

## THE MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

**Flour.**—There is little increase to note in the volume of business. Receipts of the leading articles have still further declined, occasioning, however, but little change in value, owing to the very restricted demand. The offerings of strong Flour are below the consumptive demand, and prices have gradually worked up. Provisions have varied little, either in demand or value. Ashes are the turn better, and, with declining receipts and increasing demand, some advance has already been established.

**Flour.**—The arrivals of the week have further diminished, and although the demand is purely local, and still restricted by want of snow in the country, it has fully exceeded the offerings, and some further improvement may be noted in the leading grades. The enquiry falls mainly on strong Superfines, prices of which have ranged from \$6.00 to \$5.50, closing firm, with upward tendency. Other descriptions are less enquired for, and, though but partially affected, are the turn better.

**Bar Flour.**—Although sparingly supplied from abroad, has not improved in value, owing to the unusually limited demand, and \$3 may still be considered ruling rate for average samples. A better enquiry, with probably enhanced prices, is looked for when sleighing improves; but, notwithstanding the formation of the ice-bridge over the St. Lawrence, the scanty supply of snow seriously impedes travelling, and has thus far been most prejudicial to trade. Notwithstanding the unpromising character of British advices, and the enormous supplies in store, the fact that much of what is held has cost in the vicinity of \$6 for Superfine, will prevent it being placed on the market to any extent for a time at least, and the current receipts promising to fall below the consumptive wants, there seems a probability of prices being well maintained for some little time; but any material improvement in the receipts, or modification of the views of holders here, causing the offerings to exceed the local demand, a prompt reaction would almost certainly ensue.

**Oatmeal.**—The supplies are small; but, in the absence of wholesale demand, prices are barely maintained.

**Wheat.**—The limited receipts are still direct to millers; and, in the absence of sales, prices are purely nominal.

**Coarse Grains.**—Of the various descriptions are extremely dull, and transactions of the most trifling character; even farmers' deliveries being greatly restricted by the defective condition of the country roads.

**Pork.**—The confidence felt till lately in Pork caused holders somewhat to advance their pretensions, and \$24.00 to \$25 were asking prices for Mess for a few days back; little, however, beyond the small consumptive wants changed hands. The transactions in other grades have also been limited, outside prices for Prime and Prime Mess are \$16 and \$17 respectively. The recent decline in Chicago has had an unsettling influence, and considerable distress has been induced; no actual change in value has, however, taken place thus far.

**Hogs.**—Till within the past day or two, receipts have been within the market wants, but latterly they have been heavy, and promise further to increase, and as present rates are above the views of packers; and the Boston market—which, last season, absorbed the bulk of our receipts—is relatively lower than our own, it is probable that some decline, though not serious, may be experienced.

**Butter.**—Arrivals continue liberal for the season and with a gradually slackening demand prices continue to droop. The American enquiry is restricted to the choicer descriptions, only a small portion of which, however, remain in stock, and British exporters manifest increasing indifference as the season advances, reducing their pretensions week by week. 17 to 19 cts. may now be considered the range for store-packed, and up to 20 cts. for dairy, only the choicest, however, commanding extreme rates. Most of what has arrived thus far has been put on the market and sold for what shippers have felt justified in paying; receivers wisely guarding against being caught as on some former occasions, with heavy stocks at a season of the year when the demand is necessarily limited, and when no concession made would suffice to move it. Those who have been foremost to forward have done best, and those who may still be holders will probably consult their interests by realizing with the least possible delay, while any export

demand continues, as we shall shortly be shut up to the local demand; and should receipts continue as liberal as heretofore, they will greatly exceed the probable requirements.

**Arrivals.**—Although arrivals have in a measure fallen off, they are still liberal for the season. We have to note a slight revival in the demand for Pots with some advance from the lowest point recently reached. Latest sales of first sorts have been at \$6.00 to \$5.95 and of inferiors at \$5 to \$5.50 according to grade. Pearls are for the time being almost unsaleable at any price; about \$6.50 for first sorts, and \$6.75 for seconds are the views of buyers, but thus far holders for the most part decline selling. The anomalous position of the ashes market for some time back, has been the subject of general remark. Prices of Pots in Britain have been maintained at 42s. to 42s. 6d. for some three weeks successively, while, contrary to all experience, rates here till within the past few days have continued to decline; scarcity of ocean freight has been one serious hindrance, while the heavy receipts in December deterred speculation on American account. The stock here is heavy, but fully half of what remains in store is still in first hands, and firmly held for an advance, as with previously small stocks and limited exports to Britain it is presumed the demand cannot long be delayed, and once fairly set in, prices can scarcely fail to improve. The prices of Pearls have borne more proportion to rates abroad, and fewer of these are held; but while most receivers were willing to sell while \$7 or upwards was obtainable, few will submit to present offers. As future rates will to a large extent be influenced by receipts for the next few weeks, manufacturers will do well to hold back, as present rates can scarcely be remunerative, while the pressing of heavy stocks will tend to prejudice the prospects of an advance.

