

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 13th July, 1887.

Wholesale trade partakes of the usual mid-summer character, and there is not much change in the situation since a week ago. Crop reports from the country continue of a favorable character; haying is now in general progress throughout the province, and the yield is good, as a rule, and grains also promise well. Country collections are about fair as a whole, dry goods payments being still on the slow side.

ASHES.—The market rules quiet at the moment, but quotations are steady at \$4.70 to 4.80 for first quality pots, seconds and pearls nominal. Transactions last week were pretty large, and receipts were more liberal, but for the last few days receipts have been very light indeed.

BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER.—Manufacturers are well employed, in nearly all cases, in fall wear, orders for which continue to come in well. In leather, trade is still of only moderate dimensions, but a livelier movement is looked for shortly. Stocks are well assorted and quotations are unaltered, though buyers rather have the advantage. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do., No. 2, B. A., 20 to 23c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China, 21 to 22c.; No. 2, 19 to 20c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; oak sole, 42 to 47c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c.; ditto, heavy 32 to 35c.; Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 42c.; Splits large 21 to 26c.; do. small 16 to 20c.; Calf-splits, 26 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf skins 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 15c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

DRY GOODS.—Matters still rule pretty quiet in this line, some few orders are coming in from travellers, but business for fall goods has hardly got into full swing yet. Remittances are still complained of as slow. In prices there is nothing new to note.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Little of a new or interesting nature is to be noted here; a fair jobbing distribution of drugs is in progress, but heavy chemicals are not moving freely. Values generally show steadiness, and quotations are unchanged as below. We quote:—Sal Soda 90 to \$1.00; Bi-Carb Soda \$2.60 to \$3.00; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8 to \$10.00; Borax, refined, 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 32 to 33c.; do. ground, 35 to 36c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 55 to 60c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 80 to 85c.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.50, to \$2.60; Alum, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.60 to \$3; Roll Sulphur, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Sulphate of Copper, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre \$9.00 to \$9.40; American Quinine, 60 to 65c.; German Quinine, 75 to 80c.; Howard's Quinine, 80 to 85c.; Opium, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Morphia, \$2.30 to \$2.50; Gum Arabic sorts, 70 to 90c.; White, \$1 to \$1.25; Carbolic Acid, 45 to 55c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.50 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; Iodoform \$6.50 to \$7.00. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.00 to \$2.50; oil bergamot \$3.00 to \$3.50; Orange, \$3.50; oil peppermint, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Glycerine 25 to 26c.; Senna, 18 to 30c. English Camphor, 40c. American do. 35c.

FISH.—Transactions in salt fish are still of a very limited character. Dry cod is very scarce and \$4.50 to 5.00 is asked; North Shore salmon, \$14.50 to 15.00 for No. 1; No. 2 \$13.50 to \$14.00.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Receipts of green hides have been rather large, and prices have remained pretty steady at 80c., 70c., and 60c. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Western hides have ruled somewhat easier, Toronto having sold at 84c. for No. 1, and 8 to 84c. for No. 2. Hamilton hides at like figures; calfskins, very dull at 80c.; lambskins have advanced to 35c.

GROCERIES.—Orders are coming in fairly for the season, and payments are moderately good. The preserving season being on, the demand for sugars is pretty brisk and firmness marks the situation. The refinery price for granulated is 6½ to 7c. to wholesalers outside the "guld"; yellows range from 5 to 6c.; grocery raws do not seem to be dealt in at all of late. Syrups are very hard to get, and are steady in price; molasses maintains its strong position, selling at 29 to 30c. in round lots, and supplies are not too liberal, a cargo recently arrived in the river has been badly damaged by collision. Teas are without much animation, but are pretty steady for finer Japans, blacks seem going out of consumption and are very dull. In coffees the business doing is of a small jobbing character, prices remain about as last week. We quote Mocha at 24 to 25c.; O. G. Java 24 to 27c.; Ceylon 23 to 25c.; Rio 22 to 24c. Advices regarding the coming fruit crop are favorable; supplies of raisins and currants here are very limited indeed, and prices are firm, from 6 to 6½c. is asked for good Valencia raisins in fair lots; currants about same figure, cases have sold at 6½c. Spices are rather quiet, but the advance in nutmegs, &c., has been maintained; rice steady at last quotations. Canned goods have sold pretty freely, and stocks of all sorts are very low; there is hardly any mackerel to be had, but new stock should be here in a few days, and is quoted at \$3.80 to \$4 per case; salmon \$1.50 to \$1.55; tomatoes \$1.40 to \$1.45. Tobacco and rice are unchanged.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The movement continues as about reported last week. Sales of pig iron have been made at \$1 below quotations from old stock; at home the market rules steady, with warrants cabled at 42/5d. Finished iron is in steady request, and the bulk of the sales have been made at \$2; Canada plates move fairly and are firm at last advance; tinplates steady; copper, lead and tin are firm, late cables showing some advance in the latter article. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan, \$20 to \$20.50; Gartsherrie, \$19.50 to \$20.00; Coltness, \$21.00; Shotts, \$19.50 to \$20.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$18.50; Calder, \$20.00; Carnbroe, \$19.50; Hematite, \$23.00 to \$25.00; Siemens, No. 1, \$20.00; Bar Iron, \$2.00 to \$2.05; Best refined \$2.30 to \$2.40; Siemens, \$2.00 to \$2.15; Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.60; Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.60 to \$5.75; Charcoal I. C., \$3.90 to \$4.40; do. I. X., \$4.90 to \$5.40; Coke I. C., \$3.60 to \$3.75; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.75; Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.50; Common Sheet Iron, \$2.50; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Fig, \$3.75 to \$4; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; Spring, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Tire, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Round Machinery Steel, \$3.00 to 3.25; Ingot tin 24½ to 25c.; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c.; Ingot Copper, 11 to 12½c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs., Annealed do. \$2.30.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Linseed oil continues steady at 65c. for raw and 68c. for boiled; castor oil 84c. per lb.; olive \$1 to \$1.05 for pure. The situation is unchanged as regards fish oils which move very slowly indeed. Leads, colors and glass are unaltered in price. We quote Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red do. 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed whiting, 55 to 60c. Paris white, \$1.00 to \$1.15; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2.00 to \$3.00. Glass, \$1.45 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.55 for second break.

SALT.—There is a fair seasonable trade being done at steady prices. We quote coarse eleventh 43 to 45c.; twelves 41 to 43c., factory-filled \$1.25 to \$1.30; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00, quarters 50c.; Higgins' Eureka \$2.40; Turks Island 30c. a bushel.

WOOL.—A satisfactory amount of business is passing, and values are steady; dealers with stocks are rather firmer in their views. We quote Cape 15 to 18c., pulled do. 30c.; Australian 17 to 20c.; fleece 24 to 25c. There is still a great scarcity of domestic pulled wools.

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