

BUTTER.

The recorded receipts of Butter in Montreal by all channels during 1865 amounted to 75,487 kegs, or 6,038,960 lbs.; against 81,003 kegs, or about 6,480,000 lbs. in 1864.

The shipments in 1865 amounted to 70,668 kegs, or 5,653,440 lbs.; in 1864, 70,662 kegs, or 5,652,960 lbs. The exportations of 1865 were as follows:—

In sea-going vessels via River St. Lawrence.....	49,428 kegs.
In ocean-steamers via Portland.....	9,738 “
By Montreal and Champlain Railway.....	9,454 “
By other channels.....	2,048 “

Total..... 70,668 “

The whole movement in Butter in 1865 may be thus concisely stated:—

Stock on hand 1st January, 1865.....	5,348 kegs.
Receipts by all channels.....	75,487 “

Total..... 80,835 “

Deduct stock on hand 1st January, 1866. 5,700 kegs.

Deduct shipments during 1865..... 70,668 “

76,368 “

Balance unaccounted for..... 4,467 “

This balance, along with other unrecorded quantities brought in by farmers, would enter into city-consumption during the year. The quantity of Butter consumed by the people of Montreal annually is estimated to be over 1,250,000 lbs.

Prices of Butter in Fall of past Three Years:—

DATE.	1865						1864						1863					
	Store Packed.		Medium Dairy.		Choice Dairy.		Store Packed.		Medium Dairy.		Choice Dairy.		Store Packed.		Medium Dairy.		Choice Dairy.	
	Per lb.		Per lb.		Per lb.		Per lb.		Per lb.		Per lb.		Per lb.		Per lb.		Per lb.	
Sept. 15	20 @	20	20 @	21	21½ @	22½	18 @	19	19 @	20	20 @	21	12 @	13½	14 @	15	15 @	16
..... 22	19	20	20	21	22	23	18	19	19	20	20	21	12	13½	14	15	15	16
..... 29	19	20	20	21	22	23	17	18	18	19	19	20	12	13½	14	15	15	16
Oct. 6	20	21	21	22	23	24	18	19	19	20	20	21	12½	14	14	15	16	17½
..... 13	20	21	21	22	23	24	18	19	19	20	20	21	12½	14	14	15	17	18
..... 20	20	21	22	23	24	25	17	19	18	19	20	21	13	14½	15	16	17	18
..... 27	21	22	23	24	25	26	16	18	18	19	20	21	13	14½	15	16	17	18
Nov. 3	21	22	24	25	25	27	16	18	18	19	20	21	14	15½	16	17	17	18
..... 10	22½	24	24	25	26	28	16	18	18	19	19½	21	14	15½	16	17	17	18
..... 17	22½	24	24	25	26	28	16	18	18	19	19	20½	14	15½	16	17	17	18
..... 24	21	22	22	23	24	25	16	18	18	19	19	20½	14	15½	16	17	17	18
Dec. 1	21	22	22	23	24	25	16	18	18	19	19	20	14	15½	16	17	17	18

The season's business opened in July at fair rates, the demand from England promising to absorb the entire surplus product,—prices ranging from 14c. @ 18c., according to quality. As the season advanced an active demand set in from the United States, buyers not resting contented with clearing the market of all desirable lots, but scouring the country and frequently paying as high prices at the farmers' doors as were to be obtained in the city. As a matter of course, prices rapidly advanced. For a time the English market met the rise, and considerable shipments were made; the competition on United States' account, however, soon put a stop to exportations sea-ward; the prices having advanced in October to 24c. @ 26c. per lb. for Choice Dairy,—27c. @ 29c.,

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