

Some thirty car loads of Western provisions &c., billed to New York, were last week sent to Montreal via Ogdensburg for shipment by steamship to Europe, owing to the strike of the freight-handlers at New York.

The following notice was posted on the black board at the Boston Board of Trade, last week: "In the interest of sound national finances, to prevent a possible panic and disorganization in commercial circles, a petition has been prepared asking Congress to stop the accumulation of silver coinage. It ought to be signed by every business man, and may be found upon the secretary's desk for signature."

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, July 4th, 1882.

To-day may almost be looked on as a *dies non*, for no market reports or orders have come from the U. S., and business on the Exchange has been confined within very narrow limits. The grocery trade has been dull, but good enquiry is made for refined sugars. Refiners are not disposed to make concessions and from all appearances no lower prices need be looked for some time to come. Leather is very quiet; some of the boot and shoe houses had to shut down all last week and resumed yesterday. Weather very wet and cold.

ASHES.—Pots.—Although receipts have only been moderate the market keeps steady. But few transactions are reported; \$5.17½ to \$5.25 is paid and very desirable tars would bring a little over our outside quotation. **Pearls**, there have been no sales transpiring, and price remains nominal. The stocks at present in store are Pots, 785 barrels; Pearls 140 barrels.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Travellers still on the road and a satisfactory volume of trade is being done; they report stocks in the country moving off rapidly, prospects for the seasons trade good. Prices are as follows:—**Men's Thick Boots** wax \$2.50 to \$2.35; *do split* \$2.00 to \$2.25; *do Kip Boots* \$2.50 to \$3.25; *do Calf Boots*, pegged, \$3.75; *do Kip Brogans* \$1.35 to \$1.40; *do split* \$1.00 to \$1.10; *do Buff Congress* \$2.10 to \$2.25; *do Buff and Pebbled Bals.* \$2.00 to \$2.40; *do split* \$1.50 to \$1.75; **Shoe Packs** \$1.10 to \$2.10; **Wom'n's Peb. and Buff Bals.** \$1.15 to \$1.50; *do split Bals.* 85c to \$1.10; *do Prunella Bals.* 55c to \$1.60; *do Congress* 35c to \$1.60; *do Buskins*, *do fine* 80c; **Miss's' Peb. and Buff Bals.** \$1.00 to \$1.15; *do split Bals.* 85c to \$1.00; *do Prunella Bals.* 60c to \$1.00; *do Congress* 60 to 70c; **Children's' Peb. and Buff Bals.** 60c to \$1.00; *do split Bals.* 57½c; *do Prunella Bals.* 75c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been so very little doing during the past week that we cannot make any decided changes in quotations, but for some kinds of drugs the market may be called a shade easier. No movement in round lots of heavy goods is reported, and prices are well maintained at last quotations.

DRY GOODS.—Now that the holidays are over, and travellers preparing to take the road with fall samples, we may soon expect to have brisker times in the trade. The auction sales of goods damaged by fire attracted quite a number of buyers into the city, who did not leave without giving a number of orders. Fall goods are arriving, and there will soon be well assorted stocks on hand here. Collections are reported as being fair upon the whole, although in some cases there are complaints of the slowness with which money comes in.

FURS.—Telegrams from London with reports of the results of the sale of the Hudson Bay Co.'s Pacific Coast furs, by C. M. Lampton & Co., are as under: 29th June, 1882, Raccoon 10 per cent. lower than in March. Fisher same as in March. 30th June, Marten same as in March. Mink, Halifax, New England and Northern, same as in March. Mink, Western, 10 per cent. lower than in March. Nothing doing in our local market; dealers here are a good deal excited over Eastern news, for in the event of war, Fox, Marten, Mink, Beaver, Fisher, and all our exporting furs would not be worth by 30 per cent. so much as at present.

FREIGHTS.—Since our last report there has been an advance in rates. Engagements for grain to Liverpool and Glasgow have been made at 1/6 to 1/9 To Bristol, London and Antwerp

2/9 to 3/3. Rates to Liverpool and Glasgow for flour 1/3 per brl.; ashes, pots, 10s.; pearls, 15s. Butter and cheese, 15s. per gross ton.

