

## CATTLE EXPORT TRADE.

The Canadian cattle trade has closed for the season, and owing to the embargo, says the *Canadian Gazette*, it is not surprising that a deficiency is shown as compared with last year of 14,248 cattle, or about the number of stockers which in 1892 were landed at Scottish ports. Last year the total shipments, including stockers, equalled 96,395; this year the absence of stockers brought the number down to 82,047. In the United Kingdom there are 2,719,615 head of cattle two-year-old and upwards, so the loss of the Canadian stockers to the farmers only amounts to half of 1 per cent. Canadian shippers of fat stock were very much disappointed with the prices obtained for their cattle, and hope to obtain better results next season, which commences in June.

—Mulhall estimates that the total manufactures of the world annually equal in value the enormous sum of \$22,370,000,000.

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Dec. 20th, 1893.

**ASHES.**—The market is a little stronger under light receipts, and a few days ago there were only 33 barrels in store, all held by one dealer. We quote first quality pots \$4.50, seconds \$3.80; pearls may be quoted at \$5.30 to \$5.40. There have been some recent small shipments to Europe.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—A very fair sorting demand for the season is reported. Camphor is a trifle easier, but hardly notably so; in quinine there are reports of a probable advance of ten per cent., and a combination among producers is not improbable; morphia rather easier owing to competition among manufacturers. Oils of bergamot and orange will be a trifle lower; insect powder sure to be higher. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.60 to 2.70; 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, 19 to 21c.; do. ground, 20 to 22c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 35 to 38c.; do. powder, 38 to 40c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.75 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 4.75; epsom salts, \$1.40 to 1.60; saltpetre, \$3.50 to 3.80; American quinine, 25 to 30c.; German quinine, 30 to 35c.; Howard's quinine, 36 to 40c.; opium, \$4.50 to 5.00; morphia, \$2.00 to 2.20; gum arabic, sorts, 25 to 40c.; white, 50c. to 75c.; carbolic acid crystals, 30 to 45c. per lb.; crude 90c. to \$1 per gallon; iodide potassium, \$3.90 to \$4.25 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.25 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.75 to 4.25; orange, \$3.50 to 4.00; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 18 to 20c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 65 to 70c.; American do., 63 to 68c.; insect powder, 25 to 35c.

**DRY GOODS.**—The feature of the week is the suspension of a small jobbing house quoted in our summary columns, also the failure of several moderate sized retailers. Wholesale trade is still quiet. Some travelers have already started out with complete samples of spring lines, but nothing much can be expected to be done till after the holidays. City retail trade has brightened up somewhat during the week, but is still rather short of expectations. In values of textiles there is nothing new whatever.

**FURS.**—The arctic weather of the last ten days has been a decided help to the retailer, and improved the demand for dressed skins, but in raw furs the offerings from the country continue to be quite meagre, and prices are as last revised. We quote for average prime skins:—Beaver, \$3 to \$4; bear, \$8 to 14; cub, \$3 to 5; fisher, \$2 to 4; red fox, 75c. to \$1.25; lynx, \$1.50 to 2.50; marten, 50c. to \$1; mink, 75c. to \$1.50; musk rat, winter, 12 to 15c.; otter \$8

to 12; coon, 25, 50 and 75c.; skunk, 25, 50 and 75c.

## MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

	Dec. 18, '93.	Dec. 11, '93.
Wheat, bushels .....	615,882	612,476
Corn " .....	2,021	nil
Oats " .....	58,191	30,064
Rye " .....	36,708	35,704
Peas " .....	95,335	105,941
Barley " .....	46,858	45,975
	\$854,995	\$880,142

**GROCERIES.**—An air of quietude pervades wholesale circles, and we can learn of nothing really interesting to write about. The active demand for currants and raisins is about over, and there appears to be enough stock of that kind to meet later wants. Sultanias are rather easier at 6½ to 8c. for new, good old stock 5 to 5½c. per lb. French prunes, 4c.; plums, 12½ to 18c. No Bosnian prunes to hand yet. Sugars are just where they were, granulated being 47-16c. at the factory, with continued complaints of the French trade jobbing at an eighth below the above figure. Yellows range from 3½ to 4c. Some fair sales of Japan teas from first hands are reported again this week at steady prices. Molasses and syrups dull and unchanged.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—There has been a quiet fortnight in the hide market, and nothing new is to be noted in values. Dealers continue to buy on the basis of 4c. for No. 1. Green hides: lambskins, 70 to 75c.; calfskins, 7c. For tallow in the rough, 2½ to 4c. is paid; rendered, 6 to 6½c.

**LEATHER.**—Some few of the shoe manufacturing houses who got through stock-taking early are doing some cutting on spring goods, and buying a few light parcels of leather, but trade is still without any activity of note, and prices are unchanged. From England there are no advices of any special interest, and values there show little improvement. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 19 to 22c.; do. No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 19c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 18 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, slaughter, 19 to 22c.; No. 2 do., 18

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