

—An old soldier, standing seven feet two in his shoes, has appeared at the United States capital demanding a pension. He suffers from chronic bronchitis, contracted in the war, and holds the Government responsible, in that it was not able to find an overcoat to fit him, or blankets long enough to cover him.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2nd, 1898.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Closing Prices.		Average price same date 1897.
				Sellers.	Buyers.	
Montreal	236	236	7	238	236	228½
Ontario				105	101½	82½
Molson's				205		
Toronto	237	227	10	235	226	228
Jac. Cartier	96½	9½	268	181	178½	170
Merchants				137½	135	128½
Commerce					101	105
Union	103½	103½	27	182	180	166
M. Teleg.	180½	180	105	182	180	166
Rich. & Ont. Nav.	114½	111½	1675	114½	114	88
Mont. St. Ry.	249½	246½	4635	249½	246	22½
new do.	246½	243½	760	247	246	
Mont. Gas Co.	197½	193½	8373	197½	197½	193½
Can. Pacific Ry.	90	89½	11607	91	89½	85½
do. Grant bnds.					110	
N.W. Land ptd.						
" " com.	13½	13½	50			
Bell Tele.	175	175	35	177½	174	156
Mont 4% stock						

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Feb. 3, 1898.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Receipts of dairy butter are much larger than were expected for this season of the year. Dealers manage to keep the great bulk of the offerings well sold up. The quality of the dairy butter offered here is on the whole good, but there are complaints that the color is too light. We quote: Large rolls, 14c., and pound prints 15 to 16c. per lb. There is little or no tub butter in the market. The British markets have not been strong this week, and supplies have been diverted from that source to local centres, with the natural result that the home markets are depressed. There is a falling off in values of fully ½c. per lb., as compared with quotations made a week ago. Local consumption of cheese is large, and retailers who put in during the autumn months their supplies for the season's trade, are again in the market as buyers. The export demand is by no means active. Supplies of eggs are scarce, and prices remain firm. The cold weather is naturally having a marked effect upon the market. Dealers quote: Lined, 15 to 16c; cold storage, 15 to 16c.; and new-laid, 20 to 21c. per dozen.

GRAIN—The wheat market has fluctuated during the week. At the moment it shows signs of increased strength. The local situation is of course influenced by the trend of events in the United States, and the Western markets have been very unsettled. Peas remain quiet, and values are unchanged. Sales of rye at 48c. are reported. In barley there is little report. Corn remains easy. Oats of good choice quality are in demand for the milling trade.

GROCERIES—There is only a quiet trade doing in grocery circles. Perhaps the cold weather has frozen up the energies of the traveling men, or, more likely, has interfered with attendance upon the markets in country districts. Values are about steady. Canned goods, however, are stronger, and wholesale dealers are quoting an advance of about 5c. on vegetables. There is little or no change in dried fruits. The stock of currants in Greece has been reduced somewhat during the month; authorities estimating the total quantity remaining in Greece at 16,000 tons, which does not appear excessive, but at present high range of prices is probably sufficient for food purposes for all consuming countries. It remains to be seen whether France and the North of Europe can use any quantity of the goods at present range of prices for wine making. It is reported that a portion of the stock now remaining

in Greece is of inferior quality. The sugar trade is quiet. Collections are in many cases unsatisfactory.

HARDWARE AND METALS—General trade has been very quiet this week, and orders have not been given as freely as was expected. No special reason can be given for the lack of movement. Forward orders are being freely booked covering spring and summer supplies. The outlook for the coming season is good and retailers in the country are of the opinion that a good turn-over will be made when the spring opens. There are no changes to report in values, and manufacturers have announced few alterations in price lists this year. Good orders are being placed for import.

HIDES AND SKINS—The local hide market still continues in a state of excitement in that merchants are paying more for hides than they are worth. Competition has for months rendered this business unprofitable, and there is unfortunately little signs of abatement. It is a question whether the butchers have anything to gain by the excessive prices now paid. As a rule, any advance which is made in hides is simply added on to the buying price of cattle, and consequently the farmer secures the whole benefit. Tanners and merchants are alike interested in seeing hides bought at a reasonable basis of prices. A report from Chicago, Feb. 1st, says: The market is firm; sales of hides at the moment are very moderate, owing to the extreme prices asked by packers. A sale was reported of 600 native steers at 11½c., and the price generally asked by packers was 11½c., with buyers at 11¼c., closing at 11¼ to 11½c. for native steers, 9¼c. for light Texas, and 10¼c. for heavy do.; 10¼c. for butt brands, 9½c. for branded cows, 9¼c. for Colorados, 10½c. for heavy native cows, and 11c. for light do.

