

it is 5s under three months ago. Red Lead is unaltered upon the month, though it is from 10s. to 25s. better than it was at Midsummer. White lead is without alteration upon either of the dates mentioned.

**ZINC.**—Sheet zinc has secured a rise of 10s. on last month's quotations. Whilst, however, it is now from £32 10s. to £33, it was at Midsummer from £33 to £33 10s. per ton.

## Commercial.

### MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, October 21, 1873.

The season is now well advanced, and the prospect of the coming close of navigation has kept trade pretty active, and is likely to continue so as long as navigation is open. Breadstuffs have ruled dull all week. Ashes declining. Groceries have been in large jobbing demand. Chemicals have been dull and quiet. Dry goods quiet. Hardware firm but only a moderate business doing. Provisions firm with advancing tendency. Salt market has been in a very excited state all week, and holders not disposed to operate even at present extreme rates.

Tonnage is getting scarce, indeed much scarcer than is usual at this season, and rates have upward tendency.

Weather wet and disagreeable, rain fell without intermission from Saturday night until this morning, to-day is fair but cloudy with the appearance of clearing up for frost.

**ASHES.**—*Pots.*—Have been in moderate demand since our last report, firsts selling to a fair extent at \$6.15 to 6.17½, market closing quiet at \$6.10 to 6.15; seconds very few selling, prices realized being \$5.30 to 5.37½; thirds \$5.27½. *Pearls.*—Very little doing this week in pearls only a few choice lots have changed hand at \$7.15 first sort, to-day the market closes quiet and nominal at that price. The stocks at present in store are pots 1500 brls; pearls 815 brls. The receipts of ashes at the stores this week have been very light.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Business during the past week has been quiet, but a slight stir is expected as travellers are now out on the sorting up trip which it is anticipated will be good. There is no change to note in quotations, which however are pretty firm.

**CATTLE.**—The supply of prime cattle is not equal to the demand, and prices keep firm. The market is fairly stocked with inferior stock. We quote 1st quality \$7.00; 2nd ditto \$5. to 6.; 3rd ditto \$4.00 to 5.00. *Sheep* \$3.50 to 6.00 according to quality. *Lambs* \$2. to 3.25. *Hogs* \$5.25 to 5.75.

**DRY GOODS.**—Trade in this department has been very quiet all week, and only small sales are reported as taking place, and travellers report a very light business doing. For fancy goods there is a brisk demand, at present large sales are taking place at satisfactory prices, and stocks are getting well reduced.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—This market has been very dull during the week, and business has not been of much account, quotations remain much the same as last week. The only change we have to make is in Sal Soda which owing to the lightness of the stock held here has advanced to 2½ to 2½c, and in Bi carb which is a shade dearer being now quoted \$5.70 to 5.75 for round lots.

**FISH.**—There is a good steady demand for *Dry cod* at \$4.70 to 4.75 nett cash. *Salmon* in limited request at \$14.50 to 15. *Mackerel.*—A small parcel arrived last week, No. 1 sold at \$9.25 and over, and No. 3 at \$5.50. No change to note in herrings which are yet in limited supply.

**FURS.**—We have no change to report in this market. No good skins coming in just now and our quotations are nominal and unchanged:—*Beaver* \$2 to 2.25 per lb; *black bear large* \$8 to 10; *ditto small* \$6 to 8; *fisher* \$6 to 7.50; *silver fox* \$25 to 50; *cross fox* \$5; *red fox* \$1.50; *lynx* \$2 to 2.50; *marten, dark Labrador*, \$7 to 8; *pale marten* \$1.75 to 2.25; *prime dark mink* \$3 to 3.50; *mink dark 2nd* \$1.50 to 2; *otter* \$8 to 10; *fall muskrat* 12c; *winter muskrat* 15c; *spring muskrat* 22c; *raccoon* 25 to 50c; *skunk* 10 to 20c.

