

remain firm. Valencias may still be quoted, at 6½c to 7c, Layers at \$2.50 to 2.60, and new currents at 6½c to 7c. *Fish*—There is no change to note; business has been quiet, as in other branches. *Sugar*—The market presents the same features as were noted last week. There has been little or no increase of stocks, and holders maintain a firm attitude. There are indications in the New York market that importers anticipate a little earlier receipt of the new crop. Holders seem to think it advisable to work the old stock down, whenever it can be done without breaking the market. Stocks are not heavy but apparently sufficient for the prevailing call. *Tobacco*—There has been very little stir during the week, and no change in prices. *Flour*—This staple has been in moderate demand, established brands especially being wanted to complete orders from the Lower Provinces. There has also been a fair inquiry to meet consumptive wants. The Liverpool market is reported the same as last week. There have been sales here of Extra at \$5.80 f. o. c., but \$5.70 to 5.75 comes nearer the views of buyers. Fancy has been inquired for and could be sold at \$5.60 in car lots. No. 1 superfine has been held at \$5.40 to 5.45, and for choice \$5.50 is asked. The only reported sales, however, have been at \$5.35 at Weston.

*GRAIN*.—*Wheat*—The market has been completely stagnant throughout the week, buyers holding off in view of the weaker tone of the English market, induced by the large surplus of stocks over the consumptive demand. This seems to have paralysed the entire American export trade, and lowered values in all markets. In the absence of all transactions it is difficult to quote prices. It is probably somewhat near the mark to say that spring wheat is worth \$1.16 to 1.18; Treadwell, \$1.18 to 1.20; and white, \$1.25 to 1.28. *Barley* has been steadily inactive all week, with very little offering, and the demand chiefly on local account. Choice No. 1 would be taken by brewers at 66c to 67c; No. 2 was offered at 60c to 62c and refused. The receipts both by rail and on the street were trifling; farmer's loads selling at 64c to 66c. *Pease*—The market remains entirely inactive and nominal, nothing offering except a few loads on the street, where the price has been 65c to 66c. Very little of the crop has been marketed in this section. *Oats*—The liberal receipts of last week have kept the market easier, and buyers have been holding off. Car loads have been offering freely at 44c, with 43c bid and refused. *Rye* is still nominally quoted at 70c for street loads, of which very few have been offered. *Corn*—No. 2 Western can be bought at 61c to 62c. Small lots of crushed sell as before at 65c f. o. b.

*SEEDS*.—Some small lots of clover have been sold on the street at \$6.75 to \$7.00; other kinds not offering, and prices nominal.

*LEATHER*.—There has been no change of any consequence, business generally getting smaller as the year closes.

*LIVE STOCK*.—Holiday stocks of meat are still heavy, and very little disposition has been shown to embark in new operations. The supply of cattle has been trifling and partakes of the ordinary character furnished previous to Christmas. 1st class heaves may be quoted at 4½ to 5c live weight, 2nd class 4c, and 3rd class 3½ to 3½. Sheep and lambs have not been offered, or inquired for during the week.

*HIDES AND SKINS*.—There has been a moderate supply of country green hides, which continued to fetch the old prices, notwithstanding the still weaker feeling, and slower demand for cured stocks. *Sheepskins* have also been in good supply at \$1.50 to \$1.70, with occasionally \$1.00 to \$2.00 for a superior Christmas article.

*OATMEAL*.—There has been no movement in wholesale lots, which are held at \$4.75 to \$4.80. Small lots sell at \$5.00 to \$5.25, and some extra

brands at as high as \$5.50. *Cornmeal* is unchanged at \$3.40 to \$3.50 for small lots. *Bran* continues scarce, ton lots are worth \$17.00 here.

*PROVISIONS*.—The market for hog products remains stationary at last week's quotations, very little doing outside of the local trade. C C Bacon in round lots is held at 6½, and sales at that figure are reported; for small lots 7½ to 8c has been paid. Very little doing in hams, prices unchanged at 9½ to 10c, salt, 10½ to 11c smoked, in small lots. *Rolls* sell to retailers as before at 11c. *Lard* for local use continues to sell at 9½ to 10c. *Pork* remains dull and nominal at \$14.50 to 15.00. *Dressed Hogs* have been offered pretty freely, and some speculative buyers, ignoring the reports from the Western American markets, have operated to a considerable extent, storing their supplies in expectation of an advance in prices. Packers have thus been almost excluded from the market, not seeing their way clear to pay the current rates. There were sales on Saturday of railway hogs, averaging 180 lbs at \$5.30, but on Wednesday not more than \$5.20 could be had for car lots, averaging 215 lbs., and in one or two instances this rate was accepted, indicating a weaker feeling in the market. *Butter* continues dull for all kinds except really fine, which could readily be placed at 17 to 18c., but this class of butter is difficult to procure at almost any price. For small choice lots suitable for the retail market, 19 to 20c. could easily be had. Common butter is neglected and nominal as before at 12 to 15c. *Cheese* remains quiet and unchanged, only small lots enquired for, which are held firmly at 12 to 12½c. *Eggs* offered only in retail lots, which sell at 20 to 22c. *Dried Apples* continue scarce; the best qualities held firmly at 8½ to 9c. in small lots. *Hops*.—Few choice to be had; for such there are still buyers at 50c. *Salt* quiet and unchanged.

*Wool*.—Pulled super. continues in good demand with buyers at 38c; combing ditto is worth 40 to 42c. No fleece offering.

## MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, 26th Dec.

As may be expected at this season, the business done in a wholesale way has been very limited; the retail trade, however, has been very brisk. As the winter roads are now in a good condition it is expected that business in all departments will be good after the holidays. Breadstuffs are quiet, and nearly nominal. Ashes are easier. Provisions in fair demand at steady prices. Dry Goods quiet. The weather has been very changeable; on Friday, the thermometer indicated 25 below zero; on Saturday night we had heavy rain, accompanied with a gale of wind, which lasted some hours, doing a good deal of damage to some buildings in the city; since then we have had mild weather with cloudy sky.

*ASHES*.—*Pots*.—This market has been much quieter this week, and prices have fallen considerably; firsts have fallen to \$7.15 from 7.50, but as holders are not disposed to part with their stocks at these prices only a limited business has been done; seconds, \$6.50; thirds, \$5.50. *Pearls*.—In the early part of the week firsts sold at \$8.75, since then they have declined, and the closing sales were at \$8.55; seconds were taken at \$8.00. The stocks at present in store are Pots, 246 brls; Pearls, 29 brls., this is a decrease of 305 brls. Pots, and 652 brls. Pearls on the stock shed at the same date of 870.

*BOOTS AND SHOES*.—We have to notice an advance in the price of some kinds, and a still further augmentation is looked for very shortly. Business is quiet; there is, however, a brisk demand for beef boots and moose mocassins, the stock of which is by no means large. We now

quote: Men's No. 1 stogas, \$2.50 to 2.62½; No. 2 do. \$2.25 to 2.30; kid clump, \$3; do. D S, \$2.75 calf clump, \$3.75; calf congress, \$2.50 to 3; boys' boots, \$2 to 2.25; women's calf boots DS, \$1.30; buff ditto, D S, \$1.25; split do, D S, \$1.10; buff congress, D S, \$1.35; balmorals, D S, \$1.40 to 1.60.

*CATTLE*.—There has been a very fine display of Christmas Cattle in the market this week, and sales of first quality were readily made at \$8 to 9; second quality, \$7 to 8; third, \$4.50 per 100 lbs. *Sheep* in fair demand at \$5 to 6. *Lambs*, \$3 to 4 per 100 lbs. *Live Hogs* meet a fair enquiry at \$4 to 4.25 per 100 lbs.

*DRESSED HOGS*.—The receipts are now getting large, and there has been a brisk demand at from \$5.30 to 5.75 according to weight, the principal sales having been at our outside figure.

*DRUGS AND CHEMICALS*.—The business done this week has been very small; prices continue firm, but unchanged. Prices in England for heavy articles are reported as being rather higher. We do not repeat quotations.

*DRY GOODS*.—We have no new features to notice in this market which has ruled very dull as is generally the case at this season of the year, the only demand has been for small lots for sorting up purposes.

*FURS*.—There is still a moderately active business doing in raw furs, the receipts of which are large; prices have a slightly downward tendency. We quote: Cross fox \$4; red fox \$1.25 to 1.50; pale martin \$1.50 to 2; mink \$3.50 to 4.75; bear \$7 to 10; lynx \$1.50; fisher \$4 to 6; beaver \$1.25 to 1.50; fall muskrat 10c.; winter do, 12½c; spring do 20c; otter \$6 to 8; raccoon 30c to 40; skunk 20c. to 50.

*FISH*.—No wholesale demand exists at present; prices are generally firm at the following rates: Dry Cod \$4.00 to 4.25. Green Cod in brls., at \$4.75 to 5. Salmon \$15.00 to 15.50. Labrador split Herrings at \$3.50 to 4.25. Canso Herrings \$3.25 to 3.75.

*FLOUR*.—Receipts for the past week, 7,500 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date, 932,783 brls, being a decrease of 91,507 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1870. Shipments for the past week, 600 brls. As usual at this season there has been no demand except for local wants, and the present stand still in the market will likely continue till after the holidays. Foreign advices have been on the whole favorable, but there has been very little alteration in prices here. Market closed quiet here at the following rates: extra \$6.30 to 6.35; fancy \$5.05 to 6.10; ordinary supers from Canada wheat, \$5.90 to 5.95; strong bakers' flour, \$6.00 to \$6.20; Welland Canal flour, \$5.90 to 5.95; Canada super No. 2, \$5.45 to 5.50; fine, \$4.90 to 5; middlings, \$3.50 to 4; Pollard's, \$3 to 3.50; Upper Canada bag flour, \$2.70 to 2.75; oatmeal at \$4.75 to 5.

*GRAIN*.—*Wheat*.—Receipts during the past week, 2,717 bush. We have no shipments this week to record. There have been no transactions to record, prices are purely nominal. *Maize*.—There has been a light demand for this cereal for retail lots, holders are firm, asking 65c. *Oats*.—Market has ruled dull. Some few lots have changed hands at from 32c to 34c. *Barley*.—There have been no sales of any consequence transpiring, holders are generally asking from 52c to 55c. *Pease*.—Market without any animation; prices nominal at 81c to 82c. *Timothy Seed* is inquired for at \$1.80 to 2.

*GROCERIES*.—*Tea*.—A fair business has been done in Young Hyson and uncolored Japans within the following ranged; Japans, 37c to 52; Imperial, 45c to 62c; Old Hyson, 45c to 75c; Young Hyson, 42½c to \$1; Congou, 35c to 75c; Souchong, 35c to 80. *Sugar*.—There has been no transactions reported during the week, but prices are quoted firm and unchanged. *Molasses*.—There has been some enquiry, but