

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, November 8, 1870.

During the past week, we have had very seasonable weather, but no snow as yet, farmers are now looking anxiously for a fall to cover the autumn sown wheat which is reported as looking well.

Business generally has been dull, and prices for most articles are weak and lower. Breadstuffs have only been in limited demand, and the stock in store in this city has increased since the 15th. Provisions have been in small demand, and prices are without material change. Ashes are quiet.

The Harbour is pretty well filled with ships, but all are busy loading up to get clear before the winter fairly sets in. Freights are unchanged with few recent engagements.

ASHES POTS.—There was a fair business done in the early part of the week, and prices were steady at \$6.30 to \$6.40 for firsts according to tares; Seconds sold at \$5.25 to \$5.30; Thirds were taken up at \$4.50 to \$4.60. The market to-day closes rather firmer, but at a considerable decline from last Thursday's prices. Firsts being sold at \$6.15 to \$6.26; Seconds \$5.20. **Pearls.**—In some cases sales have been made at \$7.00; but the greater part of the business done was at \$6.75 to \$6.95, closing quiet at the inside figure. Stocks now in store are Pots 619 brls.; Pearls 329 brls. being a decrease of 905 brls. Pots, and 68 brls. Pearls on the stock in store on the same date of 1869.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade on the whole has been rather dull, but prices have been well maintained, a decrease in price was at one time looked for, but as leather keeps well up, and is held for high figures, no change in the staple articles can now be looked for, prices are unchanged from our last week's quotations.

COALS.—Scotch steam is scarce in this market, and the demand for it is good, the prices here are from \$5.25 to \$5.50; American Anthracite is readily taken up at \$8.00 to \$8.25; Welsh Anthracite sells at \$7.50 to \$7.75. Pictou Steam Coal is now quoted at \$4.75 to \$5.25. There is very little doing at present in other kinds, and quotations are unchanged.

CATTLE.—The supply of fat cattle is short of the demand, but thin cattle are abundant, and dull of sale. Hogs are coming in freely, and meet with a fair demand, but prices are drooping. Sheep and Lambs are scarce. The following are to-day's prices:—Cattle, 1st quality, 7c. to 7½c. per lb.; 2nd and 3rd quality, 6c. and 5c. Milk cows \$30 to \$35, and \$45 to \$50, according to quality. Sheep are unchanged at 3c to 5c. Lambs 2c. to 3c. Live Hogs are firm at \$6½ to \$7. Dressed Hogs are dull, and are only sufficient to supply the city trade, the prices to-day were \$7 to \$8 per 100 lbs.

DRY GOODS.—There has been a fair business done during the week considering the season of the year. Prices have been steady and firm for woollen goods, for which there has been a good demand; in other goods the usual trade has been done, but no change in prices to note.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been more activity in this market during the week, but prices have not materially changed. Cream tartar crystals 22c. to 22½c. Saltpetre \$10 to \$10.50. Bleaching powder is nominal at 2c. Caustic soda is rather higher, latest quotations being 3½c. to 3¾c., at which latter prices it is now held firm. Sal soda has been placed at \$1.22½ to \$1.40, according to tares. Soda ash is quiet but firm at 2c. to 2½c. Bi carb has been disposed of at \$3.10 to \$3.15. Borax 16c. to 17c. Liquorice paste 12½c. to 20c.; Alum \$2.15 to \$2.25 per cwt. Copperas 95c. to \$1.05. Epsoms \$2 to \$2.25. Saleratus is at present without a quotation in this market.

FISH.—The market this week has been active,

and prices are firm; Labrador Herrings are scarce and firm. The trade sales which have taken place are satisfactory to the sellers. The following are the prices in the market to-day: Salmon in tcs. \$22 to \$22.50. Labrador Herrings \$6.12½ to \$6.50. Bay of Island Herrings \$2.50 to \$3.50. Dry Cod \$4.87½ to \$5.12½. Round Herrings \$3 to \$3.50.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week, 21,136 brls. Total receipts from 1st January to date, 861,744 brls., against 802,131 brls. in corresponding period of 1869, being an increase of 59,613 brls. Shipments for the past week, 10,546; total shipments from 1st January to date, 672,723 brls. against 707,696 brls. in corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 34,973 brls. The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the 1st inst was 116,461 brls., against 49,205 brls. at the same date of 1869. The market this week has ruled rather lower, and although some considerable sales have been made, the business done is not equal to the same period of former years. The following are the quotations of to-day's market: Superior Extra, \$6.40 to \$6.50; Extra, \$6.20 to \$6.25; Fancy, \$5.85; Western States Super, \$5.10 in bond; Medium Strong Supers, \$5.45 to \$5.50; Strong Bakers' Flour, \$5.70 to \$5.90; Welland Canal Flour, \$5.05 to \$5.15 in bond; Canada Super No. 2, \$5.05 to \$5.10; Fine, \$4.60 to \$4.70; Middlings, \$4.05 to \$4.25; Pollards, \$3 to \$3.50; U. C. bags, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Oatmeal is scarce at \$4.74 to \$5.

FREIGHTS.—There is a fair supply of tonnage, prices, however, are unchanged. The latest engagements by iron clippers were at 4s. 9d. to 5s. 3d. for wheat to London, Liverpool and Glasgow, very little doing; for flour latest rates were at 2s. 2s. 3d. per barrel to these three ports. Latest rates to Liverpool and Glasgow per steamer, were 5s. 6d. to 6s. for heavy grain; flour 2s. 6d. to 3s. Ashes unchanged. Provisions 45s. Butter 60s. and cheese 65s. per gross ton.