**FREIGHTS.**—Tonnage is now getting somewhat scarce, and rates are tending upward and are firm. The latest engagements for heavy grain to Liverpool and Glasgow by steamer and iron clipper were made at from 8/9 to 9/6. Flour 4/3 to 5/1. For out ports and for order vessels have been taken up to load heavy grain at 8/9 to 9/6. Rates to London per sailing vessels 10/6 for heavy grain.

**LOUR.**—Receipts for the past week 31,249 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 823,795 brls. being an increase of 164,792 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. Shipments for the past week 21,495 brls. total shipments from 1st January to date 684,550 brls being an increase of 163,135 brls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1872. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst., were 40,562 brls against 37,483 brls on the 1st inst., and 57,096 brls on the 15th October 1872. Business has been quiet most part of the week. The heavy decline which took place in the English market this day week brought down prices here, and a still further decline has to be noted on our quotations of that day, and trade just now is chiefly confined to the pressing wants of local and city dealers within the following range of quotations. Market firmer and more active to-day:—*Extra* \$6.30 to 6.40; *Fancy* \$6.15 to 6.25; *Ordinary* supers from Canada wheat \$5.80 to 5.90; *St. ong Bakers flour* \$6.20 to 6.40; *Welland Canal flour* \$5.80 to 5.85; *Ordinary super No. 2* \$5.30 to 5.40; *fine* 5.00 to 5.20; *Middlings* \$4.00 to 4.25; *Pollards* \$3.50 to 3.75; *Upper Canada Bags* 2.70; *Oatmeal dull* \$4.75 to 5.00, and *Cornmeal* \$2.90 to 3.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week were 570,519 bush; total receipts from 1st January to date 7,426,800 bush, being an increase of 4,304,981 bush on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. Shipments for the past week 455,570 bush; total shipments from January to date 6,592,873 bush, being an increase of 4,412,698 bush on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1872. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst. were 266,245 bush, against 215,513 bush on 1st inst. and 348,480 bush on 15th October, 1872. From similar causes to those which operate on flour, this market has been unsettled all week and very few transactions have transpired, No. 2 western spring sold at \$1.20½ to 1.21, some No. 1 western in store brought \$1.26; *Upper Canada winter* \$1.35 to 1.40; *U. C. spring* \$1.25 to 1.27½ these prices are however, now nominal. No transactions reported to-day. *Maize.*—This market is nominal, for cargoes from 54 to 54½c would be paid. *Peas.*—Market something easier at 80 to 82½c per 66 lbs, some cargo sales reported within our range of quotations. *Oats.*—Quiet at 33 to 35c. *Barley.*—Is firm and in fair demand at \$1 to 1.10. *Pot and Pearl* Barly unchanged.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—Japans have met with a good enquiry at from 50 to 52½c for No. 2, but this kind at present is scarce, but with the finer kinds the market is fairly supplied. About 3000 packages of *Ritchie, Gregg, Gillespie & Co.* stock was disposed of this week. The jobbing demand is very good at present. *Coffee.*—This article is strong here at present and late quotations are fully maintained, stocks

are light. Java has been selling at 27½ to 27¾c. Rio 24½ to 25c. Reports receiving daily from producing countries all speak of small stocks, prospects of light crops, and steadily advancing prices with no prospects of a decline. *Sugar.*—Quiet some sales of good refining Barbadoes are reported at 7½c. Yellows are pressed on the market. Scotch refined is selling at 8 to 8½c; local refined yellow 8½ to 8¾c; crushed at 10½ to 10¾c; dry crushed 10½ to 11c. *Molasses.*—There has been an improved demand with sales of clayed at 30c; Barbadoes 40c; Centrifugal 21 to 24c. *Rice.*—This article owing to lightness of stock has shown more firmness this week, prices ranging from \$4 to 4.15. *Fruit.*—Layer raisins of the old stock are offered at \$1.90, there are no new in the market; Valentias sell at 8½c; Sultanas 10 to 10½c; new currants 5½ to 6c; Turkey figs 10 to 11c; Filberts are firm and in demand at 11 to 11½c. *Spices.*—Are firm and unchanged.

