

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, March, 18. 1873.

The weather has been fine and spring like for the most part of the week. We had a heavy gale of wind accompanied with snow on Sunday but yesterday was calm with rather hard frost during all the day. The sun to-day is warm and doing good work in melting the snow, the roads all round town are in bad order for travelling.

Trade is beginning to get active and from present appearances the Dry Goods Houses anticipate a much larger business than was at one time looked for. Hardware is active and holders are very firm at outside quotations. Drugs and Chemicals are quiet. Groceries in fair demand. Breadstuffs dull and very little transpiring. Provisions firm with advancing tendency. Ashes steady.

**ASHES.**—*Pots.*—There is no new feature to notice in this market, firsts have kept very steady all week the prices obtained ranging from \$6.90 to 6.95 some parcels were said to have been sold a shade under our inside quotations. The market to day closes quiet at \$6.85 to 6.92½ seconds are scarce and nominal at \$6.00; thirds \$5.60. *Pearls.*—Receipts very small and not many offering just now. Firsts being \$8.50 and seconds \$7.50 to 7.55. The stocks now in store are pots 696 brls; pearls 285 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—A very fair business is reported to have been done during the week just ended especially in orders from travellers, prices do not show much variation. We continue to quote:—Men's Kip Boot \$2.25 to 3; Split Brogans \$1 to 1.20; Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2; Prunella Boots \$1.25 to 1.50; Boys Brogans 80c to \$1; Womens Buff Boots \$1.15 to 1.25; Womens Split Boots 90c to \$1.10; ditto Prunella Boots 75c to \$1.75; ditto enamelled Buff Slippers 60 to 75c; Childs Buff Boots 60 to 70c; Infants shoes \$2 to 6 per doz. pair.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—This market has ruled very quiet this week and transactions have been on a small scale. *Salt Soda* 2½ to 2½c; *Soda Ash* 3½c; *Alum.*—Has been moving in small lots at 2½ to 2½c. *Saltpetre.*—Is steady at \$10.50 to 11, at which prices a few sales are reported. *Bi Carb.*—Is in good demand with a decided upward tendency and a number of sales have been made at \$5.57½ to 5.75, and is now held at our outside quotations. *Sulphur* 3½ to 3½c; *Blue Vitriol* 7½ to 8½c; *Cream Tartar* ground 30 to 33c. *Bleaching Powder.*—Is in fair demand at 3½ to 3½c; *Coppers* 1½c per lb. In other goods there is very little movement and prices are unchanged.

**Dry Goods.**—Wholesale houses report trade as active and beyond what was expected especially have the orders from travellers largely increased, indeed much beyond what was anticipated. A number of Western buyers are also in town, who though buying carefully having large stocks on hand are sanguine of doing a large spring trade. The orders coming in for Fancy Dry Goods are large, and prices of all goods in this trade are reported satisfactory. Clothing active both from buyers on the spot and orders from travellers on the road.

**FISH.**—This market is very firm and characterized by a good deal of activity, but prices do not exhibit much change since our last report. *Dry Cod.*—Is scarce especially good fish, which can be placed at \$4.75 to 5. *Green Cod.*—There is none at present in this market. *Salmon.*—Is also scarce and commands from \$15 to 16; *Labrador Herrings* \$3.50 to 4; *Split Herrings* \$2.50 to 3.25; *Round Herrings* \$2.25; *Mackerel* nominal \$6 to 7; *Sardines* unchanged.

