

**REVIEW OF THE WHOLESALE GROCERY MARKET.**

Contrary to expectations, business has been quiet. This is chiefly owing to the auction sales advertised for the coming week, buyers in the West being so accustomed to hold off in their orders at this season, in expectation of how the auctions will result. From the scarcity of stocks in the Dominion generally, we can reasonably expect that a full range of prices will obtain, especially as the harvest has been fully up to expectations, and so far farmers are obtaining very fair prices for their produce; this will enable them to pay up all indebtedness to the storekeepers, and thus relieve the latter of their liabilities to the city merchants.

**COAL**—We have little change to note in our coal market. American anthracite is very unsettled, and few transactions have taken place. In other coals little has been done, and no change in our quotations.

**COFFEE**—Business has been very quiet; our quotations are fully maintained; say Laguayra 16½ to 17c; Maracaibo, 17 to 18c; Jamaica, 16 to 18c; Java, 25 to 28c; Rio, 14½ to 15c.

**CORKS**—Fair demand at Wine, \$1 to 1.50; Beer, 35 to 40c; Soda, 40 to 50c; Phial, 12½ to 15c per gross.

**FRUIT**—The market here has ruled very steady, though sales have been light; prices are fully maintained. By last reports from the London market, prices there are held very firm in consequence of the known short crops in the fruit-producing countries. In view of these reports and the approaching fall sales, neither sellers nor buyers are inclined to operate, the latter only purchasing for immediate wants.

**DRUGS, DYES AND CHEMICALS**—The market for last week more active for Caustic Soda and Soda Ash; about 200 drums of the former were sold at 3½c for White, and 2½c for this week 150 drums have been sold at the same price. Soda Ash: A sale was made of about 60 tons at \$1.80 per 100 lbs.

There has been some sales of Bl-Carb, say 500 kegs, at 3½c; but since those have been made the market is effected much better, \$3.20 to 3.25 being asked. That ordered now from home would cost \$3.50.

**FISH**—We have no change to report in the Fish Market, which remain unaltered at last week's quotations.

**GLASS**—There is rather more demand, and our quotations are fully maintained.

**MOLASSES**—Stock nearly exhausted; prices have advanced 2c per gallon. We quote Centrifugal, 32 to 34c; Clayed, 38 to 42c; Trinidad, Barbadoes and Cienfuegos, 46 to 50c per gallon. Syrups are in good demand at our extreme rates.

**NAVAL STORES**—There is no change in Spirits Turpentine. The demand still continues good, with stocks sufficient for present wants; 47½c is the ruling figure. Rosins move pretty freely at \$2.75 for Strained, 3.25 for No. 2, 3.75 for No. 1, and 4.50 to 6.50 for Pale and Extra. Pine Tar and Pitch unchanged. Coal Tar and Pitch are in request at \$3.

**OILS**—The market is bare of cod oil, which is in demand at 57 to 58c. No change in other fish oils. Olive oil remains the same as in our last report.

**PETROLEUM**—Demand very quiet at 30c in jobbing lots.

**PAINTS**—There is a good enquiry at Dry White Lead, per 100 lbs, \$7.50; Dry Red Lead, \$6.75 to 7.00; White Lead, No. 1, per keg, \$2.40 to 2.50; do No. 2, \$2.20 to 2.25.

**RICE**—We have no change to make in our last week's quotations, at which there is a fair demand.

**SALT**—The market for Liverpool coarse has been heavy and drooping since our last report. We note sales of 2,000 bags at 60c and 1,000 at 61c, both with several lots of 200 to 500 bags at 62½c to 63½c, and retail lots at 65c, all afloat.

We note several cargoes going into store and withdrawn from the market for the present. Pine remains, as in our last, 77½ to 80c, according to size of lots.

**SPICES**—We have to record a fair demand for the leading spices, and our quotations are fully maintained.

**SUGAR**—We have had an animated demand this week, with large sales to the refiners on private terms. Prices have advanced ½c per lb, with a strong upward tendency, it being estimated that the deficiency in the crop this year will amount to 300,000 tons, and the troubles continuing in Cuba are likely to decrease the crop next year one-half. Our quotations are 8½ to 9½c for fair to good Cuba; 9½ to 9½c for Porto Rico and Barbadoes; little to be had at inside figures. Refined have advanced ½c per lb during the week. Loaves are selling at 12½c; Dry Crushed 12½c; Extra Ground 13½c; Crushed A 11½c; Yellow refined 9½ to 10c. At these prices there is an active demand.

**TEAS**—A steady consumptive demand continues, and a fair jobbing trade has been done for the past week in all descriptions. Prices continue firm for desirable grades of green, twankays tend upwards, Japan without change. Sales in wholesale parcels are restricted, and the market will probably remain quiet until public sale advertised for Wednesday next.

**TOBACCO**—The market is very firm for all grades, and extreme prices are demanded; transactions however, during the week have been light, buyers not being willing to fully give into the views of sellers. We do not alter our quotations.