**HIDES.**—There is a good demand for market hides and all offering are readily bought up at the following rates:—No. 1 inspected \$8.50 to 9; No. 2 ditto \$8; No. 3 ditto \$6.50 to 7; sheep and lamb skins 80c to \$1.10; calf skins 15c per lb.

**HARDWARE.**—The trade generally are well employed, and stocks are being rapidly reduced. Some leading lines of heavy goods are in short supply and holders ask full rates. *Pig iron* is quiet but firm. *Bars* move slowly at the advanced prices of last week. *Hoops bands and sheets* are in limited demand at our inside rates. *Canada plates* meet with a fair enquiry at our lowest quotations. *Tin plates* are in full supply and the demand is light. Shelf hardware is selling freely at good prices, remittances are not quite up to the mark. Travellers report favorably of the condition of trade in the country. Altogether the hardware trade is in a more healthy state than for sometime back. Our quotations for this week show no material change:—*Gartsherrie*, \$41.00 to \$42.00; *Summerlee and Laugloan* \$36.00 to 39.00; *Eglinton* \$34.00 to 35.00; *Glengarnock* \$33. to 36; *Carnbroe* \$34 to 36; *Monkland and Clyde* \$33.00 to 35.00. *Hematite* \$42 to 44. *Bar Iron* per 100 lbs. *Scotch* \$3.25 to 3.35; *Staffordshire* \$3.25 to 3.35; ditto refined \$3.50 to 3.70; *Swedes* \$5.50 to 6.00. *Hoops and Bands* \$4.00 to 4.50; *Sheets* \$4.50 to 5.50; *Boiler plate* \$4.50 to 5.50; *Russian sheets* \$16 to 17; *Galvanized sheets* \$9.00 to 11. *Canada Plates* per box; *Hatton* \$6.75 to 7.00; *Arrow and Garth* \$7.25 to 7.50; *F. and W. crown* \$7.50 to 7.75. *Budd Lion* \$7.25 to 7.50; *Glamorgan* \$7. to 7.25. *Tin Plates* per box: *Charcoal IC* \$11.25 to 11.75; ditto *IX* \$13.25 to 13.75; ditto *DC* \$10.25 to 10.75; ditto *DX* \$12.25 to 12.75; *Coke IC* \$10.25 to 10.75. *Tin*—Block per 100 lbs \$34 to 35; *Antimony* \$18 to 19. *Zinc sheet* \$7.50 to 8.00; ditto spelter \$6.50 to 7. *Lead* per 100 lbs. *Bar* \$6.50 to 7; ditto sheet \$7 to 7.50; ditto pig \$6.25 to 6.75; shot \$7.00 to 7.50. *Nails cut* \$4.25 to 5.75; ditto pressed \$7 to 10; ditto horse 5 to 10 0/0 disc off list; *Spikes pressed* \$6 to 7. *Steel.*—Cast \$14 to 16; ditto spring \$6 to 7; ditto sleigh shoe \$5.50 to 5.75; *anvils* \$10 to 11 per 100 lbs; *vices* \$12 to 14; *anchors* \$7.50 to 9; *manilla rope* 13.50 first quality. *Blasting powder* \$3.50 to 4; *sporting powder* \$4.25 to 5. *Boiler tubes* are lower in price, we now quote 2 in 22c; 2½ in 24c; 2½ in 26c; 3 in 31c; 3½ in 24c; 4 in 53c; 5 in \$1.00. *Iron wire* per bale up to No. 6 \$3.20 to 3.30.

**LEATHER.**—There is no change to note in *Spanish sole*, which is in fair though not active demand within our range of quotations. *Slaughter sole* meets with good enquiry. *Harness* is quiet but firm; *upper leather* dull. We now quote:—*Spanish sole* No. 1 25 to 26c, do No. 2, 23 to 24c *Buffalo sole* No. 1, 22 to 23c; do. No. 2, 18 to 20c; *Hem-*