

the discredit of American hog products during the hottest of the fight between opposing speculators. These did not scruple to represent to the world that each was addicted to the adulteration of goods and to other unmercantile methods. The consequence of these representations, or misrepresentations, was a universal discredit of the wholesomeness of both pork and lard that even now induces merchants abroad to discriminate against some brands.

The experiences of the past year, as it strikes us, should induce packers to devote less time to manipulating the speculative markets and to give more to making or sustaining a sound reputation. Between the present outlook and that of a twelvemonth ago there is this very material difference: Last year prices opened so high and were for several months held at a point that forced a restriction of consumption both at home and abroad; now, on the contrary, everything in the line of hog products is what may be termed reasonably cheap. The supply promises to be abundant, and as two pounds can now be purchased for what a single pound cost a year ago, it is a fair presumption that a great deal more stock will be absorbed. It is not certain that speculation will not again upset matters somewhat, but there are substantial reasons for doubting a repetition of the questionable methods and devices of last year. A favorable feature of the situation is the fact that there is not the same incentive to adulterating lard that existed some time ago. That commodity, at all events, is relatively cheaper than inferior greases, while the prospects for hog supply favor the continuation of like conditions. —*Coml. Bulletin.*

—Farmers in Aroostook County, Me., say that when potatoes bring them \$1 a bushel they pay them 100 per cent. on the cost of production.

—The Hon. George West, of Ballston, has offered a bonus of \$5,000 to the inventor of a machine that will prepare jute fibre for market at a price to compare with the same quality from India.

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ENGLISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 3rd.

The receipts of cotton for the week were 35,000 bales and the sales 63,000 bales; speculators took 2,700 bales and exporters 2,900. The prices were: For Futures—Uplands, low middling classes, November delivery, 5 60-64d.; also 5 62-64d.; December and January delivery, 5 58-64d.; February and March delivery, 5 62-68d.; March and April delivery, 6d.; also, 6 1-44d.; April and May delivered, 6 3-64d.; uplands, low middling class, May and June delivery, 6 6-64d. Futures closed unsettled.

Flour 10/6 to 11/-; Spring Wheat 8/- to 8/6; Red Winter, 8/6 to 9/-; No. 1 California, 9/- to 9/5; Corn 5/2½; Barley, 5/6; Oats, 5/5; Peas, 7/4; Pork, 70/-; Lard, 39/6; Bacon, new, 36/- to 37/5; Tallow, 39/6; Cheese, 58/6; Clover, seed 49/- to 51/- per cwt. for red American.

THE CATTLE TRADE.—Cable advices of Saturday last reporting an advance of ½d. in the English market are confirmed by despatches received in Boston, thus:—"Liverpool, London and Glasgow are higher for live cattle. Dressed beef in Liverpool is ½d. lower than a week ago, or 5½d. against 5½. Live cattle are at 7½d. to 7¾d. in Liverpool, against 7¾d. last week. The London market is at 7½ to 7¾d. against 7¾d. last week. Glasgow is also slightly higher at 7¾d. against 7¾d. last week.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Nov. 7, 1883.

Business all around has assumed a less active phase, but as a good many dealers, particularly along the water-ways, delay their fall orders as long as possible, a sharp frost would likely result in some moderate degree of activity, for a time at least, before the quietude of winter sets in. The run of failures in the fur trade has not altogether stopped, but in other lines there is no large number of casualties. Taking remittances as a whole there is no ground of complaint, and paper maturing on the 5th inst. has been remarkably well provided for at the banks. Advices from the North West are of a gratifying

character and trade there gradually seems to be assuming a healthier tone.

ASHES.—There has been some active buying going on lately, and some poor tars have brought as high as \$4.85 for pots, good tars would probably realize close to \$5 00, which is the price a large quantity has been held at for some time. Of seconds none have offered of late, and pearls too, are scarce. Receipts have been pretty liberal of late, 53 bbls coming in on Monday last, being large figures for one day.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The fall trade is about over, and so careful are country buyers that the sorting trip shows rather slim results. One house keeps working full time and over to fill British orders, but with others matters are quiet, and spring samples are being prepared.

CEMENT, FIRECLAY, &c.—Portland Cement is firmly held at from \$3.25 to \$3.50; Roman \$2.75; Canadian \$1.75. Firebricks \$30 per thousand; Fireclay \$12 per ton.

