

Canadian hogs and three carloads mixed cattle and hogs; 100 sheep and a mixed load of cattle and sheep. Besides the above there were about 300 calves brought to the city by rail. Twenty-nine carloads of the above cattle were for shipment to Britain and about five carloads which were sold on this market were bought to send to the British market. All the Chicago hogs, except one carload, belonged to city butchers. On Monday the market was crowded with cattle, yet prices of good animals have not declined to any extent; third class cattle are in larger supply and rather lower in price. The range of prices at this market was from 35c. to 5c. per lb.; a few were bought for the British market at rather higher rates. At the Viger Market there has been a good attendance. Milch cows were again plentiful, but none of them of extra quality. Good animals were sold at from \$38 to \$42 each; common ones brought from \$30 to \$36. Calves were in fair supply with a rather better demand. The general price was from \$2.50 to \$1.50 each. Extra good ones brought \$6. Sheep sold from \$5.50 to \$9 each, lambs from \$3 to \$4. A good many half-fatted steers and dry cows are being brought to market at present, that would be more profitable to their owners if put on good grass for a couple of months, as there are plenty of fat cattle to bring to market at present, and it is not likely that the prices of good cattle will be less two months hence, than they are at present. Shipments to England continue brisk. A Belleville firm have just shipped 18 cattle, 280 sheep and 200 hogs and they send to-morrow a further shipment of 165 cattle and 600 hogs. 100 fine head of cattle are to be shipped in a few days by Messrs. Geo. Walker and Thos. Shipley, of North Middlesex. One day last week 2,000 head of cattle passed over the Great Western Railway, bound for Great Britain. Lingham & Son shipped 185 cattle, 200 hogs and 280 sheep for England, and will ship next Saturday 600 hogs and 165 head of cattle.

LUMBER.—The *Timber Trades Journal* of 27th ult., commenting on the English timber market, says:—Trade during the last fortnight has been almost at a standstill. The strike in Lancashire and the holidays, with fresh war rumours, have reduced commercial speculations to almost a nullity, and few transactions other than on the most limited scale have been negotiated since our last issue. Activity in war material has, of course, known no cessation; preparations for transport of goods, men and horses to the east are being rapidly completed, but in general, trade affairs that are not affected by the Government bustle have been going on very indifferently, and we wish we could speak hopefully of the immediate future now that the time for the early spring arrivals is so close upon us; but it is no use ignoring the fact, which is brought prominently before us in the returns furnished by the Dock Companies, that there is a very large surplus stock of wood goods of all sorts on hand at the present time in London, much more in proportion than past years exhibited. Of course as time rolls on and the wants of the community enlarge the importations like the growth of the peoples increase *pro ratio*, but in ordinary times, when trade is flowing on in a genial sort of a way, half, if not two-thirds, of the stocks now on hand would have gone into circulation and thus have cleared the way for the fresh goods now so nearly due. The question of disposing of sawdust is again attracting attention among Ottawa lumberers. A Government officer has been inquiring into the matter, and recommends the erection of furnaces for burning it. The mills in Ottawa and immediate vicinity have an annual capacity of 282,000,000 feet, board measure, and the cost of the furnaces for all is placed at \$100,127.25, with an annual cost of working of \$42,157.50, not a very large amount when the damage done to navigation and fisheries by throwing the sawdust into the streams is considered. The prospect for sawed lumber is improving. A prominent lumber merchant of New York has been in Ottawa, accompanied by several gentlemen also in the trade, and has succeeded in selling them 16,000,000 feet of lumber, which he was holding at one of the

yards. The prices are said to have been very satisfactory. Fourteen barges, laden with lumber, left Ottawa on Monday night for Whitehall, N. Y. Rates of freight from Quebec are low, being nearly one third below what they were this time last year. In the local market we have no change to note.