FLOUR.—The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the 1st inst. was 74,672 barrels, against 78,743 barrels on 15th ult., and 50,611 barrels on the 1st July, 1881. Receipts for the week 10,785 barrels; total receipts from 1st January, 356,740 barrels—a decrease of 17,248 barrels on the same period of 1881. Shipped during the week 11,174 barrels; total shipments from 1st January 221,739 barrels—an increase of 9308 barrels on the shipments for the same period of 1881. With so many holidays the business on the Corn Exchange has been light and quite in keeping with the season; at the same time a steadier feeling has been observable, and many people are sanguine that after to-day (Independence Day in U.S.) there will be a much more active business done at full prices, any transactions reported to-day were within the following range of quotations, which are unchanged since last Tuesday. We quote *Superior Extra*, \$6.20 to \$6.25; *Extra Superfine*, \$5.95 to \$6.00; *Fancy*, \$6.10 nominal; *Spring Extra*, \$5.95 to 6.00; *Strong Bakers' Flour, American*, \$7.50 to 8.00; *do, Canadian*, \$6.50 to 6.75; *Superfine*, \$5.35 to 5.40; *Fine*, \$4.75 to 5.00; *Middlings*, \$3.90 to 4.10; *Pollards*, \$3.50 to 3.75; *Ontario Bags*, medium to strong, \$2.90 to 3.00; *do. do.*, *Spring extra*, \$2.85 to 2.90; *do. do. Superfine*, \$2.70 to \$2.75; *City Bags*, delivered, \$3.70 to 3.80; *Oatmeal*, \$5.25 to 5.35; *Cornmeal*, \$3.90 to 4.00.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st July was 104,285 bushels, against 147,562 bushels on the 15th ult., and 27,770 bushels on the 1st July, 1881; receipts for the week, 89,255 bush.; total receipts from 1st January, 1,761,182 bushels—a decrease of 588,116 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1881. Shipments for the week, 61,903 bushels; total shipments from 1st January, 1,250,382 bushels—a decrease of 549,690 bushels on the same period of 1881. Not much doing this week. Some enquiry resulted in small sales. In the meantime the following are the quotations in this market:—**Canada White Winter**, \$1.30 to \$1.32; **Canada Red Winter**, \$1.35 to \$1.37; **Spring Wheat**, \$1.38 to \$1.43; **Maize** is nominal at 82c in bond; **Peas** are firm; a sale at 97c early in the week took place at 97c and they are now quoted 99½ to \$1.00; There is a good demand for *Oats* at 44½; *Rye*, 85 to 87c; *Barley*, 66 to 75c.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—Business in the regular trade has been quiet, but Osborn, Son & Co's trade sale attracted a good number of buyers, when some 900 packages changed hands at the following prices: **Twankay**, 20 half-chests finest Nankin Moyune at 11½c. Hysons, 10 half-chests choicest N. S. Nankin Moyune at 12c, 20 at 13c. Gunpowders, 15 half-chests curious Moyune at 24c; 11 half-chests choicest N. S. Nankin Moyune at 30½c. Young Hyson, 20 half-chests finest N. S. Moyune at 12½c, 12 cases extra choicest fancy first Nankin Moyune at 41c, 59 hf.-chests choice Nankin Moyune at 21c. **Japans**, 31 half-chests May pickings, extra fancy, at 15c; 70 at 18½c; 79 at 20c; 39 at 23c; 21 at 28c; 43 at 30½c; also 120 pkgs. of Congou at prices ranging from 13 to 30c. **Coffee.**—A small trade reported at prices in buyers' favor, but lots are very small. **Sugar.**—Good enquiry for white for which the market is firm. Refiners will make no concessions and prices are likely to be maintained for sometime. All the Refineries have their hands full and stocks are not accumulating. We continue to quote, **Granulated**, 9½ to 9¾c; **Yellows** are firm and advancing, but no **Bright** now on hand, we quote them from 7½ to 8½. **Molasses.**—Some fair sales of Barbadoes of an inferior branch at 53c, but the choicest is held for 55 to 58c; **Antigua** is worth from 49 to 50c. **Syrup** is without change and firm.

Rice.—The advance in price continues, and there is demand for all milling here. **Sardines** are scarce; no halves in the market; 10½ to 10¾c. **Spices** are in small supply and firm; for **Black Pepper**, 15½ to 16½ is asked. **Fruit.**—There is very little if any new here; some **Valencia Raisins** went at the auction sale at 5½ to 5¾c, but they were out of condition; good samples are scarce and are worth from 11 to 12c. But little doing in other kinds of fruit, buyers awaiting new arrivals.

HARDWARE.—The English markets are firmer for **Pig Iron**, and as stocks here are by no means heavy there is a tendency to advance prices, and it is questionable if it could be purchased here under our outside quotations. **Bar Iron** is steady and some lots have been changing hands within our range. *Canada and*

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