

## Imports of groceries at Toronto:—

For Nov.

|                             | 1870.    | 1871.   |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Coffee (green) lbs.....     | 46,671   | 67,990  |
|                             | \$ 3,224 | 7,597   |
| Tea, green and Japan, lbs.. | 125,802  | 54,034  |
|                             | \$35,651 | 19,001  |
| Tea, black, lbs.....        | 21,242   | 12,579  |
|                             | \$8,435  | 3,650   |
| Sugar, lbs.....             | 206,199  | 193,624 |
|                             | \$14,036 | 14,419  |
| Brandy, gin, rum, and whis- |          |         |
| key, gals.....              | 13,698   | 11,770  |
|                             | \$10,043 | 11,029  |
| Dried fruits, &c.....       | \$59,550 | 25,696  |

Since January 1.

|                              | 1870.     | 1871.     |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Coffee, green, lbs.....      | 368,163   | 278,465   |
|                              | \$43,767  | 35,298    |
| Tea, green and Japan, lbs..  | 1,183,346 | 1,252,119 |
|                              | \$429,905 | 407,846   |
| Tea, black, lbs.....         | 269,337   | 268,156   |
|                              | \$89,901  | 90,368    |
| Sugar, lbs.....              | 4,802,246 | 2,271,401 |
|                              | \$244,971 | 134,354   |
| Dried fruits and nuts.....   | \$76,572  | 77,860    |
| Brandy, gin, rum and whiskey | 58,468    | 63,193    |

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The supply has somewhat fallen off since the bulk of the Christmas stock was marketed. Prices remain about the same as last week. Rough green hides are worth 7½c to 8c; No. 1 trimmed, 8½c; No. 1 cured and inspected are held for 9½c to 9¾c, with buyers at 9½c, which was accepted for one ortwo cars on Tuesday. *Sheepskins* are firm at \$1.70 to 1.80; not many offering.

**LEATHER.**—The market has been very quiet, but shows no material change in any important article.

**MEAL.**—Oatmeal has been held as before, in car lots at \$4.75 to 4.80, without buyers. Cornmeal steady, at \$3.40 to 3.50 for small lots. Bran scarce and firm at \$17 to 17.50 for ton lots.

**PROVISIONS.**—There has been nothing done of any importance during the week. *Butter*—Continues neglected for all but very choice sorts, and these are only to be had in very limited quantities. Poor and ordinary grades are not wanted at almost any price. *Cheese*—Continues to sell in small lots at 12c to 12½c. *Eggs*—At 15c to 16c for packed, 18c to 20c for farmers' fresh lots. *Pork*—Is not enquired for, and there is little on hand except thin mess, which may be quoted nominally at \$14.50. Heavy mess would probably sell at \$15.50 to 16, but the class of hogs is not to be had. *Lard*—Sells in small lots at 10c. *Bacon*—In round lots, boxed, is quotable at 6½c to 6¾c; in small lots at 7½c to 8c. Salt hams would sell at 8½c; smoked at 9½c to 10c. *Dressed Hogs*—Have not been in very urgent demand, and the supply, which is chiefly of light weights, is not excessive. Choice railway lots sell at \$5.15 to 5.20, but heavy weights, suitable for mess pork, would probably fetch \$5.25 to 5.50. Western prices are lower than they have been for the past ten years, and there is every probability of an unprecedented crop of hogs. It is said that not less than 1,000,000 will be packed in Chicago alone this season. *Dried Apples*—Continue scarce and firm at 8½c to 9c. *Hops*—Choice qualities are very scarce and firm at 50c. *Salt*—Remains quiet and unchanged.

**LIVE STOCK.**—Trade has not yet resumed its normal state. Butchers are still supplied with late stocks, but they are wearing down, especially since there has been a movement in shipping dressed meats to American markets. Only two car loads of cattle were reported up to Wednesday evening; these were of a medium quality, and sold at 4c to 4½c per lb., live weight.

Good first-class cattle, however, would fetch 5c. There have been no sheep or lambs offered since Christmas, and few are wanted in the present condition of the market.

**OILS.**—Business dull and prices unchanged. **WOOL.**—Continues firm, with a good enquiry for pulled, sales of which are reported at 38½c for super. Some dealers are importing unsoured Cape wool from new York, and there was a sale of 10,000 lbs. of this class. Scoured, at 65c.

## MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, 2nd Jan.

Our wholesale markets have presented no features of interest during the week, indeed during the Christmas season no extent of business is looked for, merchants generally being engaged in taking stock, and balancing their books. The thaw which we noticed in last report took away a good deal of snow, and left the roads in the country rather bare in some places. Heavy rain fell during the whole day on Sunday. Yesterday was clear and moderately cold, and to-day is cold, with the thermometer in the neighborhood of zero. More snow is now much wanted.