DRY GOODS.—Travellers in some sections are meeting with poor success, and the sorting trip will not be a satisfactory one it is feared. We have heard of one traveller, and not a bad one, who in ten days did \$65 of business. The fact is, that retailers generally have an eye ahead, and are resolved not to be caught with heavy stocks. Farmers in the West are disappointed over their wheat crop, and their croaking has alarmed the storekeepers, who are buying with unusual caution. City trade is moderately good, and payments as a whole cannot be much complained of.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is no great amount of business doing in heavy chemicals, but a fair degree of regular sorting trade is doing, and payments are moderately good. Stocks of Sal Soda are rather light, and the price is stiffer. We quote Sal Soda, \$1.10 to 1.20 per 100 lbs.; Bi. Cb. Soda \$2.50 to 2.60; Soda Ash \$1.50 to 1.75; Bichromate of Potash per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 12.00; Borax refined, 15 to 16c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 30½ to 32c.; do ground 36c. to 38 c.; Tartaric Acid, 57c. to 60c. per lb; Caustic Soda, white, \$2 25 to 2.40; Sugar of Lead, 11 to 12½; Bleaching Powder, \$2.60 to 2.75; Alum \$1.80 to \$2.00; Copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to \$2 90; Roll Sulphur, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sulphate of Copper \$5.50 to \$5.75; Epsom Salts, \$1.10 to \$1.25; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to 9.50; Quinine, \$2.00 to \$2.25, as to makers, per oz. bottles Opium, \$4.25 to \$4 50; Morphia, \$2.15 to \$2.30.

FURS.—Moderate quantities of coon, skunk and mink skins are coming in, but are hardly full prime yet, and don't bring full prices. The prospects for shipping furs are pretty fair, and there is a good local demand for skunk and bear. The London sales of salted sealskins on 31st ult., resulted in very high prices being paid, somewhere about 40 per cent. above last year's figures. We still quote, Beaver, \$2.50 to 3.00; Bear, \$8.00 to 10.00; ditto Cub, \$3.00 to 5.00; Fisher, \$4.00 to 6.00; Red Fox, \$1; Cross, \$2 to \$3.00; Lynx, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Marten 7bc. to \$1; Mink, 75c. to \$1.25; Muskrat, 8 to 10c.; Otter \$8 to \$10; Raccoon, 40 to 50c. Skunk, average 40 to 50c.

FISH.—Stocks of Labrador herrings are still very large, but are moving fairly. No. 1 quality being scarce readily bring \$6, but for Nos. 2 and 3 \$4.75 and \$3.75 would be taken. Cape Breton herrings are out of the market. Green Cod is worth \$5.60 to \$5.75 for No. 1 and \$4.50 to \$4.75 for No. 2. North Shore Salmon, \$20, \$19 and \$18 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively; British Columbia Salmon \$16.50 to \$17; White Fish \$4.7g to \$5; Lake Trout \$4.75.

LOUR AND MEAL.—There is a lack of activity in the market, shipping is about over and there is not much prospect of any great movement again this fall. We quote: Superior Extra \$5.60; Extra Superfine, \$5.50; Extra Superfine \$5.50; Spring Extra \$5.30; Superfine \$4.80; Canadian Strong Bakers, 5.50 to \$5.75; American do \$6.00 to \$6.75; Cornmeal, \$3.20 to 3.40; Oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.25 for ordinary; granulated \$5.20 to \$5.50.

GROCERIES.—Business is rather quieter, but there is a good amount of business still to be done before navigation closes, and a sharp frost would tend to make matters lively for a while. The most interest centres in the Fruit market. The trade sale of last week was not a success, only a few lots being sold, and the sale was stopped, prices not realizing set prices, which for Valencia was 7 cents, some first lots are still selling in a jobbing way at 7 cents, but this cannot last long, and from 7½ to 7¾ would probably be a fair quotation, with a good

enquiry from all quarters. Layers and Muscatels are worth about \$2.00, London Layers \$2.40 to \$2.50; Black Baskets \$2.90 to \$3.10. No further advance reported in sugars, but last rise adhered to circulars from New York report an all round advance in Greens of 4c. since September; Japans steady, not much doing in Blacks. Rice again up 6d. in England and stocks rather limited here; Molasses worth about 47c. for Barbadoes. All nuts scarce and high awaiting new arrivals. Pepper firmer if anything, nutmegs and ginger also pretty firm. Sardines rather dear and worth \$10.50 to \$11.50 per case; sperm candles also scarce and high at 22½ to 23c.