## The Spirit Trade.

The following are the Montreal Spirit quotations of Messrs. Dow & Co., and Messrs. Molson & Co.:  
High Wines, 20 puncheons and upwards 95c. net cash.  
" 5 " to 20..... 97c. " "  
" under 5 puncheons..... \$1.00 " "  
Messrs. Gooderham & Worts' prices for this week are unchanged, viz.

Alcohol.....	\$1 05 net cash.
Pure Spirits, 50 O. P.....	0 92½ "
Old Rye.....	0 00 "
Toddy.....	0 60 "
Malt.....	0 60 "
32 U. P. Whiskey.....	0 40 "
40 U. P. ".....	0 37 "

## The Tobacco Market.

The market presents no new feature to note; a little more energy is experienced, especially for old tax paid goods, which, although somewhat out of condition, are suitable for the winter trade. No change in prices.

**Leaf.**—American.—There is none in the market suitable for manufacturing.

Canada Leaf is somewhat slow of sale at 6 to 5½c.

## RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE.

VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY AND CANAL.

	For the week ending Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1866.	From the 1st January to Jan. 10, 1865.	To corresponding period 1865.
Wheat, bushels.....	5,350	6,620	19,030
Flour, barrels.....	4,475	6,075	10,583
Corn, bushels.....	.....	.....	100
Oats, ".....	.....	950	70
Barley, ".....	.....	.....	2,800
Rye, ".....	.....	.....	100
Oat and Corn Meal, barrels.....	300	350	735
Butter, lbs.....	774	937	998
Cheese, boxes.....	60	60	.....
Pork, barrels.....	315	405	178
Lard, ".....	30	45	52
Tallow, ".....	30	30	10
Whiskey & H. Wines, cks. & puncheons.....	249	349	216

B. HUTCHINS &amp; CO.,

**COMMISSION MERCHANTS, Importers of TEAS and GENERAL GROCERIES,**  
No. 188 McGill st., Montreal. 6-ly

**JAMES S. NOAD & CO.,**  
Commission Merchants and General Agents,  
48 St. Peter Street, Montreal. 62-ly

**J. Y. GILMO & CO.,**  
(Late Gilmour, White & Co.,)

IMPORTERS OF  
**BRITISH AND FOREIGN DRY GOODS,**  
WHOLESALE,  
NO. 375 ST. PAUL STREET,  
MONTREAL. 62-ly

**ALEXANDER V'RHART CO.,**  
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
St. Peter Street, Montreal,  
IMPORTERS OF  
Teas, Wines, Liquors, Groceries, Drysalteries  
and Mediterranean Produce.  
SOLE AGENTS IN CANADA FOR  
S. Berger & Co.'s Starch.  
Cross & Blackwell's Pickles, Sauces, &c.  
C. Cooney & Co.'s Button and Ball Blue.  
Blood, Wolfe & Co.'s Porter and Ale.  
62-ly

**ANDREW MACFARLANE & CO.,**  
WHOLESALE DRY GOODS IMPORTERS,  
258 & 260 St. Paul and 92 & 93 Commissioners Streets,  
MONTREAL. 1-ly

**NOTICE OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.**  
**MESSRS. EDWARD LUSHER and**  
**R. D. MACPIERSON** have this day been admitted as Partners in my business, which will be continued in the same premises, under the firm of **B. HUTCHINS & CO.**  
B. HUTCHINS.  
Montreal, 1st January, 1866. 62-1m

**TEAS, SUGARS, TOBACCOES,**  
&c. &c. &c.  
Hyson, Young Hyson, Imperial, Gunpowder, Japan Young Hyson, Uncoloured Japan, Twankay, Hyson Skin, Souchong and Congou,  
—ALSO—  
Sugars, Syrups, Tobaccos, and a general assortment of Groceries.  
For Sale by  
**B. HUTCHINS & CO.**  
Montreal, 3rd January, 1866. 62-1m

**NOTICE.**  
MONTREAL, 1st January, 1866.

**THE** business heretofore carried on by **GILMOUR, WHITE & CO.,** and, since the death of Mr. White, by Gilmour, White & Co., in liquidation, will be continued in the same premises,  
375 St. PAUL STREET,

by **J. Y. GILMOUR**, the surviving partner, his brother, **ALEXANDER Y. GILMOUR**, whom he has admitted as partner.  
The style of the firm will in future be  
**J. Y. GILMOUR & CO.**  
61-52 F

**DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.**  
**THE** Partnership heretofore existing in this city, under the name and firm of **THOMSON, CLAXTON & CO.,** has this day expired by limitation of time.  
All Debts due to or by the late firm will be settled by  
**T. JAMES CLAXTON & CO.**  
Montreal, 20th December, 1865.

**DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.**  
**THE** business heretofore carried on by the undersigned, under the name and firm of **GAULT, BROS. & CO.** has been dissolved by mutual consent.  
**A. F. GAULT.**  
**R. L. GAULT.**

**WITH** reference to the above, the business will be continued by the undersigned, under the same name and in the same premises.  
**A. F. GAULT.**  
**SAMUEL FINLEY.**  
Montreal, 1st January, 1866. 61