**ASHES.**—Pots.—The business done this week has been of a very limited nature, and prices are again quoted lower. Some sales in the early part of the week were reported at \$7.50 and 7.30, market closing with a somewhat better demand at \$7.40 to 7.50 for firsts; seconds, \$6.10, and thirds, \$5.60; the quantity of inferior sorts is very small. *Pearls*—Very little business reported in the early part of the week, towards the close a few sales of firsts were made at \$8.40, closing at 8.55 for firsts, and \$8 for seconds. The stocks at present in store are, pots, 250 brls., and pearls, 77 brls.; against 779 brls. pots, and 704 brls. pearls, at the same date of 1870.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—A brisk trade is looked for after the holidays, but in the meantime there is nothing of consequence to note, and prices have as yet sustained no change.

**CATTLE.**—This market has been quieter during the week, but was fairly supplied, but prices have declined considerably since last week. First class cattle brought \$7 to 7.50; second class, \$6; third, \$5 per 100 lbs. *Sheep* were in moderate demand for desirable animals, at \$4 to \$6; and *Lambs*, \$2.50 to 4.

**DRESSED HOGS.**—The receipts this week have been very liberal, and the demand fair, prices, however, are a trifle easier, being from \$5.50 to 5.70.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—There have been no transactions of any moment during the week on which to base any change in quotations, prices are reported as continuing very firm, owing to the high prices ruling in the English markets.

**DRY GOODS.**—A few small orders are coming in, but no business of any consequence is doing at present—when the holiday season is over, more animation is looked for.

**FURS.**—In raw furs a fair business continues to be done at last week's quotations. Manufactured furs are in good demand; our quotations are as follows: 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; racoon 30c to 40; skunk 20c. to 50.

**FISH.**—The demand this week has been of a retail character; the ruling prices are for Canso split herrings, \$3.50 to 3.75; split Labradors, \$3.75 to 4.25; round ditto, \$2.50 to 2.75; dry cod, \$4.25 to 4.50; green cod, \$4.75 to 5; salmon, \$15 to 16.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts for the past week, 5,000 brls; total receipts for the year 1871 were 937783 brls, being a decrease of 90,107 brls on the receipts for the year 1870. No shipments were reported during the past week. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning is not yet published, but will be given in next report. No business has been done during the week except to local dealers for immediate wants, and even that demand was of a very limited nature. Prices have not sustained much change since last week, and have been on the whole steady, but may be taken as almost nominal: extra, \$6.40 to 6.50; fancy \$6.10 to 6.15; 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, \$4.75 to 5.

**FREIGHTS.**—The rates by the Allan line are still without any change. The nominal rates from stations east of Toronto are for flour 5s. 11d. per brl; wheat, 14s. 4½d.; from Toronto, flour, 6s. 4½d; wheat, 15s. 3½d. These rates are exclusive of charges at Portland and bagging.

**GRAIN.**—Wheat—This market remains in a dormant state, there having been literally no business done, and any quotations which we could give would be entirely nominal, and no guide to the state of the market. *Maize*—Prices have been steady at 65c, but the business done has only been in retail lots. *Oats*—This market has been fairly active at from 32c to 35c, a round lot changing hands at our outside quotation. *Barley*—Is quiet, but rules steady at 52c to 55c. *Pease*—Very little doing, and prices are nominally unchanged, at 82c to 84c. *Timothy Seed*—Is changing hands at \$2.50 to 3.

**GROCERIES.**—Teas—Prices of tea are steady and well maintained, but the volume of business has been very small. *Coffee*—Is in small demand, but no material change to note in prices. The market is now better supplied than for sometime past, owing to some considerable importations from New York. We quote: Laguayra, 18c to 20c; Maracaibo, 19c to 20c; Jamaica, 18c to 20c; Java, 22c to 25c; Rio, 17c to 18c. *Sugars*—Have been in fair demand at the following rates: Porto Rico, 9½c to 9½c; Cuba grocery, 9c to 9½c; Cuba refinery, 8½c to 9c; Scotch refined, 9½c to 9½c; Montreal refined is in large demand, but prices are without change. *Molasses*—Market is quiet and nominally unchanged. *Rice*—There is a moderate business doing within the following range of quotations: Aracan, \$4.40 to 4.50; Rangoon, \$4.25 to 4.40; Putna, \$4.25 to 4.40. *Spices*—The amount of business done has been small and prices are unchanged but firm. *Fruit*—There has been a fair trade done this week in all kinds of fruit. Old Layer raisins are worth \$1.75; new Layers are firm, \$2.25 to 2.40; Valencias, 6½c to 7½c; currants, 6½c to 7c; turkey figs, 10c to 16c; walnuts, 7c to 10c; filberts, 7c to 8c.

**HARDWARE.**—There has been very little demand this week, and, indeed, merchants are not much inclined to sell at present, as it is expected that it will pay better to hold on for some time yet before selling. Pig iron for delivery in spring has been sold at our outside quotations, and a further advance is looked for. Tin plates are firm and held at an advance. The market is very firm, and has an upward tendency. We now quote as follows:

—Pig Iron—Coltness or Gartsherrie, \$30 to \$32; Calder or Summerlee, \$28 to 30; other brands, \$27 to 28; hematite, \$30 to 32. *Bars*, Scotch or Staffordshire, \$52 to 56; best refined, \$56 to 60; Swedes, \$80 to 100. *Ho ps and Band*—\$2.90 to 5.50. *Sheets*—\$3.25 to 5. *Plates*—Best—\$3.15 to 3.25; Low Moor of