

THE FUR TRADE.

IN Raw Furs we have nothing very striking to note. The London January sales have taken place for Beaver and Musquash. The former in best qualities are a little cheaper, and in the lower grades a higher figure is paid. There is a slight advance in Musquash, which will bring fall and winter No. 1 skins 12 to 15 c. Quotations for other sorts unaltered.

Drug Trade.

A large amount of capital is invested in this important trade, which comprises several branches including oils, paints, colors, dye stuffs, seeds of all kinds, as well as the ordinary drugs and medicines. The trade is more uniform and less subject to the fluctuations incident to other branches. The wholesale business is confined to a few leading houses in Montreal and Toronto, who supply the druggists in small towns and the country merchants. The latter require only small quantities; and consequently the risks of the wholesale druggists are very much divided.

Several establishments have in connection with the business steam mills for grinding spices and drugs. Messrs. Lyman have a linseed oil mill, a plaster mill, and one also for dye woods; of these we shall speak of at a future time.

The Flax Market.

We have to note a degree of inactivity in fibre this past week. Supplies have been received from Ireland in the American markets at rather lower rates than have been current here, and manufacturers are holding back for a time. Canadian shippers need to improve very considerably their style of putting up flax; at present it is being sent in bundles loosely tied, rough and smooth, long and short mixed up in one bundle. It should be sorted, the long and fine put up separately, and the short or rough the same.

Sales this week amount to several tons at 9, 10, and 11c. for rough to fair, and 12 to 13c. for prime parcels. Seed is being more enquired for. Messrs. Leeming & Buchanan inform us they are importing genuine *Riga* Seed, for sowing; this is a good move, as genuine Seed will do much to insure success in this important experiment among our farmers.

Ingenious Fraud.

—In the month of May last, a person called and made arrangements for the storing of nine casks of oil in a public store in town, and a few days afterwards the casks arrived, and were stored. After the lapse of two or three days, a transfer note was presented, and the nine barrels acknowledged by the storekeeper, who took it for granted that the contents were such as had been represented to him. The time being up for paying the advance, and the money not being forth, coming, the barrels were sampled three days ago, when the contents were found to be dirty water. The advances were £150.

KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.'S PRODUCE AND LEATHER PRICES CURRENT.

No. 23 ST. NICHOLAS STREET, MONTREAL,

17th February, 1865.

WE have again to note another week of continued dullness in almost every description of produce. Receipts continue light, mainly owing to the very general complaint of want of cars, which has seriously restricted operations.

FLOUR.—The market remains about the same as last week; transactions are almost exclusively of a local character. Exceptional sales of good strong brands of Superfine have been made as high as \$4.40, while ordinary has brought from \$4.25 to \$4.30. Bag Flour is in good demand at \$2.40 to \$2.45 per 112 lbs.

Superior extra.....	\$4 30 to \$5 00 per bbl.
Extra.....	4 65 to 4 75 "
Fancy.....	4 40 to 4 50 "
Superfine No. 1.....	4 25 to 4 35 "
Superfine No. 2.....	4 00 to 4 10 "
Fine.....	3 75 to 3 85 "
Middlings.....	3 35 to 3 65 "
Pollards.....	2 90 to 3 15 "

WHEAT.—Receipts continue mainly for City millers. **ASHES.**—During the week the market for Pots was not so firm as last reported, but closing we notice a better feeling. **PEARLS.**—All offering are taken at our quotations.

Pots, 1st sort.....	\$5.37½ to \$5.42½ per 100 lbs.
Inferiors.....	\$5.60 to \$5.65 "
Pearls.....	\$5.50 to \$5.55 "

PORK.—Mess in good demand at \$19.50 to \$20, the latter price for small lots. Prime Mess, \$15 to \$15.50. Prime, \$14 to \$14.50.

HAMS.—We repeat our quotations of last week, their being no change to notice. Plain uncanned, 10c. to 11 cts.; Canned and Sugar cured, 11c. to 12 cts.

LARD.—In good demand at 10½c. to 11 cts. per lb. **TALLOW.**—Without change. We repeat our quotations of 8c. to 8½ cts.

