NECESSARIES AND LUXURIES.

A writer in the Richmond *State*, who came to that city in 1881 from the country and engaged in mercantile business, has been often applied to during the interval for situations in stores by young men who offered to work at a small salary in order to get a situation at once. This gentleman offers an economical estimate for necessaries, and another economical estimate for luxuries. "The young man can decide for himself; he can take one and leave off the or he can add the two together, and see what he has left for a rainy day from his small salary:"

NECESSARIES—FOR ONE YEAR.

Twelve months' board at $4 per week.	$208 00
One Sunday suit clothes	25 00
Two working suits clothes	20 00
Shoes	11 50
Underwear	11 00
Hats	5 00
Six linen collars at 20 cents	1 20
Neckties	1 00
Handkerchiefs	1 00
Postage for necessary purposes	1 50
Stationary	50
Laundry bill	15 00
Shaving and hair-cutting	7 20
One overcoat	15 00
One pair kid gloves	1 50
	$324 40

LUXURIES—FOR ONE YEAR.

Theatre	$24 00
Excursion and picnics	30 00
Buggy and horse hire	18 00
Books	12 00
Newspapers	3 00
Presents to relations and friends	20 00
Church festival and entertainments	5 00
Charities	3 00
	$115 00

"The young man will please observe that I have not furnished him any whiskey, tobacco and cigars in the luxury department. If there is a young man who can furnish a more economical estimate of living in the city I shall be happy to read something from his pen."

RAILWAYS OF CANADA.

AS TABULATED IN "RAILWAY LIFE."

	Miles.
Canadian Pacific Railway	3,678
Grand Trunk "	2,694
Intercolonial "	830
New Brunswick "	397
Northern & North Western Railway	382
Canada Southern "	376
Prince Edward Island "	196
Quebec Central "	148
Manitoba & North Western "	144
Canada Atlantic "	135
Windsor & Annapolis "	130
Central Ontario "	104
South Eastern "	85
Grand Southern (N.B.)	82
Eastern Extension	80
Intercolonial (Que.)	69
Western Counties (N.B.)	67
Kingston & Pembroke	61
Quebec & Lake St. John	46
Albert Railway (N.B.)	45
Erie & Huron (Ont.)	36
Cumberland (N.S.)	32
St. Martin's & Upham (N.B.)	30
Napanee, Tamworth & Quebec	28
Cobourg, Peterboro' & Marmora	15
Bay of Quinte (Ont.)	15
Elgin & Petitcodiac	14
Carillon & Grenville (Que.)	13
Chatham Railway (N.B.)	
Total	10 027

—A feature of the American Iron market has been the action of makers of Steel Rails in increasing the limit of production, which is soon to be brought up to the full capacity of the mills. It is stated, however, by the N. Y. *Shipping List*, that the poor quality of Rails turned out by some mills has driven buyers who regard quality more than price, to place orders with British makers who will guarantee the quality of their product.

—Some one has discovered that the reason why men succeed who mind their own business is because they meet with so little competition.—*Lynn Star.*

TORONTO LUMBER MARKET.

SAWN LUMBER, INSPECTED, B.M.

Clear pine, 1¼ in. or over, per M	$36 00 38 00
Pickings, 1¼ in. or over	26 00 28 00
Clear & pickings, 1 in	25 00 28 00
Flooring, 1¼ & 1½ in	14 00 15 00
Dressing	15 00 16 00
Ship. culls stks & sidgs	11 00 12 00
Joists and Scantling	11 50 12 00
Clapboards, dressed	12 50 00 00
Shingles, XXX, 16 in.	2 40 2 50
" XX	1 40 1 60
Lath	1 90 2 00
Spruce	10 00 13 00
Hemlock	9 00 10 00
Tamarac	12 00 14 00

HARD WOODS—₩ M. ft. b.m.

Birch, No. 1 and 2	$17 00 20 00
Maple, "	16 00 18 00
Cherry, "	60 00 75 00
Ash, white, "	24 00 28 00
" black, "	16 00 18 00
Elm, soft "	12 00 14 00
" rock "	18 00 00 00
Oak, white, No. 1 and 2	25 00 30 00
" red or grey "	18 00 20 00
Balm of Gilead, No. 1 & 2	13 00 15 00
Chestnut "	25 00 30 00
Walnut, 1 in. No. 1 & 2	85 00 95 00
Butternut "	40 00 50 00
Hickory, No. 1 & 2	28 00 00 00
Basswood "	16 00 18 00
Whitewood, "	30 00 40 00

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, March 17th, 1886.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average '85.
Montreal	2 9	208½	104	208¾	208½	193
Ontario	115	111	257	115	112¾	110½
Peoples	80	75	108	.....	77½	.....
Molsons	129	125	96	125	123	116
Toronto	198¾	195	81	198¾	19.	183
Jac. Cartier	70	.....	.....	70	.....	...
Merchants	123	121½	372	122	121	112
Commerce	122¾	121¾	759	122¼	12 ¾	121
Union	65	46	.....	...	46	.....
MontrealTel	116	111½	2495	112¼	112	120½
Rich. & Ont.	62	60¾	745	61½	61½	55¾
City Passenger.	132	130	75	131	130	120½
Gas	196½	194	710	194½	194	185
C. Pacific R. R.	65⅛	65	2015	65¾	65	.....
N. W. Land	79	72½	150	75¼	74¾	38⅛
Molsons .....*xd*	125	122	42	125	123	.....
Telegraph....*xd*	112½	110½	900	112½	112	.....
Gas .....*xd*	192	188¾	50	189½	188¾	.....

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, March 17, 1886.