**FURS.**—There is no change in this market,

very little business doing at present here. The report of the London sales have not all come to hand. At the sale on the 8th inst. the price realized for skunks was 25s under the prices for the same time last year. Martin 15s under. Bear brought the same prices as last year, as did also Raccoon. The collection of Muskrat offered was short of last year, consequently prices advanced about 15s. We hope to have the full report of the sales for next weeks report. Montreal quotations are:—Beaver \$2 to 2.50 per lb; black bear, \$10 to 12; fisher, \$6 to 7; silver fox, \$25 to 50; cross fox, \$2 to 5; red fox, \$1.62½; lynx, \$1.75 to 2; dark marten, \$5 to 7; pale marten \$2 to 2.50; dark mink, \$3. to 4; mink, prime, 2d \$1.50 to 2; fall muskrat, 8c. to 10c winter do., 15c; spring do., 20c; racoon, 40c to 50c; skunk, 25c; otter, \$10 to 12.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts for the past week 10,700 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 88,828 brls. being a decrease of 2,861 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. The stocks in store and in the hands of Millers on the morning of the 15th inst was 57,813 brls against 54,617 brls on the 1st inst. and 100,734 on the 15th of March 1872. As will be observed from these figures the demand has not been equal to the imports and the stocks in store are steadily increasing. The market keeps very quiet, although a moderate business has been done quotations show very little change since our last, and at the close of the market to-day they were if anything a shade easier:—Extra \$7 to 7.20; Fancy \$6.40 to 6.50; Ordinary supers from Canada wheat \$5.92½ to 6.00; Strong Bakers Flour \$6.10 to 6.25; Canada No. 2 \$5.60 to 5.70; Fine \$5 to 5.25; Middlings \$4 to 4.25; Pollards \$2.25 to 3.00; Upper Canada Bag flour \$2.80 to 3.00; Oatmeal has been sold in round lots during the week at from \$5 to 5.20 according to quality. Cornmeal \$3 to 3.15.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—Receipts during the week 11,200 bush; total receipts from 1st January to date 87,880 bush. being an increase of 33,805 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst were 123,866 bush. against 123,354 bush. on the 1st inst. and 17,400 bush. on the 15th of March 1872. The business has not yet begun to open out, and only 1 or 2 car loads of Upper Canada Spring have changed hands at \$1.37½, all other grade in the meantime are nominal. *Maize.*—Stock in store on the 15th inst 356,360 bush. market quiet at 59c for car loads. *Peas.* Stock in store 9761 bush. Nothing doing at present nominal price 80 to 82½c. *Oats.*—Stock in store 64697 bush. Market dull and nominal at 30 to 31c. *Barley.*—Stock in store 9700 bush. We hear of very few transactions the latest reported was at from 45 to 60c according to quality. *Timothy seed* easier sales from \$2.90 to 3.00. Pot Barley \$5.75; Pearl Barley \$10.00.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—For fine and medium Young Hysons and uncoloured Japans there has been a fair demand the following are about the prices at present obtainable in this market. Fine Young Hysons 70 to 85c; medium do. 50 to 60c; Imperials 40 to 60c; choice Gunpowders 80 to 90c; fine uncoloured Japans 50 to 65c; medium do. 35 to 45c; good Twankays 32½ to 35c. *Coffee.*—The principal stocks in this market are of Java, Rio, Ceylon, and Laquagra which are sold at 23 to 25c; 20 to 21c; 21 to 22c and 19 to 20½c respectively. The quantity changing hands has been by no means large. Accounts from Europe still show an advancing market. *Sugar.*—The market is rather dull at present and prices are much the same as for last week viz. Cuba Grocery 8½ to 8½; Port Rico 8½ to 9c; Montreal refinery prices are unchanged. *Spices.*—Have met with a fair demand and prices are well maintained. We quote.—

Black Pepper 16 to 17c; Cassia 22 to 24c; Cloves 22 to 24c; Nutmegs 85 to \$1.00; Jamaica Ginger 19 to 20c. *Molasses.*—Are in fair demand especially for the choice grades. There has been sales of Centrifugal at 18 to 19c; Clayed 19 to 20c this grade is scarce at present. Trinidad has been freely offered at 30 to 32½c, but we have heard of no transaction. *Fruit.*—Market dull and inactive. Layer raisins are hardly enquired for price is nominally \$1.50 to 1.52½; Valentias are more asked for and sales are made at 5 to 6½c in lots; Sultanias 11 to 11½c; Currants 5½ to 6½c; Walnuts 8 to 8½c; Filberts 9½ to 10½c; Prunes scarce 6 to 6½c according to package.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—Trade at the present is very light and quotations present no change since last week. We still quote:—Salted hides \$9.50 to 10; No. 1 green, \$9 to 9.50; No. 2 ditto, 8.50 to 9; No. 3 and bulls, \$7 to 8; sheep and lambskins, \$1.50 to 2.