PROVISIONS—In sympathy with a decline in dressed hogs, an easier feeling prevails in the price of hog products. Offerings of hogs are large, although country shippers are reluctant to accept packers' terms. For heavy-weights \$5.80 to \$5.90 is the standard quotation, while light hogs are quoted at \$6 to \$6.15. Provisions are steady. There is comparatively light trading in the market. Dealers think the situation bright, and look for an improved business so soon as the season advances. The demand from the West for provisions promises a strong development.

SEEDS—There is only a fair quantity of seed offering at present at different Ontario points. We note the following quotations: Alsike, \$2.50 to \$4; red clover, \$2 to \$4, and timothy, \$1 to \$1.75, according to quality. The New York Journal and Bulletin, Feb. 2nd, says: "Not a trade can be verified here or west in clover for export, among exporters, though they admit that the other side will want more of our clover seed before another season. Yet they prefer to wait, but it ought not to be for lower than present almost bottom record prices. We quote: Clover at \$5.25 to \$5.50 for common to fair, and \$5.62½ to \$5.75 for choice to fancy in car and job lots; No. 1 clover, export, \$3.40 per bushel f.o.b. New York; \$2.75 to \$3 for fair timothy in car lots, and \$3 to \$3.25 for high grade.

WOOL—There is little or no change in the local market. The representative of a Boston firm is in the market with samples, but with what success he has met we cannot say. News from the mills show continued activity, and a good consumptive demand for all suitable classes of wools.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 2nd Feb., 1898.

ASHES—The situation is virtually unchanged from a week ago. Receipts are slightly larger, but the European demand is not revived, and quotations remain pretty much of a nominal character. We quote first quality pots, \$3.40 to \$3.50; seconds, \$3.15 to \$3.20; pearls about \$4.75 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS—The very cold weather has practically killed all demand for cements. Of firebricks some small sales are reported. We quote \$2.10 to 2.20 for British cements; Belgian, \$1.95 to 2.05; bricks, \$17 to 22.00 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS—The cheese market continues in unsatisfactory shape, there being practically nothing doing. Prices are again off somewhat from last week's level, and 8 to 8½c. per lb. is a full quotation for finest grades. Butter, too, is very dull, with rather easier prices. We quote fine creamery 18 to 19c., finest dairy 15 to 16½c., rolls 14 to 15c. per lb.

DRY GOODS—The 4th February is always a heavy day in the dry goods and woolen trade, for many notes come due then; some of the larger houses have been receiving a good number of remittances, against payments due that day, so that a very fair proportion of paper will be provided for, it is thought, and no failures of note are anticipated. The weather conditions during the week have been unfavorable to the movements of travelers, and the city elections have taken up a good deal of attention, but notwithstanding this a steady run of orders is reported by wholesale dealers generally. No changes are noted in values, but now that the underwear manufacturers have made some revision of terms, it is understood that the mills running on tweeds are getting together with the view of some concerted action with regard to prices in their line, which have been so ruinously low.

FISH—The enquiry for pickled and smoked fish is by no means brisk, but values on the whole are fairly held. We quote:—Green cod, No. 1, \$3.50 to \$3.75; No. 1, large, \$4 to 4.25; dry cod, \$3.50 to 3.75; No. 1 herrings, \$4.25 to 4.75; N. S. salmon, \$12 to 13.00; B. C. ditto, \$10.50 to 11.00; sea trout, \$6.50 to 7.50; haddies, 6 to 7c.; bloaters, \$1 to 1.25 per box; boneless cod, 4½ to 5c. per lb.; whitefish, \$4.75 to 5.00 per barrel.

FURS—Full mail advices regarding the London sales are not yet to hand. Local offerings of raw furs continue small, and it is reported that American houses are doing considerable buying at interior points, especially of mink, for which there is a good demand in New York. We quote:—Mink, large dark, \$1.50; small, do., \$1.00 to 1.25; marten, \$1.75 to 2.25; fisher, \$4.50 to 7.00; lynx, \$1.00 to 2.00; otter, \$1.00 to 12.00 for dark; pale, \$5.00 to 7.00; red fox, large, \$1.30 to 1.50; small, \$1.00; cross fox, \$3.00 to 6.00; bear, cubs, \$3.00 to 7.00; medium, \$7.00 to 10.00; large, \$12.00 to 15.00; skunk, 15 to 70c., as to color and stripe; coon, 20 to 75c.; rats, fall, 7c. to 10c. kits, 2 to 5c. Beaver, not quoted, killing being forbidden by law.

GROCERIES—Another storm, and a worse one, assailed us this week. Not so much snow fell, but it drifted badly and blocked up country

TENDERS FOR ASSETS

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Saturday, 12th February, 1898

tenders for the purchase of certain mortgages, amounting to about \$300,000, on farm and city properties, subject to the approval of the Master-in-Ordinary.

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Dated at Toronto, the 21st day of January, 1898.

The Toronto General Trusts Co'y,
LIQUIDATOR.

J. W. LANGMUIR, Managing Director