

Correspondence.

RUBBISH IN PARKS AND GROUNDS.

Editor MONETARY TIMES:

SIR.—You would be doing a public service if you would draw attention to the need of some means to keep our public parks and recreation grounds clean. I do not mean to blame the authorities or the employees about these places; they keep the walks and flower beds very neat and trim, and they cut the grass and they would have the place clean if they could. But it is the carelessness of the public that spoils many a pretty spot.

Look, for example, at the Island Park, across the bay, which is so great a boon and a blessing to the good people of Toronto. The city has taken a great deal of trouble to make it a pleasant place of resort; crowds of persons go there and its coolness is delightful. But one day when I was over there with my wife we could not help noticing the negligence of the people. Here is an example: A woman, surrounded by a lot of children, would take out of her basket food wrapped in newspapers; she would throw the newspapers or brown papers away to blow all around the park, and when the family lunch was over would throw the remnants of the feast, such as meat bones, fish bones, egg shells, vegetable refuse, upon the grass, to fester and stink. And children as well as grown folks everywhere about, would throw fig boxes, orange peel, banana skins on the ground, just as they do in the streets—more is the pity. Now, cannot something be done to stop this?

GOOD HEALTH.

Toronto, 30th September, 1892.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Oct. 11th, 1892.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average. 1891.
Montreal.....	232	230	844	231	230	227
Ontario.....						112
People's.....				110	108	97
Molson's.....	175	172	90		175	157
Toronto.....	254	253	50	255		225
J. Cartier.....	120	120	100	122	119	101
Merchants.....	162	161	83	163	161	150
Commerce.....	146	145	68	145	144	132
Union.....						
M. Teleg.....	151	148	2460	150	150	110
Rich. & Ont.....	69	65	52	69	67	54
Street Ry.....	247	245	75	245	242	168
do. new stock						
Gas, cash.....						
do. x d.....	227	225	3245	225	224	202
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O. Pacific.....	86	85	850	85	85	86
C. P. land b'ds						108
N. W. Land.....						83
Bell Tele.....	164	163	80	167	162	138
Montreal 4% ..						138

THEY SAID DITTO.

At one of the largest shipping offices in the city, as the majority of the clerks reside in the most distant suburbs, a certain amount of grace is allowed them for arriving in the morning. They are, however, required to explain on a list specially provided for the purpose the cause of their unpunctuality. The first to make his appearance always leads off with the words, "Train late," "Bus horses down," or as the case may be, and to this the other clerks invariably say, "Ditto." So accustomed have they become to the formal procedure that they hardly ever take the trouble to see what excuse heads the list. The other morning the first arrival conscientiously pencilled in the words, "Wife ill—twins," and to the utter amazement of the chief, this extraordinary explanation was promptly "Dittoed" all the way down. Nor was his astonishment diminished when he discovered the office boy's name included!—*London City Press.*

INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE.—The actual cost of carrying letters is small enough to be ignored. At the rate of one penny per ounce, a ton of letters all up to the full weight would produce almost £150, while the mere cost of conveyance would certainly not be £5, or one-thirtieth part of the receipts. The real charges are those of collection and distribution and the

maintenance of offices, the cost of which is equal on all letters. . . . It is in the extension of this principle to international postage that the greatest advance in the future may be expected.—*Public Finance, Bastable.*

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 13th, 1892.

ASHES.—The receipts are almost literally nothing, not being at the rate of three barrels a day for October, so far. There have been a few small shipments to Britain, and local stocks are not 100 barrels. Prices are still advancing, and we quote \$4.60 to 4 65 for first quality; \$4 70 has been offered for extra good tares; seconds \$3.90 to \$4. Nothing has recently been done in pearls.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Cements are stiffening to some extent. The Antwerp vessels are withdrawn, and English freights have advanced, making the cost 10c. a barrel more; English cement that has been selling at \$2.10 is now held at \$2.20, and we quote \$2.20 to \$2.40; Belgian, \$2 to \$2.10. Bricks, \$15.50 to \$20 for ordinary; Glenboag, \$22.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Some moderate export enquiry is noted for good Township butter. Higher grades are firmly held, and fall creamery is quoted at 22 to 23c; summer do., 21 to 22c; Townships, 19 to 21c; Morrisburg, 18 to 20c; Western, 15 to 18c. Heavy shipments of cheese are probable from now till close of navigation, but prices are not materially different, and we quote 10 to 10½c. Eggs are firming up steadily, and strictly fresh are worth 15 to 16c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Orders are coming in quite freely. Copaiba is in request at advancing prices; cascara sagrada in short supply on spot and stiffer; manna will be very high, crop being light; a scarcity is reported of Tonquin beans: nitrate of silver easier; cream tartar dull and easy; chloroform advanced owing to higher price of chloride of lime; American makers of iodides have put up their prices; the same is true of strychnine; quicksilver lower. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c., cream tartar crystals, 24 to 25c.; do. ground, 25 to 28c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 38 to 40c.; do. powder, 43 to 45c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$3.00 to 3.25; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., 95c. to \$1.10; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$4.25 to 7.75; epsom salts, \$1.50 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.50 to 8.50; American quinine, 30 to 35c.; German quinine, 30 to 35c.; Howard's quinine, 38 to 42c.; opium, \$3 60 to 3.75; morphia, \$1.35 to 1.50; gum arabic, sorts, 35 to 50c.; white, 65c. to 85c.; carbolic acid crystals, 40 to 45c. per lb.; crude 85 to 90c. per gallon; iodide potassium, \$3.75 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$5.50 to 6.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.75 to 3.75; oil bergamot, \$4.50 to 4.75; orange, \$3.75 to 4.25; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 17 to 20c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 70 to 75c.; American do., 65 to 70c.; insect powder, 25 to 35c.

