

firm and refuse to make any concession, being encouraged in this course by the tendency of outside advices.

LEATHER.—The market is generally quiet; a good many dealers are stock-taking and not anxious to press sales. The movement is generally confined to sorting-up sales. Slaughter sole is very dull and but little selling. Spanish sole is firm in price but no advance has occurred. Russets are in fair demand. Stocks, in most cases, are rather small and a good business is expected next month. Quotations are unchanged in all cases.

LUMBER.—As building operations are almost at a stand-still very little business is doing at the yards. There is but little coming forward but stocks on hand are fairly large. Mills are stocking and are, it is feared, likely to manufacture too largely. Prices are steady but nominally unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—The quantity offering is on the increase, but the demand has fallen off and prices are weak. One small lot of good shipping has sold at 21c, and another at 24c. Large rolls are coming forward very freely, and selling for local consumption at 20 to 23c, but they seem likely soon to be a drug. *Cheese.*—There is nothing doing in round lots, and small are unaltered at 14 to 14½c. *Eggs.*—Continue to be fairly abundant but with a demand equal to the absorption of all offering at 20 to 21c. *Pork.*—Is very quiet, and prices are about 50c to \$1.00 lower; one lot of Canadian sold at \$21.50 and small lots go at \$22.00. *Bacon.*—Remains inactive at unchanged prices; one round lot of Cumberland sold for future delivery on p. t. *Hams.*—Are in rather better demand; some lots of smoked have sold at 12½c and small lots at 13 to 13½c; there are canvassed still to be had at the latter price. *Lard.*—The demand seems to have been somewhat checked by the high prices ruling, but all offering goes off at 14 to 15c. *Hogs.*—The supply has been on the increase, but all offering find buyers. Car-lots have sold at \$8.00 to 8.20 and 8.25 and for some small lots of choice \$8.35 has been paid. The market, however, closed with an easier feeling and nothing over \$8.20 to be had. *Dried Apples.*—Are going off more freely at from 8½ to 9c in small lots.

SALT.—There has been no change in the prices of either Liverpool or Goderich nor has there been much movement in any sort.

WOOL.—The market has been inactive and prices nominal through the week. Super is offering at 31c but no sales are reported. The only movement of which we have heard is the sale 10,000 lbs, of cotted wool at 28c.

NEW COMPANIES.—A late Gazette (Province of Quebec) affords proof that there is no scarcity of money in the city and district of Montreal, and no lack of enterprise in hitherto untried directions of manufacturing and investing. Notice is given therein that:—Messrs E. L. Chandler, C. D. Smith, C. H. Holbrook, of Brome, W. W. Lynch, of Knowlton, G. B. Baker, of Durham, and Edward H. Geff, of Montreal, will apply for letters patent to incorporate the "Smith Organ Company," with a capital of \$50,000 to manufacture musical instruments. Messrs E. H. Goff, Dr. N. A. Smith, G. T. Gebhardt, Wm. Angus, Thos. E. Foster, Arthur S. Baker, Alexander A. Stevenson, and Henry W. Stanton, all of Montreal, will apply for letters patent to incorporate the "Wingate Chemical Company," with a capital of \$50,000, to manufacture chemicals, medicines, etc. Messrs John Molson, C. J. Brydges, F. W. Thomas, Alex. Molson, T. Cramp, Wm. Angus, T. Craig, Wm. F. Lighthall, Jas. F. Wulff, E. Carter and C. Clark will apply for letters patent to incorporate the "Montreal Manufacturing Company," with a capital of \$100,000, for the manufacture

and sale of patented articles. A body to be called the "Canadian Gas Lighting Company," will also apply for incorporation, with a capital stock of \$300,000, to afford a cheap and safe light to cities, towns and villages. The first Directors of the Company are to be Hon. C. C. Day, Judge Coursol, Hon. John Hamilton, and Messrs. T. E. Foster, Wm. Angus, Andrew B. Stewart, R. Mitchell, Walter M. Rice and Frank Bond. Mr. W. A. Merry and others, of Montreal, will apply to the next session of the Dominion Parliament for an act to incorporate the "Industrial Insurance Company," also, the "European and American Express and Agency Company" will apply for incorporation.

—The Committee of the Quebec Legislature on the Winter Navigation of the St. Lawrence met on the 15th instant, Mr. Bellingham in the chair. The following persons were examined:—Hon. Mr. Savage, for fifty years a resident of Cape Gaspe; Michael Guenard a pilot of 26 years experience; Charles Brown a pilot of 22 years' experience; and Joseph Brown a pilot of 12 years' experience. They all agreed that with properly-constructed vessels there would be no difficulty in navigating the St. Lawrence during the winter.

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