

## General Review of the Montreal Markets.

MONTREAL, Oct. 8th, 1857.

Since the date of our last, the usual course of business has been interrupted by a severe money pressure, which, while we write, is unabated. But "the aspect of the commercial horizon," say the Montreal Argus of this morning, we are inclined to believe, brightens, and certainly the manner in which the storm has so far been weathered, has more than justified the picture we ventured to draw, when the pressure was first felt, of the stability of our mercantile community. The liberal and wise policy we ventured to express our hopes the Banks would pursue, has been maintained—with one or two exceptions, it is said—and the result has fully borne out the most favorable anticipations. Not a single mercantile house has succumbed to the pressure, and all engagements have been promptly met at maturity. Every reasonable facility has been afforded to the prosecution of the ordinary business of the country; the discounts having, we believe, by the leading Bank of the Province, and the other chartered institutions that have acted with it, been extended rather than curtailed."

The principal difficulty has arisen from the low rate of exchange in New York, and the speedy return of easier times here, will very much depend upon the course of events in the principal commercial cities in the United States.

**ASHES**—Pots were sold early in the week, at 46s. 1½d, but have since declined, and are to-day in moderate demand at 44s. 6d. per cwt. Pearls have also declined to quotation. Receipts of both kinds moderate.

**FLOUR**—The market has ruled very quietly throughout the week, and closes to-day with limited demand for all kinds at quotations. The difficulty of negotiating exchange has checked the shipping demand. The receipts are still small for the season, and consequently very little pressed on the market. "Canada" superfine of ordinary brands is dull at 27s. 3d. to 27s. 6d.; best brands are scarce. Fancy has been sold at 29s, and Extra offered at 31s. 3d. No "Oswego" in the market.

**INDIAN MEAL**—No sales worth noting.

**OATMEAL**—Small lots sell at 30s.; demand limited.

**WHEAT**—About 90,000 bushels Chicago Spring have been received this week, principally to fill contracts. Part of it has been shipped, and part sent to mill. No sales are reported. No Upper Canada in the market.

**OATS**—No sales worth reporting; the quotation is based on small lots from farmers.

**PEAS**—Are offered in shipping parcels at 4s. 3d. per minot.

**BARLEY**—No shipping demand; obtainable at 3s. 9d. per minot.

**INDIAN CORN**—No large sales, nor any large lots offering.

**BEEF**—New Prime Mess is offered in small lots at \$16 per barrel.

**PORK**—Mess has slightly declined, but firm at quotation. The lower qualities are scarce. Some holders asking \$22 for Prime.

**BUTTER**—Is in limited demand at 10d. for best shipping parcels.

For the price of Produce, we refer to the Broker's Circular, published below:

<b>ASHES</b> —Pot.....	♢ cwt. 43	9 @ 44	0
Pearl.....	41	0 @ 41	6
<b>FLOUR</b> —Canada Fine.....	♢ brl. 196 lbs. 21	3 @ 22	6
Superfine No. 2.....	24	6 @ 26	0
Superfine No. 1 United States.....	27	0 @ 28	0
Superfine No. 1, Canadian.....	27	0 @ 28	0
Fancy.....	29	0 @ 30	0
Extra Super.....	30	0 @ 31	3
Double Extra.....	31	3 @ 32	6
Rye Flour.....	18	9 @ 20	0
<b>INDIAN MEAL</b> .....	♢ 196 lbs. 20	0 @ 00	0