LEATHER.—Trade still maintains rather a quiet character, though a few Quebec shoe manufacturers have been in town lately looking for stock, and good crimping splits are in demand. Splits are still being shipped to England and realizing fairly, and the representative of a London house is here looking for consignments. Prices are still unchanged in any particular. We quote: Hemlock Spanish Sole B A 24½ to 27c; ditto No. 2 B A 22 to 24c; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish 24 to 26c; No. 2 ditto, 21 to 23c; No. 1 China 23c.; No. 2 ditto 21c. Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 28c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 35c.; Grained, 34 to 38c. Splits, large, 21 to 30c.; ditto small, 14 to 20c. Calfskins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c; ditto (35 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; Russett Sheepskin Linings, 25 to 50c; Harness, 24 to 34c; Buffed Cow, per ft., 14 to 16c. Enamelled Cow, 15 to 16c; Patent Cow, 15 to 16c. Pebbled Cow, 11½ to 15½c. Rough, 23 to 28c. Imitation French Calfskins. 75 to 85c; Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—It is said that pig iron is a little easier locally, but prices are not notably changed, and there is really little business transpiring, as country wants are said to be pretty well filled. Scotch warrants are cabled at 44/11, and letters say that the home market for pig iron is pretty weak, but bars are in good request, and many makers are booked up to January. We still quote Summerlee and Gartsherrie \$20.50 to \$21.00; Calder, \$20.50; Langloan, \$21.00 to 21.50; Coltness, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Dalmellington \$18.50 to 19.00; Eglington, \$18.50 to 19.00; Hematite \$23 to \$24.00; Siemens \$20.50 to 21.00 nominal. Bars, \$1.90 to 2.00 still; Siemens bar \$2 20. The trade in Canada Plate is about over for the season, and remarks anent tin plates last week will still apply. Stocks of zinc, which were low owing to loss of the Ludwig have been replenished. Russia iron, which was completely run out, is again in supply, but held stiffly at 12 to 12½c; In general hardware, trade has rather quieted down from what it was, but a moderate business is still doing. We quote prices as follows: Canada Plat., \$3.15 to 3.25 for Pen and Blaina; Hatton \$3.00; Timplates, Charcoal IO \$5.25; ditto IX \$6 90 to 7.00; Coke I.O., \$4.50; Galvanized Sheets, No. 28, 6½ to 7½c. according to brand; Tinned Sheets, oaks, Nos. 24 to 26, 7½ to 7½c.; Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sheets, best brands, \$2.50 to 2.75; Boiler Plate per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Steel Boiler Plate \$3.25 to \$3.50, heads \$4.50. Russian Sheet Iron, 12 to 12½; Lead per 100 lbs.—Fig, \$3.90 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.50; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; Steel, cast, 11 to 12c.; Spring, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Tire, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Sleigh Shoe, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Ingot Tin, 24c.; Bar Tin, 25 to 26c.; Ingot Copper, 17½ to 18½c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.75 to \$5.50; Spelter, \$4.75 to \$5; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs;

OILS AND PAINTS.—Business in oils is somewhat dull, no transactions of moment transpiring. Turpentine is up again in New York, and is quoted locally at about 60c.; Linseed oil stationary; castor oil firmer and worth 11½c. steam refined seal steady at 70 to 72½c., straw seal 60 to 62½c. Nfd. Cod oil 60 to 62½c., Gaspe do. 55 to 57½c., cod liver oil scarce and strong at \$1.90 to \$2.00. In paints and colors, business is rather better than it was; prices however, no change, and there is no prospect of any change in leads for some time to come. We quote:—White Lead (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.50 to \$7.00; No. 1 \$5.75 to \$6.25; No. 2 \$5.25 to \$5.75; No. 3 \$4.75 to \$5.00. Dry White Lead 5 to 6½c.; Red do. 5 to 5½c. These prices for round lots. Whiting per 100 lbs., 55 to 70c. Cookson's Venetian Red \$2 00 to \$2.50; Yellow Ochre, \$1.50 to \$1 75; Spruce Ochre \$2.25 to \$4.00 as to quality.