The business situation presetns no new features, and while there is a fair movement in some kinds of merchandise there is no general increase of activity. What is being done is evidently on a safe basis, purchasers generally showing a disposition to buy in moderation, and as their wants arise. Failures are not frequent or important, but we are sorry we cannot report any improvement in remittances since a week ago. Parties who have been through the country say there is an evident scarcity of money there, low prices prevailing for produce, and farmers generally holding on to their grain, &c. The share market remains quiet and dull, though values are held pretty firmly generally, and there are really no changes of consequence to note. Money at unchanged rates.

ASHES.—Receipts remain light, and business quiet. Since last reports sales of No- 1 pots have been made at $3,30, but prices are a little firmer at $3.40. No transactions in seconds or pearls. Shipments for the week have only been 15 brls. pots.

DRY GOODS.—The wholesale movement is a moderate one. Some buyers have been in town, but not so many as the week previous. In some cases travellers have already started out on their sorting trips, but this is due mainly to the fact that quite a few dealers through the west did not buy at all on the first spring trip, preferring to wait till later in the season. City retail men are buying pretty freely, and payments from this quarter are coming in well, but we are sorry to report that the same cannot be said of country remittances, which are not satisfactory. We learn from a leading house that the proportion of their bills receivable paid on the 4th inst. was 42 per cent., and there has not been any improvement in general collections since then. There is a good deal of "average" paper falling due the 18th inst., which will probably not be any better provided for.

DRUGS AAD CHEMICALS.—A fair jobbing movement prevails in these lines. Tartaric and citric acids are firm at advance, also Messina essential oils which are scarce. Quinine continues flat, and other lines present no new features. We quote:—Sal Soda, $1.00 to $1.10 per 100 lbs.; Bi-Carb Soda, $2.50 to $2.60; Soda Ash, $1.65 to $1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., $8.00 to $9.00; Borax, refined, 10 to 12c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 33 to 35c.; do. grouud, 37 to 38c.; Tartaric Acid crystals, 55 to 58c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid 80 to 90c.; Caustic Soda, white $2.40 to $2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, $2.25 to $2.75, according to lot; Alum, $1.60 to $1.75; Copperas, per 100 lbs., $1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., $2.75 to $3.00; Roll Sulphur, $2.40 to $2 60; Sulphate of Copper, $4.75 to $5.50; Epsom Salts $1.25 to $1.40; Saltpetre, $9.00 to $9.50: German Quinine, 85 to 90c.; American do., 90 to $1.00; Howard's quine, 95c. to $1.00; Opium, $4.00 to $4.50; Morphia $1.75 to $1.90; Gum Arabic sorts, 50 to 60c.; White 75 to $1.00; Carbolic acid, 40 to 50c.; Iodide Potassium, $3.75 to $4.25 per lb.; Iodine, $5.00 to $5.50; Iodoform, $7.40 to $8.00. Advanced prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon $3 to $3.50: oil bergamot $3.50 to $4; Orange, $3.50 to $4.00,

FISH.—Green cod is now pretty well cleaned out, and prices very firm; stocks of salmon are also very low. Labrador herrings are still in very fair supply. We quote:—Labradors, $3.00 to $3.25; Cape Breton, none in market; Dry Cod, $2.75 to $3.25; Green do., No. 1. $5.00; large do., $5 to $5.50; North Shore Salmon, $12.50 for No. 1; $11.50 for No. 2; British Columbia $10.00; Lake trout, $3.50 to $3.75. Mackerel $4.00 to $6.00.

FURS.—Receipts have been a little larger, some fair lots of fox, mink and skunk offering. London spring sales begin on Monday, and we shall probably have some informationregarding same next week. We quote:—Beaver, per lb., $2.50 to $3.00; Bear, per skin, $10.00 to $12.00; Bear, cub, per skin, $5.00 to $6.00; Fisher, per skin, $4.00 to $5.00; Red fox, per skin, $1.00; Fox, cross, per skin, $2.50; Lynx, per skin, $2.50; Marten, per skin, $1.00; Mink, per skin, 50 to 75c.; Muskrat, large winter, 12c.; Otter, per skin, $8.00 to $10.00; Raccoon, per skin, 50 to 60c.; Skunk, per skin, black, $1.00; half black, 75c.; full stripe, 40c. white, 20c.

GROCERIES.—In this line a steady movement is to be noted, perhaps not so much in general goods, but the active demand for teas makes up any deficiency in this regard. Japans ranging from 19 to 22c. are selling very freely, grades from 24 to 28c. are scarce, and a great many more could be sold if obtainable. Refiners report a good output of sugars, 6½c. being still the price for bulk lots of granulated. Molasses is firmer again, 34c. being the bottom price for Barbadoes; Trinidad about 27c. Syrups in good demand and scarce. Dried fruits, and nuts neglected and dull. Coffees have been fairly active, and Java has sold pretty freely at 23 to 25c. for O. G.; Maracaibo 13 to 14c.; Rio 9¼ to 9¾c. There have been a good many tobaccos taken out of bond, owing to expected increase of duties, but the excitement has rather quieted down again; there is nothing new in prices. In spices pepper is a little easier at 18½c.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Shoe manufacturers are fairly busy shipping spring goods, but find remittances slow. They are not buying leather freely, and in this latter line trade is only moderate. Some fair lots of fine western splits have been sold since last report at pretty close figures. Carriage leathers are selling pretty well. There are considerable lots of buff offering, showing an accumulation, and another lot of 6000 sides of American sole is reported to be on the way to this market. We quote Spanish sole B. A. No, 1, 25 to 27c.; ditto. No. 2 B. A. 21 to 24c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2 ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 21½ to 23c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27c.; oak sole, 45 to 30c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 39c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.;