**WINES & LIQUORS**—The market is exceedingly dull, and we have nothing to add to our remarks of last week.

Imports of following Groceries for eight months ending 31st August, 1869, as compared with the same period, 1868:

1869.		
	Quantity.	Value.
Sugar, lbs.....	47481039	\$2218573
Molasses, gal.....	14426313	549477
Melada, lbs.....	27958769	502712
Tea black, lbs.....	851893	239011
" green, ".....	5310659	1767044
Dried Fruit and Nuts.....	6417706	356407
1868.		
Sugar, lbs.....	2340475	1114817
Molasses, gal.....	4675731	114648
Melada, lbs.....	10503524	389238
Tea black, lbs.....	205492	67913
" green, ".....	2022430	701900
Dried Fruit and Nuts.....	1985633	77700

**MONTREAL WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET.**

Business during the week has been more than usually quiet. There has been no excitement in the English markets, and the consequence is that trade here has felt the prevailing dullness.

**FLOUR**—The market is very quiet, and prices during the week have steadily declined. For Strong Bakers' there has been an average demand at comparatively full prices; this is owing to the scarcity of such brands, spring wheat being very low in stock, and other qualities of wheat which have been used to use up with it not suiting the purpose, a low grade of flour has been produced, which only commands low prices. The supply of ordinary grades Supers has been in excess of the demand, and consequently prices have ruled low. There is no enquiry for shipment, and stocks are accumulating. The general impression is that a further considerable decline must be submitted to before the bottom is touched, and holders would willingly place their stocks at present rates, but buyers are cautious; sales, therefore, are confined to local wants, and consequently, unless cable reports are more favorable from Europe, great dullness or a decline must be expected. We note sales to-day of 500 brls Wel-

land Canal at \$1.80, and a few hundred barrels ordinary Canadas at same price. We also hear of a sale of 1,000 brls at \$4.70 to arrive. Strong Flour not in so much demand, and lower prices would be taken. Fancy and Extra are nominal at quotations; 600 brls No 2 brl worth \$1.50 this afternoon.

**WHEAT**—The receipts have been very large, about 102,000 bushels having arrived to-day. The bulk is of Red Winter, which is at present difficult to sell, owing to the condition in which it comes forward. U. C. Spring is very scarce, and would sell at full prices. The market is very quiet; the advance in the price of gold and difficulty in selling exchange has nearly put a stop to operations. We note the sale yesterday of a cargo of Chicago No. 2 at \$1.05, and to-day a cargo of Milwaukee No. 2 at \$1.02½; 4,000 bush of Illinois No. 2 Red Winter at \$1.05. These sales, however, could not be repeated, as it can be laid down from the West at 4 cents under the inside price. U. C. Spring nominal.

**CORN**—There is nothing doing; price, consequently, are pure y nominal.

**PEAS**—The small lots that have come forward have not been up to the average; they are worm-eaten and light, consequently no price has been fixed. The general opinion is that the crop will not be over an average, and the price will therefore depend on any deficiency in Great Britain.

**BARLEY**—Only small lots arriving, but no prices fixed; 68c to 70c is paid, but the probability of the crop being large, although the quality is not up to the usual mark, it is impossible to predict what will be the rates. This is a question that entirely depends on the demand from the States.

**OATS**—At present the prices fluctuate according to the quality brought to market. The stock of old being entirely exhausted, that of new coming in from the country is very uncertain. There is no doubt that the crop is very heavy, and receipts likely to be large, so that unless there is a good demand from England prices must rule low.

We give the imports and exports of Flour and Grain at this port from 1st Jan. to the 23rd Sept., for the last four years:

	IMPORTS.			
	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.
Flour, brls.....	575916	463019	426520	429554
Wheat, bils.....	4651911	1155572	867293	463168
Oat, bus.....	151522	940419	773710	1683244
Barley, bus.....	10018	30176	44480	22366
Peas, bus.....	743815	194230	930596	603884
Oats, bus.....	15583	86254	193347	635255

	EXPORTS.			
	1869.	1868.	1867.	1866.
Flour, brls.....	360904	159667	97388	106745
Wheat, bils.....	3527229	536484	255611	2903
Corn, bus.....	72698	693424	654939	1238606
Barley, bus.....	179	4625	101059	1833
Peas, bus.....	231760	303756	1062287	679200
Oats, bus.....	36141	449675	490989	2742857

**PORK**—Business continues dull, there being no stock in the market; some few lots drop in from the West, but not enough sufficient for the local demand. Mess pork is firmly held at \$29 to 29.25; Thin Mess none here, worth \$28.50; Prime Mess and Prime, nominal at our quotations.

**CUT MEATS**—We have a very dull week to report; canvassed hams 15c to 18c; plain do 13c.

**BEEF**—Nothing doing.

**LARD**—There is an active demand for tubs at 16c.

**TALLOW**—Quiet at 8½c to 9c.

**BUTTER**—During the early part of the week the market ruled a little easier, but it has recovered a firmer tone during the past day or two, and all fine lots sell readily on arrival at 18c, and medium to good at 18c to 18½c. The stock of choice dairy for our city trade is unusually light, for this season of the year, and all nice lots sell readily at 20c to 21c silver. It