FURS.—There is some little local demand for fine fresh mink, otter and skunk, which of course cannot be as yet supplied, but, as a rule, the attention of furriers is being more directed to European dyed furs, and the chances are that prices for Canadian skins will be moderate this fall, especially as there does not seem to be much interest yet developed in this market on the other side. Letters from England indicate that there is some difficulty in getting lambskins through from Russia; there is a very good demand for these and prices are likely to run higher.

GROCERIES.—The first direct fruit vessel, the "Avlona," is in port, and considerable cutting in Valencia raisins prevailed for the first few days after her arrival, but cables from two large consignors instructing that fruit be put in store, and advices from Denia announcing a strong market, have stiffened prices somewhat, and 4½c. is being asked for second quality; 5 to 5½c. for first quality; layers, 7 to 7½c. The

receipts by the "Avlona" were only a little over 50,000 boxes, while the next vessel, the "Escalona," is bringing only 39,000, of which 20,000 boxes are for Halifax. The New York market is firm at 3½c. for firsts. Importations of currants are light, and prices are, for ordinary Provincials 5½c., choice 5¾c.; Patras cases, 6 to 6½c.; Vostizzas, 7½c.; new Sultanias are quoted lower than last year at 7 to 9c. Granulated sugar is off a point, and is now quoted at refinery at 4½c.; this is probably due to some outside lots having been sold in the country below refinery figures, as well as to the fact that Lower Province refineries have been making lower quotations in this market; yellows from 3½c. to 4c. Canned salmon is showing much strength, and holders are asking \$1.50 to \$1.60, with a possibility of further advance.

HIDES.—Dealers are still buying No. 1 green hides at 5c., and selling at 5½c., and some report a considerable trade at these figures. Calfskins 5c. The price of lambskins was fixed for the month at 70c., but some dealers are said to be paying more than this.

LEATHER.—There have been some fair transactions in upper leather within the last few days, the purchaser being a lower province dealer. Sole is in moderate request; buff and splits are very quiet, especially the latter. The English market is very dull, and some lots of Canadian splits have been lying there unsold for some months. Some moderately sized lots of patent leather are going forward from Quebec, but this is about all. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 18c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1, slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2, do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 29c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 28 to 30c.; splits, large, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 15c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13½c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The feature of the week has been the advance in copper of 1½c. per lb. in the U. S.; local prices have not strengthened proportionately, but are firmer at 12½ to 13c. The movement in iron is still a very moderate one, foundrymen being pretty well supplied. Local prices are firmer all around; Summerlee is practically out of the market, but there are fair supplies of other good brands. We advance quotations 50 cents all around, and Carnbroe \$1. Lots of I.C. charcoal tins have sold at \$3.85, and we quote \$3 85 to 4; I.X., \$4.75 to 5. Ingot tin is steady at quotations. Antimony easier at 12 to 13c., and zinc at \$6. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, \$20; Calder, No. 1, \$19.50; Calder, No. 3, \$18.50; Summerlee, \$20; Eglington, \$19.00; Gartsherrie, \$20.00; Carnbroe, \$19; Shotts, \$20; Middlesboro, No. 3, none offering; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$19 to \$19.50; machinery scrap, \$15 to 16; common do., \$12; bar iron, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Canada Plates—Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.55 to 2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.00 to 7.50. Merchants' roofing, 20x28, \$13.50. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.00; charcoal I.C., \$3.85 to 4; P.D. Crown, \$4.25; do. I.X., \$4.75 to 5; coke I. C., \$3.30 to 3.50; coke wasters, \$3.15; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6¾c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.80 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3 to 3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 22½ to 23c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 12½ to 13c.; sheet zinc, \$6; spelter, \$5.25 to 5.75; American do. \$5.50. Antimony 12 to 13c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$5.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.,