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—The Parrisboro, N. S., *Leader* says: The deals and scantling shipped from the port of Parrisboro this season made up the handsome total of 40,592,496 superficial feet. The carrying of this lumber employed 39 vessels aggregating 41,426 tons. Mr. George McKean shipped 25,298,105 feet in 27 vessels aggregating 29,103 tons, and 15,495,301 feet were shipped by Mr. W. Malcolm McKay, employing twelve vessels aggregating 16,323 tons. The shipments from the port in 1893 are larger by about eight million feet than in any previous year.

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Dec. 27th, 1893.

ASHES.—Very little has been doing since last report, and values quoted a week ago will stand to-day. Receipts for the whole week have only been 15 to 20 brls, and the stock of pots in store at date will not much exceed 40 brls. all told.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Manufacturers in this line of trade continue to report good orders for spring makes of foot-wear, but affairs in the factories are dull, many operatives being away holiday-making.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The butter market shows a firmness of tone, stocks being light. We quote creamery 23 to 23½c.; Townships dairy, 21 to 22c.; Western, 19 to 20c. per lb. In cheese there is a quiet but firm market, it being held that stocks will all be wanted before the next season begins. We quote finest Western 11 to 11½c., finest Quebec 10½ to 11c. per lb. Fresh eggs are in active demand at 22c., ordinary stock 17 to 18c., limed 16 to 17c. per dozen.

FURS.—The offerings of raw furs are light, and indeed are yearly growing slimmer in this market. New York houses have been canvassing the Canadian collectors and trappers very actively, with the result that a considerable proportion of the catch is now being diverted to that market. We quote for average prime skins:—Beaver, \$8 to \$4; bear, \$8 to 14; cub, \$3 to 5; fisher, \$2 to 4; red fox, 75c. to \$1.25; lynx, \$1.50 to 2.50; marten, 50c. to \$1; mink, 75c. to \$1.50; muskrat, winter, 12 to 15c.; otter \$8 to 12; coon, 25, 50 and 75c.; skunk, 25, 50 and 75c.

GROCERIES.—A few country orders are coming to hand, but the aggregate of business is quite light, and a good many travellers think it useless to start out till after the turn of the year. In the local jobbing trade we find a lowness of supplies in a good many quarters, and it is calculated that there will be some fair transactions go through after the holiday season is over. The balance of a large lot of 1892 Japan teas, some 1,500 to 1,600 packages, held here for some time on New York account, have been sold since last writing at satisfactory prices it is stated. This is about the only outside block of teas of any size that has been held here. Sugars are just about as they were, granulated being quoted at 47-16c. at the refinery, yellows from 38 to 40c. per lb. Canned vegetables remain very dull, with Western packers reported as generally holding

for better figures. Dried fruits are quiet at former quotations. New Bosnian prunes are expected in course of a week or so.

LEATHER.—Matters are quiet at the shoe factories, and trading in leather is very light. A sale of 15,000 sides of sole leather is reported to a British house since last writing, which will reduce the stock here very considerably. A St. Hyacinthe tanner reports late account sales of splits shipped to England, which show fairly satisfactory prices. Local prices are without change. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 19 to 22c.; do. No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 19c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 18 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, slaughter, 19 to 22c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 19c.; American oak sole, 39 to 48c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 24 to 26c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 24c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 27c.; splits, large, 14 to 18c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 27 to 30c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 23 to 27c.; Canadian, 20 to 28c.; colored pebbled cow, 12½ to 13½c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 18 to 25c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 15c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 13c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 10 to 13c.; rough, 16 to 18c.; russet and bridle. 40 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Matters could not well be duller in the metal market, and there is no buying reported of even small lots. Warrants are again cabled at 43s. 10d., with no change of moment in makers' prices, and local quotations are just as before. It is stated that the Canadian rolling mills are arranging for a longer shut down than usual this winter, probably extending to a period of six weeks. We quote: Coltness pig iron, \$20; Calder, No. 1, \$19.00; Calder, No. 3, \$18.00; Summerlee, \$19.00 to 19.50; Eglington, \$18.00; Gartsherrie, \$19.00; Langloan, \$20; Carnbroe, \$17.50 to 18; Shotts, none here; Middlesboro, No. 3, none here; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$17.00 to \$17.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.75 to \$17.50; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15; common do., \$8 to \$11; bar iron, \$1.35 for Canadian; car lots, \$1.90; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.25; Canada Plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.45 to \$2.50; all polished Canadas, \$3; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7 to 7.25. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.25 to 5.50; charcoal I. O., \$3.50 to 3.75; P.D. Crown, \$4; do. I.X., \$4.75 to 5; coke I. O., \$3.10 to 3.25; coke wasters, \$3.00; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4½ to 5c.; Morewood, 6 to 6½c.; tinne sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for largesizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.30 to 2.35. Common sheet iron, \$2.25 to 2.40 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, 1-quarter inch and upwards, \$2.00; ditto, 3-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; common tank iron, \$1.65 to \$1.85; heads, \$3.00 to 3.25; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$2.80 to 3.00; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3; ingot tin, 20 to 22c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 11½ to 12c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00 to \$5.25; spelter, \$4.60 to \$4.75; American do., \$4.60 to \$4.75. Antimony 10½ to 12c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 15 per cent. Coil chain, 1 inch, 5c.; 1½ in., 4½c.; 2 in., 4½c.; 2½ in., 5½c.; 3 in., 6½c.; 3½ in., 7½c.; 4 in., 8½c.; and upwards, 8c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—There is an entire absence of movement in these lines of merchandise, and stock-taking is the rule among the houses. Not the slightest variation in values is reported since last report, and we quote:—Turpentine, 48c. per gallon for single barrels; two to four barrels, 47c.; Linseed oil, raw, 60c. per gallon; boiled 68c.; 5 brl. lots 1c. less; olive oil, none here; castor, 7 to 7½c. in cases; smaller lots, 7½ to 8c.; Nfd. cod, 41 to 42c. per gal.; Gaspe oil—38 to 39c. steam refined seal, 50 to 52c. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.00 to 5.25; No. 1, \$4.75; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red do., 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white 90c. to \$1; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.25 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.35 for second break; third break, \$2.90.

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