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—The whole of *Punch's* original Round Table has been at last dissolved. There is no longer surviving a member of the band that in years gone by every week sat at dinner to meet Mark Lemon, Douglas Jerrold, Leech, and Thackeray. The last has just passed away in the person of Mr. Percival Leigh.—“And I'll take a dozen ears of green corn,” he said, as he wound up his order to the grocer. “Gracious me! but you don't expect green corn the last of October, do you?” “No, sir; but we'll get it next July, won't we?” “Yes.” “Then make the order for next July. I'm very absent-minded and am continually forgetting something. I've tried to think of green corn all summer, but forgot it day by day, and now I'll order in time.—*Detroit Free Press.*”

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Nov. 20th, 1889.

ASHES.—There have been some fair direct shipments since last writing, notably one lot of 102 barrels, and stocks in store are somewhat reduced, being 325 pots, with pearls, down to 114 barrels, the lowest figures for a good while. Prices, however, are still easier, first quality pots being quoted at \$3.40 to 3.50, second \$3.10.

BOOTS, SHOES, AND LEATHER.—Boot and shoe travellers are now generally out with spring samples, and enquiry at the counting houses elicits reports of fair orders coming in. But in the factories themselves stock-taking is the order of the day, and there is not much leather being bought. Of slaughter sole there are some pretty considerable lots of inferior on the market, which makes prices a little easier; grained is rather cheaper than our last quotation, so also is harness. Last market advices from England say that receipts of American show diminution. Splits are steadier, and there is a good enquiry for buff, of which there is some scarcity. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 19 to 22c.; do., No. 2, B.A., 16 to 19c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2 ditto, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, 18 to 19c.; No. 1 slaughter, 22 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 20 to 21c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 34c.; ditto, heavy, 24 to 30c.; grained, 28 to 32c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 33c.; splits, large, 16 to 22c.; do. small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 46 lbs.), 35 to 55c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 25c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 14c.; rough, 16 to 21c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, &c.—Business in cements has fallen off and will likely be quiet for next few months. The cheaper sorts are pretty well gone, and stocks being all off wharf, prices are rather stiffer at \$2.60 to 2.75. Bricks, \$22.50 to 25 for ordinary; Glenboag, \$30 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Quietude seems to be pronounced in this department; butter is almost dull, and prices somewhat easy at 22 to 23c. for creamery, 19 to 21c. for choice township, 16 to 18c. for medium, and 14 to 16c. for western. In cheese there is nothing special to report; there are not many enquiries, now that the shipments for the season are over. Prices are steady at 10½c. for the finest Sept. and Oct. makes, 9½ to 10c. for fine, and 8½ to 9½c. for earlier makes.

FLOUR, ETC.—There is but little doing in breadstuffs, demand being slack. There is a fair quantity coming forward, however, and stocks are accumulating, which causes an easier feeling. We may quote patents at \$5.00 to 5.25 for winter, and \$4.90 to 5.10 for spring; straight roller, \$4.50 to 4.60; extra, \$4.10 to 4.25; superfine, \$3.10 to 3.60; strong baker's, \$4.40 to 4.75. In bags, strong bakers' quotes a \$2.40, and extra at \$2.00 to 2.10.

GRAIN.—No great activity to note. Transactions in wheat are mainly confined to sales of considerable parcels No. 1 Manitoba, for which 83c per bush afloat at Prince Arthur, has been paid. Spot lots of this grade are not moving, the request being light, quotation is 94 to 96c and for No. 2 say 92 to 93c; oats are quiet at 30 to 31c; barley brings 50 to 53c; peas are weaker, prices declining about a cent.