

realize the fact that Tobaccos cannot be manufactured duty paid at prices now offering; the stock in this market is becoming rapidly concentrated in hands of fewer holders, which fact will tend materially to advance prices. Nearly all the little lots which were held by small speculators, (and which were periodically pressed upon the market at ruinous prices to meet advances) are absorbed, and the bulk of good sound tobaccos of well-known brands is considered excellent property. Present holders are firm, with determination to realize something approaching to value. We quote

1 1/2's	25 to 29
5's	24 to 28
Bright, 1/2 lb.	45 to 55

MOLASSES.—Market dull, and without any enquiry worth noting. We do not alter our quotations of last week.

Clayed, per gallon,	33 to 35
Muscovado, "	37 to 40
Syrups, "	46 to 50

FRUIT.—The market is unchanged without any increased demand. We note prices in New York have slightly receded since our last, owing to the decline of gold and arrivals from Malaga.—Raisins: Layers \$1.90 to \$2.10 for small parcels; round lots \$1.85 to \$1.90; M. R. \$1.75 to \$1.80, and for round lots \$1.65 to \$1.70; Valencias 7/8c to 7/16c; Currants 5/8c to 6/16c.

SALT.—Inactive without sales; quotations nominal. Liverpool coarse, 62 1/2c to 65c; Stoved, 85c to 90c.

RICE.—Quiet, and dull, and without demand. We quote Arracan for 100 lbs. \$3.35 to \$3.45.

Limited lots of Groceries not named in foregoing review, are daily being moved off to supply the Retail trade, but we report the market generally very dull.

COAL OIL.—At auction on 20th inst. (terms cash and auction duty), the oils being of fair quality, the following prices were obtained,—10 brls. 31c.; 15 brls. 30c.; 5 brls. 29c.; 15 brls. 28c.; 144 brls. 27c.; 45 brls. 26 1/2c.; 57 brls. 25c. Only one lot was withdrawn, 15 casks Cod Oil brought 69 and 70c.

THE HARDWARE TRADE.

We again insert a complete list of all the Wholesale Houses in this line in Montreal, many who no doubt desire to advertise not having been called upon. Hereafter, however, we shall insert here ONLY the names of advertisers.

A. A. Barber & Co.	Frothingham & Workman.
L. J. Beliveau	Geo. Hagar & Co.
Benny, Macpherson & Co.	Hall, Kay & Co.
W. Brown & Co.	Jos. N. Hall & Co.
Crathern & Caverhill.	James Hutton & Co.
Wm. Darling & Co.	Morland, Watson & Co.
Elliot & Co.	Mullholland & Baker.
Eyans & Evans.	Thos. Robertson & Co.
J. H. Evans.	C. C. Snowden & Co.
Ferrier & Co.	Thomas Wilson & Co.
A. H. Forbes.	Winn & Holland.

OUR quotations this week are not much different from our previous ones. We have still to chronicle very few operations in any heavy goods, and with a tendency in prices in favor of the buyer. Some few transactions in Bar Iron have taken place during the past week at our lowest quotations; and now that the river is frozen, buyers from the country villages are making their appearance. This gives some animation.

In Pig Iron there have been few transactions, and prices quoted are firm.

Canada Plates are now firm at our quotations, some holders having sold out.

Cut Nails and Spikes are not likely to be changed in price, till it is seen how Spring importations rule. Should a large demand occur in Spring, stocks will be short, as the mills are all closed just now, and will not commence cutting till middle of March—meanwhile the stocks held are much less than they were last year.

In general Hardware and Shelf Goods, the market is much better supplied than is usual at this season of the year, and it is not expected that the importations will reach the usual Spring average. This, with the likelihood of high freights, will tend to keep prices fully up to present rates.

PRICE LIST OF HARDWARE.

IRON.