OILS.—We have no change to note since our last report. The first cargo of new S. R. Seal is in port. We have not heard of any other lots on the way just yet, but presume some further shipments will be made. There is not much change, if any, anticipated in price. Other oils dull and unchanged. *Naval Stores* in fair demand, with rather lower prices for Turpentine. *Paints* are in good demand.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—The market is quiet, and the business passing has been principally for local account; supplies being abundant and demand not at all brisk. Prices may be quoted at 13c to 16c for good to finest, and there is not likely to be any advance for the present. Old stock is difficult to sell, and moves very slowly at from 5c to 7c. The New York *Bulletin* of the 15th says:—On fine butter the tone of the market continues pretty firm, and former rates are sustained without much difficulty. The receipts of State dairy have continued small and sold up pretty closely, and failing to obtain enough, half firkins buyers have through necessity gone into the creamery, of which the sales are larger. On prices, however, there does not appear to be any change, and indeed sellers claim nothing better on invoices, though an occasional single package selection has brought a little more. Of firkins we see very few around and they are still wanted, with evidences that they will command about as much as anything else. Western dairy packed of fine quality and natural color sells very well at about quotations, and some of the ladle-worked finds favor, with 14c obtained for the best, but the milled stock seems to be pretty badly demoralized, and dealers say it can hardly be quoted low enough. About 12c is top rate, and this is not easily realized. From shippers there is no direct demand, but there is an impression that they are looking for a few hundred packages of creamery. At the close we hear of a sale of a car load of fresh Western factory worked from pier at 12½c for export. *Cheese.*—Most of the April Cheese has been bought up for export at from 10c to 16c; but buyers are now holding off and do not seem inclined to operate further unless at some reduction in prices, and there will not likely be much done for a week or two, or until holders are willing to accept a price that will leave margin sufficient to induce shippers to operate to any extent. The state of the New York market is thus indexed by the *Bulletin*:—We make quite a sweeping reduction on quotations to-day, but the change appears to be fully warranted by the condition of the market, the tone of which is quite demoralized. Receipts were heavy for this portion of the week, and while a fair number of invoices have been sold, shippers were very particular to confine themselves to actual orders, and have been extremely fastidious over quality. On the closest selection, however, we learn of nothing exceeding 10½c, and good full cream stock with only slight imperfections would not command above 10 to 10½. Exporters' movements are somewhat hampered by difficulty with workmen engaged in scaleboarding, &c.; but while this makes business a little slow, the weakness on value appears to come from independent causes. Some very good Ohio flat cheese are here, but more than the market requires, and 9½c is about all that can be obtained. For medium and common grades of cheese, the position is altogether too uncertain for positive quotations. At the Ingersoll cheese market Tuesday nineteen factories offered 4,336 boxes, all first half of May make. No sales reported; many factories were present which did not register their make; one factory sold first half of May at 10c. Nine buyers were present. Liverpool, London and Glasgow lines of steamers were represented, via Montreal, New York and Boston, at rates for cheese of 7s. to 7s. 4d., per 100 lbs.

SALT.—Higgins Eureka choice factory-filled Liverpool salt, \$1.60 for 224 lb. sacks; 45c for

quartersacks (56 lbs.). Other brands, factory, 90c to \$1.20, and for coarse, 60c to 65c.

SEEDS.—No change to note in prices. We quote Red Clover, 7c to 7½c; Timothy Seed, \$1.80 to \$1.95. Stocks held in this city are light as the season is nearly over.

Tobacco.—Manufacturers and jobbers both report a good demand for all lines of plug, but complain of low prices, which remain as last quoted. No change is expected until the prospect for this year's crop is known; the general opinion is that prices must advance about the fall of the year, as the crop, it is thought, will be much smaller, present prices not paying the planter. *Cigars.*—Both Domestic and medium priced Havanas are in good demand. Prices for the former are without change and are quoted: Clear Seed, \$13.00 to \$25.00; Seed and Havana, \$23.00 to \$45.00, according to size and quality.

Wool.—There is no change to note since last week. The market continues dull, and the new clip is likely to be bought at lower prices.

WHOLESALE GROCERY MARKET.—Business cannot be reported very active, although in the ordinary way there is a moderately fair average trade going on with orders. *Sugars* firm in United States. Cuban crop is confirmed in report of shortness and giving much strength to holders. Latest English advices do not report any change of note. Yellow sugars are 7½c to 8½c up to 8½c to 9c for extra; Granulated is 9½c to 10c. *Molasses.*—Some Barbadoes offering 42½c, held 43c to 45c small lots. *Syrups* are not in much demand. *Teas.*—Market in Japan droops for new crop. Fine tea about \$2½ the picul. These prices are about as before reported. *Rice.*—\$4.35 to \$4.55. *Firm.* *Coffees.*—Quiet. *Spices.*—Dull. *Chemicals.*—\$3.00 to \$3.35 for Bicarb Soda; \$1.05 to \$1.30 for Sul Soda. *Fruits.*—Valencia Raisins in request, 5½c to 6c; Malaga Fruit, unchanged; Currants, 4½c to 6½c. *Oils.*—Steam Refined, 52c to 60c; Cod, 53c to 57c. *Salt.*—Held 55c to 58c, for coarse; Factory filled, 88c to \$1.10.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—Return of traffic for week ending May 11th, 1878, and the corresponding week, 1877. 1878.—Passengers, Mails, and Express Freight, \$56,005; Freight and Live Stock, \$94,261; Total, \$150,269. Corresponding week 1877, \$178,144. Decrease, 1878, \$27,875.

NORTHERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.—Traffic receipts for period ending 30th April, 1878.—Passengers, \$5,479.86; Freight, \$10,732.53; Mails and Sundries, \$2,126.53. Total Receipts for current period 1878, \$19,339.97. Corresponding period 1877, \$16,417.51. Increase, \$1,972.46.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875, AND ITS AMENDMENTS.

In the matter of

J. B. CAYA, INSOLVENT.

SALES REAL ESTATE BY AUCTION.

A lot of land situate in Saint James ward, of the city and district of Montreal, known and designated as official number seven hundred and forty-five (745), of the cadastre of Saint James ward aforesaid, containing 25 feet six inches in front, by 70 feet in depth; bounded in front by Wolfe street—with the buildings thereon erected.

To be sold at the office of the undersigned, No. 15, Place d'Armes, on FRIDAY, the SEVENTEENTH day of MAY next, (1878), at HALF PAST ELEVEN o'clock in the forenoon.

LOUIS DUPUY, Assignee.

Office: No. 15, Place d'Armes.