

CANADIAN TWEEDS,

COATINGS,

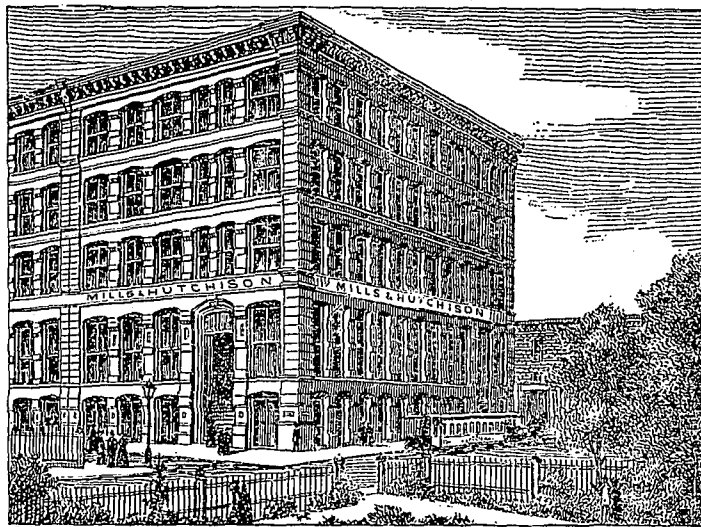
WORSTEDS,

FLANNELS,

KNITTED GOODS,

BLANKETS,

&amp;c., &amp;c., &amp;c.



## MILLS & HUTCHISON,

Corner Victoria Square, CRAIG STREET, MONTREAL,

HAVE BEEN AWARDED

Bronze Medal, Philad. 1876

Silver Medal, Can. Gov. 1876

Bronze Medal, Quebec, 1877

Silver Medal, Toronto, 1877

Silver Medal, Par. Exh. 1878

London, St. Thomas, &amp;c. 1880

Gold Med. 2 Silv. Med. 1882

Silv. Med. St. John N.B. 1883

**DRY GOODS.**—The market continues to wear a rather quiet aspect, and operations on the part of both wholesale and retail merchants have again been much interrupted by heavy blockades of snow in the interior, and unseasonable weather. However, although the demands at first hands have been light, a fair order business has been done, to be followed by a general distribution of the leading lines. The sale of millinery goods has been especially retarded, but a more active trade in all departments is confidently expected as the season improves for the sale of spring and summer goods. Values rule steady, and the main features of the market are unchanged.

**FISH.**—The demand has been active throughout the week at full prices with an increased scarcity of *Herrings* of all grades. The supply of *Lake Trout* is also exhausted, and the stock of *Mackerel* but meagre. *Codfish* is however plentiful, and prices rule steady for both dry and green qualities.

**FLOUR AND GRAIN.**—The transactions in flour sum up a small aggregate, and the business is fitful and uneven, with some doing next to nothing one day and moderately active the next. There seems to be none of the old-fashioned, steady-going demand, and something special in the way of a cut must be offered before round parcels can be placed, while the local trade refuse to exceed the actual wants under any circumstances. There is no quotable change in prices. In all kinds of grain the market remains in the same comatose condition that has been so long noticeable. Foreign advices of late have been calculated to arouse a better feeling, but the pulse of the trade here is as weak as ever, and everything fails to galvanize the waning energies of overloaded markets, and a tired if not a discouraged feeling is generally apparent.

**FRUIT.**—In other than jobbing lots of stock there is very little business doing. The store distribution is backward, and heavy weather in the interior is restricting the movement of goods. Values are steady for oranges at \$5.50 to \$6 for cases; lemons, \$1 to \$4.50; apples, \$3.00 to \$5 per bbl., and bananas, \$2.50 to \$5.50 per bunch.

**FURS, HATS AND CAPS.**—In furs the market continues quiet at last week's quotations, with but little enquiry for any description. Whole-

sale dealers report the receipts as light, and the disposition to caution in the meantime increased, in view of the near approach of Spring, as well as the extensive London sales, which occur from the 21st to 31st inst., when a revision of values may be necessary. Hats, caps and straw goods are as yet in comparatively light request, in view of unseasonable weather.