Pig—Gartsherrrie No. 1	\$24.50
Eglinton } No. 1	23.00 to 23.50
Blair	
Cleveland } No. 4	22.50 to 23.00
Eglinton	
Blair	
Bar—Scotch, per 112 lbs.	2.80 to 3.00
Staffordshire Refined, per 122 lbs	3.20 to 3.50
Swedes	4.20 to 4.75
Coopers' Hoops "	3.80 to 3.70
Band do. "	3.20 to 3.50
Boiler Plate	3.75 to 4.00
Canada Plates, per box—Staffordshire	3.40 to 3.60
Budd	4.20
Glamorgan	4.40
Pontypool	4.40

HORSE NAILS.		
	Per lb.	20 19 18 c.
Guest's or Griffin's	19	18 18 17 c.
Scotch F	9	10 11 12
Tin Charcoal per box 1C		8.50 to 9.00
IX		10.50 to 11.25
DC		7.50 to 8.00
DX		9.50 to 10.00
Terne 1C		6.00 to 7.00
IX		7.50 to 8.25
Coke 1C		7.00 to 8.00

INGOT AND BLOCK TIN.		
Per lb.	0.28 to	0.30
Bar do.	0.30 to	0.32

COPPER.		
Ingot and Pig, per lb.	0.25 to	0.28
Sheet and Sheathing	0.29 to	0.31

LEAD.		
Bar, per lb.	0.06 to	0.07
Sheet "	0.06 1/2 to	0.07 1/2
Shot "	0.07 to	0.07 1/2

TIN.		
Sheet No. 9 and upwards	0.07 to	0.07 1/2
No. 8	0.07 1/2 to	0.08
Block or Spelter	0.05 1/2 to	0.06

GALVANIZED IRON, per lb.		
Assorted Nos.	0.8 to	0.09
	9	10 11 c.
Best quality Nos.	No. 24	26 28

IRON WIRE.		
Per bdl 63 lbs.	2.80 3.00 3.20 3.60 4.00 4.40	
Nos.	6 8 10 12 14 16	

CHAIN, CLOSE LINK COIL.		
Per 100 lbs.	7.00 6.50 6.00 5.50 5.00	
	1/2 5-16 3-8 1/2	

PROV'D CABLES.		
	1.00 5.50 5.00 4.75 4.50	
	1/2 3/4 7-8 1	

ANCHORS, per 100 lbs.		
Small	6.00 to	6.50
8 to 20 cwt.	7.00 to	7.50

STEEL.		
Cast per lb.	0.14 to	0.16
Spring	0.05 1/2 to	0.07
Sley Shoe	0.06 to	0.07

CASTINGS, per 100 lbs.		
Potash Kettles	2.50 to	3.00
Sugar do.	2.80 to	3.25
Camp Ovens	3.00 to	3.50
Belly Pots	3.80 to	4.00

AXES.		
Warranted, per box	9.50 to	10.50
Double Steel	11.00 to	12.00
Improved	12.00 to	14.00

ROPE.		
Manilla, per lb.	0.11 1/2 to	0.12
Do. Red Cords per doz.	1.12 1.40 1.75	
	48 60 72 p	

Kentucky Pots	0.10 to	0.11
Dress Sea	0.11 to	0.12
Tarred Russia	0.10 1/2 to	0.12

OILS.		
Boiled Lined	0.90 to	0.95
Raw do	0.85 to	0.90

PAINTS.		
Dry White Lead, per lb.	0.07 1/2 to	0.08 1/2
Dry Red do.	0.07 1/2 to	0.08 1/2

JAMES' WHITE LEAD.		
In Oil, per keg of 25 lbs.	2.40 2.50 2.10	
Genuine	No. 1 No. 2	
	2.25 2.00 1.90	
Other makes, Genuine	No. 1 No. 2	

PUTTY.		
In bladders, per 112 lbs.	3.75 to	4.00

GLASS—German Window.		
Per 50 feet box,	7 x 9 to 12 x 14	1.65 to 1.75
	12 x 18 to 16 x 22	1.80 to 1.90
	20 x 30 and upwards	2.20 to 2.50

[The names of Hall, Kay & Co. and A. H. Forbes were unintentionally omitted in our list of Hardware Merchants last week.]

PRICE LIST OF MONTREAL CUT NAILS AND SPIKES.

Cut Nails, kegs inclusive, including one quarter shingle of 2 1/2, 3, and 4 dy., in 112 lb. kegs. 19s 0d per keg.

Shingle Nails, 2 1/2, 3, and 4 dy, when sold alone 20s 0d per keg.

Lath, 2 dy. 5 dy., in all cases 21s 0d per keg.

For order 500 kegs 0s 6d per keg.

Do. 2,000 do 1s 0d per keg.

Flour Barrel Nails 25s 0d per keg.

