

Richelieu at 61½; 25 do at 61½; 60 City Passenger at 119; 100 City Gas at 151½; 225 do at 151; and 25 Dundas Cotton at 137½.

ASNES.—Receipts of Pots are fair for the season. Sales are made at \$5.05 to \$5.15, and for a few barrels very heavy tares \$5.20 has been paid. Seconds have chiefly sold at \$4.40 to \$4.50, a few barrels brought a few cents more. No Thirds coming in. *Pearls* are higher. Since our last 25 barrels sold at \$5.75 and 25 barrels at \$6.00 for first Sort. Receipts since 1st January, 8253 barrels Pots, 1463 barrels Pearls. Deliveries, 8666 barrels Pots, 1516 barrels Pearls. Stock in store at six o'clock on 1st December, 79 barrels Pots, 51 barrels Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is a continued good demand for heavy winter wear, especially warm, felt overshoes, which the Rubber Companies are not able to deliver rapidly enough to satisfy all orders; manufacturers are also a little behind still with orders for heavy boots. In other lines business is quiet. The workshops are generally closed, for a few days, during stock taking. As previously reported, the books will show a satisfactory year's business; although prices have not been quite so good as they should have been, perhaps, a larger business has been done than in previous years, buyers have paid promptly and losses have been small. Collections continue first class.

CATTLE.—The arrivals for local demand during the week were small as compared with the week previous, and the quality was also inferior. Prices are unchanged, and vary from 3½ to 4½ for good butchers' cattle. Hogs are worth from \$5.62½ to \$6 per 100 lbs, and dressed do from \$6.75 to \$7. The total shipments of live stock from this port for the season just closed were: Cattle 35,416; Sheep 67,943; Hogs, 700.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in this line has been exceedingly quiet since our last issue, and not much improvement is expected for some time to come. Some houses are taking stock. Prices are nominally unchanged. *Quinine* is lower in sympathy with the New York market; it might be bought now at \$3.35 for lots, but holders are not anxious to sell, as they expect another advance ere long. *Iodide of Potash* and *Tartaric Acid* are each reported a shade lower, also the latter being quoted at 52c to 55c per lb. Payments reported good. In the English markets there has been a slight revival, and prices there have been shaded somewhat, but there is no marked change of importance. A good many of the manufacturers are still delivering on old contracts at prices considerably above present values.

DRY GOODS.—The character and extent of business in this line does not vary much from week to week, at this season of the year; still, the trade here are more than usually busy, the majority of dealers report that light sorting-up orders from country merchants for woollens and other seasonable goods continue to be received by every mail, and payments continue to be met promptly. Ottawa district merchants are still experiencing a "boom," and as many of them bought sparingly during the early part of the season, they are now forwarding fair-sized orders for goods which they must have for the winter trade. The continued cold weather has materially benefitted the dry goods trade, but especially has it proved a boon to the retail community, who have been doing a rushing business in all classes of goods, almost entirely for cash, too, which argues well for the condition of customers and future of the trade. The leading city retail stores are crowded daily, and dealers declare the aggregate of sales for November to be from 50 to 75 per cent. in advance of that for the like period of last and other preceding years. A few of our wholesale houses

have commenced stock-taking, preparatory to the anticipated early arrival of spring importations.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—By auction a couple small lots very low Japan sold 20c to 21½c, of which about 490 packages since sold about 21c, held 22½c to 24c, quality quite common. Market is quiet, and prices for fine made Teas up to fine qualities are not much altered. Young Hysons dull. Black Teas not much doing. *Sugars.*—A firm tone prevailed most of the week, but advance is now apparently arrested, and prices remain at about 4th higher than were current 10 days since. Granulated, 9½c to 10½c. Yellows 7½c to 9c. Choice Porto Rico held 8c, ordinary 7½c to 8c. *Molasses.*—Some low qualities 27c to 33c; good fair to good, 35c to 38c; choice 42c to 47c. *Syrups* steady. *Rice* dull. *Coffees* rather better abroad. Recent sale of Java in Holland a little higher. *Spices.* Pepper keeps up. Pimento firm. *Fruits.*—A little improvement reported in Malaga Raisins. Valencia steady, 7½c to 8½c. An auction sale of damaged fruit showed fair prices, and a round lot of 500 boxes Valencia sold to settle dispute 7½c.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The breadstuffs markets, both local and foreign, have continued inactive, and somewhat irregular, during the week. The imports to the United Kingdom during the past week show an increase of 15,000 qrs. Wheat, and 5,000 barrels Flour, and a decrease of 20,000 qrs Corn, as compared with those of the week previous. To-day the English market shows an improvement, wheat having advanced 6d per qr., and in Chicago an advance of about 1½c on yesterday's closing, prices is reported. The buoyancy of the outside markets renders holders here less anxious to sell, and indeed for several days there has been but little business doing in either Flour or Grain. Of course since the close of navigation the demand has been entirely local. As before reported many of our grain merchants are now buying in the West, for shipment from Portland, and prices here remain nominal at about the figures last quoted. Stocks of grain in store are much lower than at the like date last year, as may be seen by reference to the table below, with the exception of corn and rye: those of corn are more than double those of last year at this date, while a comparison of the stocks of wheat shows a decrease of some 22,500 bush. In flour there is also a considerable decrease. Recent arrivals are quite light; and, although the demand, as usual, has been light since the closing of the port, yet the supply has been insufficient for the daily wants of the city, and values have therefore considerably advanced. Considerable quantities are supposed to be lying at Grand Trunk stations on the western line, but the demand for produce freight just now is so great that sufficient rolling stock cannot be commanded to bring it forward. No recent sales of consequence have been reported here. Superior Extra, in retail lots, has been reported sold at as high as \$6.75. Extra is saleable at \$5.60, but there is none in the market. Strong Bakers' are selling in small lots at \$6.35 to \$6.50, and Spring Extras are worth \$5.50 to \$5.75.