GRAIN.—Wheat, receipts for the past week 117,843 bushels; total receipts from the 1st January to date 5,370,438 bushels, against 6,397,047 bushels in corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 826,609 bushels. Shipments during the past week 152,618 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date 4,647,785 bushels against 4,718,116 bushels in corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 70,331 bushels. The stock in store on the 1st inst., was 592,044 bushels, against 443,244 bushels on the same date of 1869. Very few cargoes have changed hands that have been reported, although it is understood that a good deal has been done on private terms. Market to-day closes rather more active, with sales of No. 2 Chicago at \$1.12½, for No. 1 \$1.15 is asked. Oats are in fair request at 40 to 42c., several cargo sales have been made at inside figure. Barley is dull and prices have ruled weak at 65c. to 67½c., but buyers are hardly willing to buy at these figures. Peas.—Several small lots have been sold at 87½c. per bushel but the current quotations were 85 to 87½c.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—There has been an active demand during the week and an advance is noted on desirable grades. Japans are firm at 51 to 57c. Young Hyson 50 to 75c. Sugar—a good enquiry has been experienced this week, Cuba, grocery \$8.50 to \$8.75; Cuba refinery \$8.25 to \$8.50; Porto Rico \$8.75 to \$9. Refinery prices: Dry crushed 12½c.; crushed A, 11½; yellow refined 9½c. to 9½; Standard syrup 44c.; golden syrup 50c. Rice has been active, prices are rather higher at \$3.80 to \$4. Molasses, are dull and only small sales are reported, clayed brought 20 to 21c., at auction; Barbadoes 35c., but at these prices the lots were withdrawn. Fruit.—Large quantities have been sold this week; layer raisins have been sold in lots from \$1.90 to \$2; Valencias have met a ready market at 8½ to 8½c.; seedless raisins bringing 7½ to 7½. Currants in demand at 2½ to 6½c. Walnuts are in small supply at 8c to 9c.; Almonds 13½ to 15c. Coffee, Rio and Laguayara

were placed at 15½ to 17½c., and Java at 20½ to 23c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The business done this week has been fair; butchers' green hides 8½ to 9½c.; pelts active at 55 to 60c.

HARDWARE.—The business for the past week has been fully up to the average for this season of the year. The demand for nails exceeds any previous year, and manufacturers cannot supply the demand; many orders some months old are not yet supplied. Prices of all goods are very firm, but no advance on any article can at present be noted.

LIQUORS.—An active trade has been done during the past week, and prices are firm. Brandy is rather easier; Hennessy's \$2.20 to \$2.60 per gallon; Martel's \$2.30 to \$2.60; Otard Dupuy & Co. \$2.10 to \$2.25; Jules Robins' \$2.10 to \$2.30. Rum—Jamaica \$2.10 for 16 o.p. Gin—Hollands \$1.35 to \$1.50; Schiedam \$3.75 to \$3.85; gin. red, \$7 to \$7.50; high wines \$1.50 to \$1.52½; old whiskey 82 to 85c.

LEATHER.—The prices of leather are unchanged but a good business has been done; sole and upper are in light supply, but the demand is very active; harness is easy.

OILS.—Market quiet and nominal: lead has been sold from 55 to 56c, and is now held at outside figure; seal is dull at 62½ to 64c per gallon; 63 to 65c for steam refined, and 55 to 57½c for straw; linseed is steady at 72½c for raw and 77½ for boiled; crude whale is heavy, some good samples have been offered at 55c.

PETROLEUM.—Is in good demand at 24½ to 26c; 27½ to 30c is asked for choice grades.

PROVISIONS.—Butter—Is quiet; fine western is sold at 21 to 21½c; finest for city use 22 to 23c. Cheese—Fine qualities bring from 12 to 12½c, and good 11½ to 12c. Lard—Is quiet and steady at 13 to 14c. Pork.—Market very quiet; mess \$26 to \$26.50; thin mess scarce at \$25; prime mess \$23.75; prime 22.

SALT.—Market dull and heavy for all kinds; only small lots changing hands; coarse at 52 to 52½c; lower rates would be taken for round lots; fine 73 to 75c; factory filled was placed to some extent at \$1.35.

TORONTO MARKET.

Trade has been slightly more active during the past week, the trade sales to which previous reference was made having attracted rather more buyers to the city, though the attendance has been hardly as large as was anticipated. The country roads are still in very poor condition, and business generally has in consequence been rendered dull and unsatisfactory in most sections of Ontario. The advent of settled cold weather is now required to make trade active.

The imports at this port for the month of October, though nearly a third short of those for September, are very much in excess of those for October 1869, the increase being 43½ per cent. The following statement shows the imports for the month and ten months of 1870, as compared with the corresponding periods of 1869:—

	1869.	1870.
Imports, October.....	\$612,324	\$898,465
Previous nine months	5,364,958	6,702,352
Total to October 31.....	\$5,977,282	\$7,600,817

Increase, 1870.....\$1,623,535 or 27 per cent. advance on the imports for the first ten months of 1869. At this rate of increase the trade of this city would more than double itself every three years; and although this very rapid progression is hardly likely to be continuous, still there is no reason why there should not be such steady progress as to satisfy every reasonable expectation.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is a steady demand for heavy goods, with average stocks from which to select. There is also some enquiry for the finer