Finishing do 1, 35s; 1 1/2, 27s 6d; 1 3/4, 26s 3d; 1 3/8, 25s; 2 in. and upwards 23s 9d

Tobacco Box Nails 1 1/2, 30s; 1 3/8, 23s; 2 1/2 and upwards 22s 6d

Heavy Fence Nails, all sizes 21s 3d

Cut Spikes, 4 to 6 in. 22s 6d

Slatting Nails, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 23s 9d

Terms: 4 Months' Note.

The Subscriber, having been appointed Agent for the sale of Cut Nails and Spikes manufactured by the following: Messrs. Thos. Peck & Co., J. T. Bigelow & Co., Mansfield, Holland & Son., is now prepared to supply all orders for goods manufactured by them at short notice.

H. W. IRELAND,

Nail and Metal Broker.

Montreal, Jan. 26, 1885.

LEAF TOBACCO.

THE recommendation of the Finance Committee of the U. S. Congress to impose an excise duty upon Leaf Tobacco, has caused a considerable advance in prices of all grades. The advices from Louisville and St. Louis indicate a very firm market; and at the Warehouse Sales 13 to 26 cts. has been paid for fair manufacturing Leaf. In our own market a lot of Missouri was offered early in the week at 6 cts. but has now been withdrawn. Canada Leaf participates in this movement, and holders have advanced their ideas; and what was freely offered at 4 to 4 1/2 cts. is now held at 5 to 5 1/2 cts. and very firm. If Congress imposes the proposed tax, prices will of course advance much further, otherwise we do not think the advance on Canada Leaf can be maintained.

SOAP AND CANDLES.

The following is a list of Manufacturers in Montreal in this line. We shall insert in this position only the names of those who advertise with us.

Christie, William.	Kavanagh, Michael.
Darling & Brady.	Littauer, S.
Hood, A. W.	Mathewson, John & Son.

SOAP and civilization it is said, advance together, and certainly the facilities this city affords for this branch of manufacture are seldom surpassed anywhere. The raw supplies are more abundant and cheaper than in any other part of the province. A very large quantity of tallow is had from the city meat markets; and stock from Chicago and other Western ports is laid down here as cheaply as New York; and as an evidence that manufacturing is done to the best advantage, foreign goods are seldom offered, and then only disposed of at a loss. Trade is however limited to the province. Stock being chiefly purchased upon cash terms, it requires a large amount of capital to carry on business successfully. The boiling process of saponification is most approved, since an article of greater excellence can be produced. All kinds, however, are made to suit the trade. Business the past year has been only moderate, but remunerative. Market at present very quiet. The following are our quotations:

Montreal Common Soap	\$0 2 1/2
Do. Crown do.	0 4
Steam Refined Pale do.	0 5
Montreal Liverpool do.	0 5
Family Soap	0 5 1/2
Compound Erasive	0 6 1/2
Pale Yellow	0 7
Honey Soap, lb. cases	0 12 1/2

CANDLES.—The introduction of machinery into this branch of manufacture has been of late in a great measure superseded by coal oil, which is now in general use, and much preferable. A considerable falling off in the demand for Candles is the consequence. Quotations: Tallow Moulds, 10 1/2 c.; Wax Wicks, 12 1/2 c.; Adamantine, 18 c.

THE FUR TRADE.

IN raw Furs we note no special change. The returns of the January London sales will be looked forward to with interest, since the result will influence prices here.

The St. Paul's (Minn.) press complains that the fifteen per cent. duty imposed by Congress on Skins has had the effect of causing a large portion of the Red River Furs to pass into the hands of the Hudson Bay Company; and adds, that "while the amount paid for furs by our (St. Paul's) dealers during the past year probably exceeds that of any previous year, the number of skins bought shows a considerable falling off." The total brought down by the Red River carts amounts to about \$100,000, only one-half of which was sold in St. Paul's, and of these a large portion was in robes.

Latest foreign news show an advance, especially in South-sea Seal, and various kinds of Lambskins. The former article, owing to the fashion introduced by the higher classes in England in using seal for Polkas and outer garments, will materially increase the price of the raw material for next season.—We continue our quotations, furnished by Messrs. Greene & Sons.

Mink	\$2.50 to \$3.00
Martin	1.50
Otter	4.00 to 5.00
Coon	0.20 to 0.50
Red Fox	1.50 to 1.75
Rat	0.10 to 0.12 1/2
Fisher	4.00 to 5.00
Beaver	1.00 to 1.25 per lb.
Bear	3.00 to 12.00