STOCKS IN STORE IN MONTREAL.

	Dec. 1. 1880.	Nov. 15. 1880.	Dec. 1. 1879.
Wheat, bushels.....	125,049	95,120	147,545
Corn, bushels.....	25,500	23,000	10,569
Peas, bushels.....	3,653	13,315	72,720
O ts, bushels.....	4,570	14,820	129,945
Barley, bushels.....	10,398	11,604	18,466
Rye, bushels.....	7,237	6,488	7,199
Flour, barrels.....	25,252	46,887	29,657
Oatmeal, barrels.....	283	175	275
Cormeal, barrels.....	259	50	110

DAIRY PRODUCE.—In *Butter* there has been no business doing in this market, except in jobbing lots, and of these even sales were few and small, as many of the grocers have arranged for their supplies from farmers coming to market, or for shipments direct from the

country. There is no demand from shippers for either poor or fine grades, as they have no orders from across the ocean. Wholesale prices here therefore rule nominal, at about the figures quoted last week. In New York there is a sharp local demand for choice, perfect flavored creamery, at full prices. Western there has taken full precedence, and the best lots readily command 36c, with an occasional squeeze up to 37c. Exporters are indifferent, and the prospects for shipments this week are quite doubtful. The *Cheese* market has continued dull, without sales to relieve the monotony. Holders, having bought at high figures from the factory-men in the early part of the season, are still asking 13½c for the best September, and 12 to 12½c for Oct., but no buyers can be found at these prices. In Liverpool the cable still quotes 66s, while holders ask 68s to 69s for Sept., and are confident of an improved demand ere long. Stocks in Montreal include about 50,000 boxes, of which 20,000 are from Wisconsin; in Ontario, West of Toronto, it is estimated that 25,000 boxes, of which 13,000 are said to be in farmers' hands, are held.

FISH.—Orders are being steadily received, and stocks are gradually becoming reduced. A considerable quantity of green fish was expected to have arrived per the Steamer *Beaver*, which got ashore down the river, and the cargo had to be thrown overboard. This has tended to stiffen the market, and enhance prices; green cod is now quoted at \$4.25 to \$4.50 for No. 1, and \$3.25 to \$3.50 for No. 2. Draft fish are extremely scarce, and under a good demand are held at \$5.75 to \$6, and for extra large \$6.50 is asked. *Salmon* is in very light demand, and prices rule about steady at \$18, \$17 and \$16 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Newfoundland, and \$15 and \$14.50 respectively for Nos. 2 and 3 Californian. *Labrador herrings.*—Desirable brands have been pretty well sold out of first hands at \$5 to \$5.50. For inferior lots, nominally inspected, of which there is not a great deal in the market, concessions on these prices would be made.

FRUITS.—*Apples.*—Arrivals for the week nil; the local demand is fairly good, but with the close of navigation shipments from this port ceased, for the time being. Sales have been wholly of a retail character, at \$2 to \$2.50 per barrel for good to choice, while poor and frozen qualities sold at lower figures, \$1 and under. Cable advices received last Saturday report sales of Canadian apples in Liverpool at an average price of 1½s, is lower than the average quotation at previous sales; as a rule, Canadian apples bring 1s to 2s more than American in Liverpool. *Oranges.*—Supply limited, and demand only fair; quoted at \$7 to \$7.50 per case. *Lemons.*—A fair demand for Messina fruit, at \$4 per box; Malaga worth \$3.50. *Almeria Grapes* in good request, with stocks light; \$6 per keg is asked and obtained for good sound fruit. *Cranberries* very scarce and wanted; held firmly at \$7 per barrel. The shipments of Apples from Montreal, Boston and New York, to Great Britain during the season just closed include 544,448 barrels. The Canadian fruit has been characterized by London and Liverpool dealers as especially fine, and top prices were obtained for it from the commencement, the quality and packing being far superior to all other arrivals.

FURS.—The "boom" in the fur trade has continued throughout the week; the demand for manufactured goods is unprecedented, and the wholesale trade are obliged to refuse numerous orders, they having already more in hand than they can execute within the time allotted to them. Manufacturers are experiencing difficulty in obtaining the assistance necessary to fill orders, now being pressed for immediate execution for both the city and country trade. Payments were never better. Of *Raw Furs* there are very few coming forward as yet, and none but good prime skins are wanted. There is a fair demand for good qualities of all des-