sales of Western Extra at \$6.25 to \$6.50. Rye sales of western Extra at \$6.25 to \$6.50. Rye Flour quiet. Commeal unchanged. Wheat heavy and lower after noon; No. 2 spring, \$1.07; No. 2 red, \$1.12½ to \$1.13½. Barley dull. Malt unchanged. Corn steady, at 63½ to 64½c for January. Oats steady; sales of white at 41 to 43c. Coffee firm. Sugar quiet. Pork firm; mess, \$14.75 to \$15.25. Lard higher. Butter and chease firm. and cheese firm.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2nd, 1884.

Flour unchanged. Regular wheat active; Jan-uary, 934° to 944°; February, 944° to 954°. Corn irregular; January, 534° to 566°; February, 574° to 554° Oats bigher. Rye easier, at 514° Barley quiet, at 614°. Pork steady; cash, \$14.124 to \$14.25; January, \$14 224 to \$14 30°; March \$14.521 to \$14.771 to \$14 30°; March, \$14.52} 10 \$14.77]. Lard irregular; oseh. \$8.75 to \$8.80; January, \$8.80 to \$8.87]; February, \$8.871 to \$9.00. Buck meats in fair demand; shoulders, \$6.10; short rib, \$7.40; short clear, \$7 70.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3, 1884

The past week has been largely a holiday one in all branches and business in wholesale circles has been practically nil. Payments in most cases continue fair and quite up to last year's average. Merchants, as a rule, while not anticipating a remarkab'e year in either prosperity or depression, are very conservative.

After the holid y the stock market opened with a weak tendency. Bank of M intreal declined 1 per cent. and other stocks fell in sympathy. The money market is unchanged. Rates of discount for call loans 5 to 51 per cent. is charged. Ster-ling exchange is dull at 88 for 60-day bills, and 87 for demand. Cou: ter rates 1 higher. Currency rates about par.

Ashes -The market has a dull look and but Ashes — the marker has a turn how and but little business is going forward. Prices are re-duced in pots being quoted at \$4.70 to \$4.80 for firsts and \$4.20 to \$4.25 for seconds Pearls are all in the hands of one dealer and are quoted at \$6.75 without business.

\$6.75 without business. BOOTS AND SHOES.—Like all other branches of business the present is a broken week in boots and shoes. Travellers are just starting out on their spring trips, and nothing definite can be key who of the spring outlook for several weeks. Prominent manufacturers are of the opinion that the spring trade will fall short of last year. Re-mittances continue fair except from the north and west.

and west. CEMENT, FIRECLAY, ETC — The market con-tinues quit and without business. Portland cement is firm at \$3.50; Roman, \$2.75; Cana-dian, \$1 75; Firebricks are worth \$3.50 per 100, and fireclay \$14 per ton. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is nothing doing in this market, the holidays interfering with trade. Wholesale merchants report the volume not quite up to last year. but payments

with trade. Wholesale merchants report the volume not quite up to last year, but payments continue fair Prices remain as before, with the exception of white causic soda, which has ad-vanced. We quote: Sal Soda, \$1.10 to 1.20 per 100 lbs; Bi. Cb. Soda \$2.50 to 2.60; Soda Ash \$1.50 to 1.75; Bichromate of Potash per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 12.00; Borax refined, 141 to bs., \$11.00 to 12.00; Borax refined, 141 to 154.; Cream Tartar crystals, 304 to 32c.; do ground 86c. to 38c; Tartaric Acid, 57c to 60c. per lb; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead. 11 to 124c; Bleaching Powder, 00.00 to 2.75; Alum \$1.80 to \$2.00; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$0c. to \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to \$2.90; Roll Sulphur, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Epsom Salts, \$1.10 to \$1.25; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to 9.50; Quinine, \$2.00 to \$2.25; as to makers, per oz. bottles; Opium, \$4.10 to \$4.25; Morphia, \$2.15 to \$2.30. 14] to \$4 25; Morphia, \$2.15 to \$2.30.

DRY GOODS.—Travellers for the dry goods houses are about starting out on their spring trips, wholesale houses have finished stocktaking and in fact the new season is just opening out. Payments continue fair. Stocks are partly re-ceived and assorted and merchants look forward

rayment orived and assorted and hopefully to the new year. FISH.—Nothing done during the past week, no FISH.—Nothing done during the past week, no bendor herring, FISH.—Nothing done during the past week, no white fish in the market. We revise prices somewhat and quote:—No. 2 Labrador herring, \$4 0° to 4 50 No. 3 \$3.00 to 3.50, No. 1 practic cally out of the market. Cape Broton herringe, \$5.75. Green Cod fish, No. 1 \$5.75 to \$6 00, No 2 \$4.75 to 5.00, Dry Cod \$5.00 to 5.50. North Shore Salmon, No. 1, \$20.00; No. 2 \$18 00; No. 3, \$16.00. British Columbia Salmon, \$16.00 to

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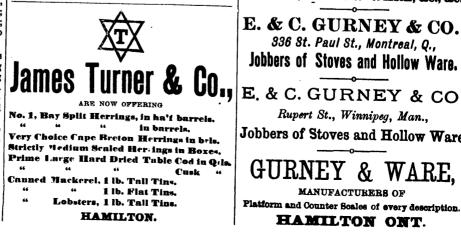
16.50, Lake Trout \$4.75 to 5.00 and No. 1 Mac-

kerel, \$11, smoked herring 22 to 27c. FLOUB. - This trade is lifeless, the holiday interval having intensified the dulness. For the terval having intensified the dulness. For the lower grades of flour it is stated that prices have been shaded and as a whole the market is weaker We quote as before: -- Superior Extra \$5.55 to 5.60; Extra \$5.40 to \$5.45; Spring Extra \$5.00 to \$5.15; Superfine \$4.50 to \$4.70; Fine \$3.75 to \$3.85; Strong Bakers' Canadian \$5.25 to \$5.50; do. American \$5.45 to \$5.85; Middlings \$3.55 to \$3.65; Pollards \$3.30 to \$3.40. \$3.40.