**HARDWARE.**—There have been large contracts made in this market for Pig Iron on Western States account deliverable on the opening of navigation. Bar iron has been also sold to a large extent. We do not alter our quotations this week as holders are rather chary about giving quotations at present, one thing seem certain that it will not be possible to replace stocks which are now getting very low at the prices now current here, and buyers will have to make up their minds to greatly enhanced values very soon. We still give the following nominal rates. *Pig Iron*—Coltness, none in market, Gartsherrie, \$48.00 to 50.00; Summerlee \$48.00 to 50; Glengarnock, \$47 to 48; Laug loan, \$49 to 50; Eglington, \$45 to 46; Clyde, \$43 to 44; Hematite, \$50 to 52. *Bars*—Scotch or Staffordshire, \$70 to 75; best refined, \$80 to 85; Swedes, \$100 to 120. *Hoop and Band*, \$4.50 to 6.00. *Sheets*, \$6 to 7.50. *Plates*—Best, \$5 to 7; Lowmoor or Bowling, \$9 to 10. *Nails*—Cut, \$5 to 6.50; pressed, \$7 to 11.00; pressed spikes, \$6.50 to 7; *Canada Plates*—Hutton, \$7.25 to 7.50; Swansea, \$8 to 8.25; Crown \$7.25 to 8. *Tin Plates*—Charcoal IC, \$13.00 to 13.50; ditto IX, \$15.00 to 15.50; coke, IC, \$12.50 to 13. *Sheet Lead*, \$7 to 7.50; pig lead, \$6 to 7. *Zinc*—Spelter, \$6.50 to 7; sheet, \$7.50 to 8. *Galvanized Iron*, 11c to 13½c. *Cast Steel*, 14c to 16c; spring do., 6c to 6½c; sleigh shoe, 5½c to 6c. *Window Glass*—For good 4th quality, under 25 united inches, \$3; to 40 inches, \$3.20; to 50 inches, \$3.50.

**LEATHER.**—There is not much demand at present for Spanish or slaughter sole, the stock of which is pretty low; to effect sales a shade under our quotations would have to be taken. Waxed upper of good qualities is in demand, but nothing doing in inferior lots. Harness is neglected, for light and medium splits a light demand has been experienced. We quote—No. 1 Spanish sole, 27c, do. No. 2, 24 to 25c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 23c; do. No. 2, 21c; slaughter sole No. 1, 28 to 31c; light waxed upper, 37½ to 42c; heavy do. 36 to 38c; grained upper 38; to 42c; large splits, 28 to 32c; small do. 25 to 30; sheep-skin linings, 30 to 40c; harness, 28 to 30c; buffed cow, 15 to 17c. pebbled cow, 15 to 17c; patent cow, 19 to 20c.

**LIQUORS.**—There is no speculative demand just now, purchasers only taking what is wanted for immediate requirements. No change can be made in the quotations given last week. *High wines*—Are very active with large sales of Upper Canada at \$1.50, Montreal brands bringing from 2½ to 5 more.

**NAVAL STORES.**—Spirits of Turpentine keeps very quiet and prices are now almost nominal at 82½ to 85c; a good demand exists for *Rosins* in small parcels and sales are reported of strained at \$5.00; No. 2 \$5.25 to 5.50; No. 1 \$6.00; Pale \$6.50 to 7.50; *Pine Pitch* and *Tar* is in limited supply sales at \$5.00 to 5.50; *Coal Tar* and *Pitch* \$3.00.

**OILS.**—Market has a downward tendency but