HOGS.—Less active, but prices remain without any material change; light weights, \$7 to \$7.25; heavy, \$7.25 to \$7.50 per 100 lbs.

BUTTER.—The market still remains exceedingly dull, except for really Choice Dairy, which is scarce, and commands ready sale at full prices. Ordinary is however in large supply without any demand whatever, and consequently difficult to quote. Two forced sales are reported at 14c. and 14½c.; but this, we think, can scarcely be looked upon as a criterion with regard to prices which are more or less nominal. We quote:

Choice Dairy.....	19c. to 19½ cts.
Medium do.....	17c. to 18 cts.
Store packed.....	14c. to 16 cts.

PETROLEUM.—Stocks are light, and for good Canada Refined 35c. would be paid.

COARSE GRAINS.—Without change. Transaction are still mainly direct with the farmers. Peas have sold at 88 cts. per 66 lbs. Barley 65 to 75 cts. per 50 lbs. Oats, 34 to 36 cts. per 32 lbs.

LEATHER.—The market is still without any material change. Waxed Upper has been forced to sale by Tanners as low as 24 cts. in silver. Slaughter Sole of prime quality is in limited request. Buyers and sellers are apart in their views about price. Harness Leather is also enquired for, but prices continue unremunerative to Tanners. Sales of Grained Upper have been made as low as 26 to 27 cents.

KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.

AKIN & KIRKPATRICK'S MONTREAL PRICE CURRENT.

Thursday Evening, Feb. 16, 1865.

FLOUR—Superior Extra.....	\$4 75 to \$5 00
Extra.....	4 60 to 4 70
Fancy.....	4 40 to 4 50
Superfine.....	4 25 to 4 40
Superfine No. 2.....	3 85 to 4 10
Fine.....	3 65 to 3 75
BAG FLOUR—per 112 lbs. Medium	2 80 to 2 85
Choice and Strong.....	2 37½ to 2 42½
OATMEAL—per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 75 to 5 00
WHEAT—per 60 lbs. U. C. Spring.	0 98 to 0 98
U. C. White Winter.....	0 00 to 0 00
PEASE—per 60 lbs.....	0 65 to 0 70
BARLEY—per 48 lbs.....	0 70 to 0 75
OATS—per 32 lbs.....	0 00 to 0 00
PORK—Mess.....	19 50 to 20 00
Prime Mess.....	15 00 to 15 50
Prime.....	14 00 to 14 50
DRESSED HOGS—Per 100 lbs.....	7 00 to 7 75
LARD, per lb.....	0 10 to 0 11
TALLOW—per lb.....	0 08 to 0 08½
BUTTER—Inferior.....	0 15 to 0 16
Medium.....	0 16 to 0 17
Choice.....	0 18 to 0 19
CHEESE—per lb.....	0 08 to 0 10
ASHES—per 100 lbs. Pots—1st sort.....	5 37½ to 5 40
Inferiors.....	5 60 to 5 65
Pearls, 1st sort.....	5 50 to 6 00

Flour.—Throughout the entire week arrivals have been deficient, and the market having become somewhat bare, the small offerings have met an active competition, and although dealers buy sparingly in anticipation of improved receipts, holders have been enabled to secure some advance on the leading descriptions; Supers range from \$4.25 to \$4.40, the latter for strictly choice and strong. Other grades may be considered unchanged.

Bag Flour being insufficiently supplied has participated in the general improvement, late sales of choice have been at \$2.37½ to \$2.42½, and ordinary \$2.30 to \$2.35 per 112 lbs.

Grain.—Wheat continues unchanged; arrivals mostly to millers; the few sales of U. C. Spring have been at 97 to 98 cts. *Coarse grains.*—In the absence of wholesale transactions, quotations are nominal.

Pork.—The demand is still merely for retail parcels of Mess. In Prime Mess and Prime there are no transactions, stocks being very light and prices above the views of buyers.

Dressed Hogs.—With a fair local enquiry and moderate receipts prices remain firm and the general opinion is, that through the remainder of the season, the market will continue quiet and without material change.

