time ago, to resuscitate the Kaslo Board of Trade, and reorganize it as a purely local board, but the people of the town did not support the scheme, and the probability is that this board will soon be a thing of the past.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

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ASHES.—The market is again a shade weaker, \$4.25 being now the outside quotation for No. 1 pots; seconds fairly steady at \$3.75 to 3.80. There have been a few transactions in pearls within the last few days at about \$5.55, and 13 brls have been shipped to Europe. There have also been a few shipments of pots. There are indications of a falling off in receipts.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The volume of business in this line of manufacture is, on the whole, considered satisfactory, though orders are not so good as last spring. We hear of one large house reducing their staff somewhat, but their immediate neighbors report an increase of business, so that on the whole a fair average may be recorded. A manufacturer from Quebec, now in town looking for stock, reports quite an improvement in the activity of the shoe business there after the late dull spell.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—No improved demand for cements can be noted yet, but with the turn of the month some movement is hoped for. Quotations are nominal at former figures. Firebricks are still moving out in fair lots at prices ranging from \$20 to \$25 as to brand.

DRY GOODS.—A good many of the travelling salesmen are now through with their first spring trip, and will "lay off" for a while before getting samples revised and starting on the sorting trip. City retail trade is quiet as usual in February, but payments are fairly sustained. Country collections are slow; the general shutting down of mining operations, and the Somerville failure in the Huntingdon district, are affecting remittances in this province.

FISH.—There has yet been no slackening of the Lenten demand. Salt herring are wanted, and no further supplies are available; fresh herrings are in fair supply at from 75c. to \$1.75 per hundred as to quality and lot; green cod also scarce, and No. 1 large held at \$8; dry cod, none, but of skinned cod in 100 pound boxes there is a fair supply at 5 1/2 to 6c., boneless cod 6 to 7c.; Labrador salmon, none; B.C. ditto, \$12.50 to \$13.50 in barrels.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Feb. 12, '94.	Feb. 12, '94.
Wheat, bushels	636,614	636,311
Corn "	4,855	4,655
Oats "	153,460	145,371
Rye "	38,261	38,261
Peas "	153,514	156,056
Barley "	48,738	48,345
	1,035,442	1,028,799
Oatmeal "	306	193
Flour "	60,031	60,503
Buckwheat "	4,028	4,028

FURS.—The depression in raw furs remains in full force. Manufacturers who have returned from London say that they could almost get

furs at their own price, and some of them are repenting of having bought too freely even at the low prices, evidently expecting that values will go still lower in some lines at least. Receipts of raw furs here are comparatively moderate, and local dealers are not at all anxious buyers.

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