**GENERAL PROVISIONS.**—The general situation of the whole list, with one or two exceptions, is much the same as last week. The demand for *Hog* product has been materially decreased on local account by the Lenten season, while orders from country points are of small proportions. The Chicago pork market, the last day or two, has shown some increased activity on a speculative basis, but this does not affect trade here. Dressed hogs continue to arrive in a small way, and command higher figures, \$9.00 to \$9.25 per 100 lbs being the range to-day. The *Egg* market, under more liberal receipts, has materially receded, as will be seen by quotations elsewhere. Country produce *Poultry* and *Game* continue in good supply at steady prices.

**GROCERIES.**—In some respect the general market has been somewhat disappointing, and the distribution, owing to heavy roads, has not been equal to prospects of last week, buyers in all cases refraining from large purchases on a consumptive demand basis. Sugars have been in light request, still there has been no open resort to pressure for the sake of realizing, on the contrary there is a steady carrying, in the face of adverse influence. Quotations are 5½c to 8c for low grade to brightest "yellows;" granulated, 8½c to 8½c. The demand for *Raisins* is flat, owing to unfavorable European advices. *Teas* are in rather an erratic tone, in view of the strong holding of importers, and there is some inclination to combat the position of owners. Cost, however, does not appear to be much influenced, and no desirable goods are known to be available under advanced rates. *Coffees* are in fair request at 11c to 15c for Jamaica, as to quality, and 16c for Maracaibo. *Javas* are steady at 16c to 24c. In *Tobaccoes* there has been a moderate output at tabular quotations. *Spices* are firm, and *Black Pepper* is now held at 16c to 17c, with *White* at 27c to 28c. *Nutmegs* are steady, with *Cloves*, *Pimento* and *Cassia* dull. *Rice* is quiet and without alteration. In *Fruit* there is a little better feeling, but no advance on *Raisins*. *Currants*, *Figs*, *Dates*, *Prunes* and *Sultanas* are dull. *Nuts* and *Almonds* are quiet.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The market is moderately strong in tone, with a slight advance in the West, owing to scarcity of both green and dry salted hides. Stocks are well controlled, while the demand shows a fair degree of spirit. Green butchers' hides are quoted at \$7.50 to \$8, \$6.50 to \$7 and \$5.50 to \$6 for No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

**HOPS.**—The market presents no new features. Stocks are small and mainly of the commoner and medium grades. Bids run low, though about equal to the rule for weeks past. Holders in the interior generally ask 3c to 5c per lb. more than what the condition of the general market will warrant, and hence transactions are few and on a most limited scale. The range continues to be from 18c to 25c per lb. The New York market is firm in tone at about the same range, with buyers cautious and exacting.

**IRON AND METALS.**—The position of the trade in *Pig Iron* is much the same as when last reviewed, and the volume of business doing unsatisfactory to holders. Founders throughout the country seem to have sufficient of last fall's purchases to meet requirements, and transactions at first hands have been but few and unimportant. *Scotch warrants* are quoted at an advance of 5d., being now 43s. 7d. *Ingot Tin*, £82 17s. at London. *Nail list* revised.

**LEATHER.**—The demand from manufacturers shows a slight decrease, hence the general movement correspondingly so. However in *Splits* and *Bufs* and Slaughter good round sized parcels have exchanged hands at steady values, while the export trade chiefly in the former is of fair proportion. Receipts have been on a most moderate scale, and the general features of trade unchanged.

**OILS.**—The market, as a whole, shows little change as compared with the close of last week. In most lines trade is of a kind indicating caution on the part of buyers, with almost sufficient passing to keep values steady.

**PAINTS, ETC.**—The call for paints and colors is confined to small interior orders, and the general situation has undergone no change within the week.

**SALT.**—The movement has again been confined to retailers' requirements, and these are of a hand-to-mouth character at the ruling figures of last week.