Butter.—A few lots forced off at low prices have somewhat relieved the market, and the feeling is a trifle better; but the only enquiry is still for choice dairy, of which the stock is extremely limited.

Ashes.—The demand during the week has been fair, the market closing at a slight advance.

AKIN & KIRKPATRICK.

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For the Purchase and Sale of Flour, Grain, Provisions, and Produce generally.

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62 McGill st., Montreal.

THOMAS HOBSON & CO.,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

118 Commissioners street, (opposite St. Ann's Market,)

MONTREAL.

THOMAS HOBSON & CO. desire to

thank their numerous friends for the very extensive patronage which has been accorded them since they commenced business, and to state that they have secured the commodious premises 118 Commissioners street, immediately opposite St. Ann's Market, where they intend carrying on the Produce business in all its branches.

Every attention will be paid to the interests of Consignors, sales will be made as promptly as the market will allow, and all information will be given to correspondents in reference to the aspects of trade, &c. Consignments will have the personal inspection of a member of the firm, and care will be taken to put the goods in the most saleable condition, and to avoid unnecessary expenses.

Liberal advances will be made upon all descriptions of Produce, and Drafts will be accepted against Bills of Lading to the extent of two-thirds the actual value of consignments; or on the arrival of the goods, they will make cash advances, to (say) three-fourths of their actual value.

Charges.—The rates of Commission will be as low as can be made, consistently with proper security and efficiency, and all other charges will be avoided as far as possible.

Messrs. T. H. & Co. have made special arrangements for transacting a large Butter business; their premises are admirably adapted for this department of the trade; the cellars are cool, airy, and spacious; and everything is arranged, so that there will be the most complete efficiency in this branch of trade. A cooper will be constantly employed on the premises, to open out the lots of butter as they arrive, and after being thoroughly inspected by a member of the firm, measures will be at once taken to put them in the most merchantable condition. Consignments of Flour, Wheat, Ashes, Butter, Provisions and all descriptions of Produce carefully realized. Orders for the purchase of groceries and general merchandise promptly attended to.

PRICE CURRENT.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 16, 1865.

Flour, Superior extra.....	\$4 80 to \$5 00
Extra.....	4 60 to 4 75
Fancy.....	4 40 to 4 50
Superfine.....	4 25 to 4 30
Do. No. 2.....	4 10 to 4 15
Fine.....	3 60 to 3 70
BAG FLOUR, per 112 lbs.....	2 37½ to 2 42½
Oatmeal, per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 60 to 5 00
Barley, per 50 lbs.....	0 60 to 0 70
Pork—Mess.....	19 50 to 20 00
Thin Mess.....	17 50 to 18 00
Prime Mess.....	15 00 to 15 50
Prime.....	15 00
Butter—Ordinary per lb.....	0 15 to 0 16
Medium.....	0 16½ to 0 18
Dairy.....	0 18½ to 0 20
Lard.....	0 10½ to 0 11
Tallow.....	0 8 to 0 8½
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.....	7 12½ to 7 25
Ashes, Pots, 1st.....	5 37½ to 5 40
Inferiors.....	5 55
Pearls.....	5 40 to 5 45
Petroleum, per gallon.....	0 30 to 0 35

Flour.—Market steady at last week's quotations. Good demand for strong superfine, with sales at 5 to 7½ cts. per barrel over quotations. There is also a fair enquiry for Extra Bag Flour is scarce and in demand at \$2 40.

Pork.—Prices have again advanced, several large transactions reported at 20 00 per barrel for Mess.

Butter.—The market has been very dull during the week; some lots have been forced on the market at prices below our lowest quotation; to day, there has been an enquiry for shipment to Britain, and large sales have been made at 17 to 18 cts. for fair to good shipping parcels. Demand chiefly for the finer grades, but in the absence of choice dairy butter, buyers are taking fine store packed.

Lard.—Fair enquiry at our quotations.

Tallow.—Scarce and in demand.

Dressed Hogs.—Arrivals small, but the demand not so good; prices a shade lower.

Ashes.—Firm, 1st Pots 5 40; Inferior, 5 55 to 5 60. Pearls 5 50.

THOMAS HOBSON & CO.