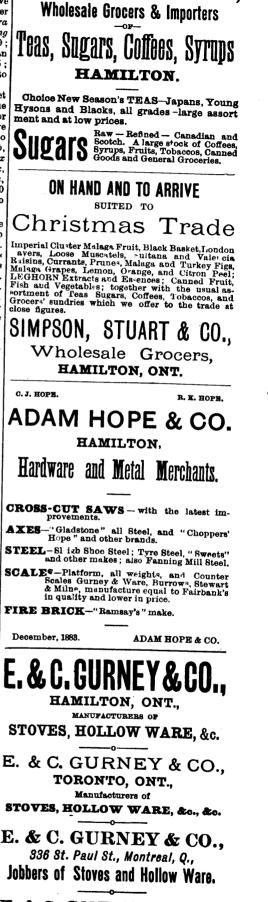
-There is no new feature in the market URS.which may be called steady. Payments continue fair. Our prices are for prime lots, and for lower grades proportionate prices are asked. We quote: — Beaver \$250 to \$3.00; Bear. \$800 to \$10.00; do. Cub, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Fisher, \$4.75 to \$6 60; Hed Fox \$1.00; Cross do., \$2.00 to \$3.00; Lynx, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Marten, 75c. to \$1,00; Mink, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Muskrat, 8 to 10c.; Otter, \$8.00 to \$10.00; Raccoon, 50 to 60c.; Skunk 60 to Roe. fair. Our prices are for prime lots, and for 806.

GROCERIES -- As a whole, notwithstanding the holidays, business has been good and quite up to exprotations. Sugars continue at 84 to 880. for granulated and 64 to 720. for yellows. Syrups continue at 40 to 650. per gallon. Molastes quoted at 45 to 480. for Barbadoes, 421 to 4310. quoted at 45 to 48c. for Barbadoes, 421 to 431c. for Porto Rico, 40 to 42c. for Antigna, 38 to 40c. for Trinidad, and 411 to 421c. for St. Kitts. Rasins.—Valencias are quoted at 6 to 61c. for large lots and 7c. for jobbing parcels. Currants are stronger at 51 to 61c. for large and 61 to 61c. for small parcels. Malaga fruits are quoted at \$1.90 to \$2.10 for loose, and \$2.40 to \$2 60 for London layers. Figs are scarcer, and have sold in 1 lb. boxes at 121 to 14c., as to quality; pull-ed figs. in large boxes, sell at 7 to 8c. Teas, Coffee. Spices, and Rice are unchanged. Pay-ments continue good. ments continue good.

IRON AND HARDWARE .- We find nothing new to report. Pig iron is very quiet with few buy Founders wait the turn of the year before ers. ers. Founders wait the turn of the year before giving ear load orders. Quotations are Summerlee & Gartsherrie \$20.50 to \$21.00; Calder. \$20.50; Langloan, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Coltness, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Dalmellington \$18.50 to 19.00; Eglin-ion, \$18.50 to 19.00; Hematite, \$23.00 to \$24.00; Siemens, \$20.50 to 21.00, nominal. Tin plates are firm at \$5.10 for I. C. Charcoals and \$4.50 for I. C. Coke. In general hardway them them. for I. C. Coke. In general hardware there is no business, stock-taking being the order of the day. Payments continue fair. For the last six weeks there has been a dulness in the market, but on the whole business compares well with last vear. Prices are reported as follows :- Canada the whole Dusiness compares well with lar-vear. Prices are reported as follows: -Canada plates \$3.15 to 3.25 for Pen and Blaina; Hatton \$3.00; Tinplates. Charcoal I C \$5.25; ditto I X.. \$6 90 to 7.00; Coke I C., \$4.60 to \$4.75; Galvanized Sheets, No. 28, 65 to 74c. according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 71 to 72c.; Hoops and Banks per 100 lbs, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Bar Iron \$1.90 to \$2.00. Sheets, best brands, \$2.50 to 2.75; Boiler Plate per 100 lbs. Stafford shire, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Steel Boiler Plate \$3.25 to \$3.50, heads \$4.50. Russian Sheet Iron, 12 to 122; Lead per 100 lbs.: -Pig, \$3.90 to \$4.00; Sheet \$4.50; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; Steel, cast, 11 to 12c.; Spring, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Tire, \$3 25 to \$3.50; Sleigh Shoe, \$2.40 to \$2.50. Ingot Tin, 24c.; Bar Tin, 25 to 26c.; Ingot Copper, 175 to 184c. Steigh Snice, \$2 \$10 \$2.00. Ingot 118, 220.; Bar Tin. 25 to 260.; Ingot Copper, 17% to 18%., Sheet Zinc, \$4.75 to \$5.50; Spelter, \$4.75 to \$5%; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs. LEATHER -There is nothing doing, and prices are as before. Payments are reported as



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