

barrel of crude now will not produce over nineteen or twenty gallons of the new government standard oil, yet the twenty gallons now contains nearly, if not quite, all the light-giving powers of the old 25 gallons, and it is in all respects a more desirable article and a safer oil at the same "fire test," as it is less liable to "crust" the wick—a cause from which many accidents to lamps arise. A carload of Home Oil Works Co. oil was burned while on its way from here to Sarnia yesterday.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 12th August 1879.

As might have been expected, the suspension of the Exchange and Ville Marie Banks and the run on the City and District Savings Bank last week, put almost a complete stop to business for the time being. Now that the excitement is over people are again beginning to breathe freely, and hopes are entertained that good may eventually result from these recent financial disasters—although a deal of suffering will have to be endured by many in the meantime. There is hardly a new feature to be noticed in any branch of trade and quotations generally are without material change. The weather is very favorable for ripening the crops, and for harvest work.

ASHES.—The demand for ashes has been moderately active for the past week, but receipts as is usual at this season, have been light, prices have been stiffer, and firsts sold from \$3.70 to 3.77½, the closing quotation being \$3.70 to 3.75. Pearls are still very firm, being scarce, last sales reported were at \$6.40 to 6.50. Stocks at present in store, are pots 2042 bls.; pearls 70 barrels.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business continues good, and orders are coming in fairly, with no change in prices, which are being fully sustained. Collections this week have been good, bills being mostly met in full. We continue to quote *Mens Stoga Boots* \$1.65 to 2.50; ditto, *Kip Boots* \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto *French Calf* \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto *Ruff Congress* \$2.00 to 2.25; *Boys Split Brogans* 90 to 1.00; do *Buff and Pebbled Congress* \$1.50; *Womens Buff and Pebbled Balmorals* \$1.15 to 1.75; ditto *Prunella Balmorals* 50 to 1.50 ditto *Prunella Congress* 50 to 1.25.

CATTLE.—The demand for cattle yesterday was good for choice animals, for shipping purposes, but for local consumption there was very little enquiry, prices ranged from 3½ to 5c per lb. live weight, according to quality. Hogs were in plentiful demand, but transactions were very limited at prices ranging from \$4.60 to 4.75 per 100 pounds live weight.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is very little change to note in prices, and business has been of a small character, little improvement in trade is expected for another month. Quinine is very firm, but price is unchanged. Morphia is the turn dealer. We quote *Bi Carb Soda*, \$2.90 to 3; *Soda Ash* \$1.40 to 1.75; *Bi Chromate of Potash*, \$10.50 to 12.50; *Borax*, 10 to 12c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 24½ to 26c; ditto ground 26½ to 28c; *Wt Caustic Soda*, \$2.15 to 2.25; *Sugar of Lead*, 11 to 12½c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.40 to 1.50; *Alum*, \$1.60 to 1.75; *Copperas*, 1c; *Sulphur*, 2½ to 3c; *Roll Sulphur*, 2½ to 2¾c; *Epsom Salts*, per 100 lbs., \$1.25 to 1.50; *Sal Soda*, per 100 lbs., 95c to \$1.00; *Saltpetre*, per keg, \$8.50 to 9.00; *Sulphate of Copper*, 5 to 5½c; *Whiting*, 45 to 50c per cwt; *Opium* \$5.50 to

5.75; *Quinine* \$4.25 to 4.50 per oz; *Iodide of Potassium*, \$5.75 to 6.00 per lb; *Bromide of Potassium* 40 to 45c per lb; *Morphine* \$2.60 to 2.75 per oz.; *Castor Oil* 12 to 12½c; *Cod Liver Oil*, Newfld., \$1.00 per gal.

Freight.—Rates for tonnage are still on the upward move and engagements this week by steamers and iron clippers to London, Liverpool and Glasgow for heavy grain were made at 5/- to 6/- for orders 5/9 to 6/3 was paid. Steamers rates to Liverpool for flour 2/3 per brl; butter and cheese 35/- per gross ton; pots 20/- pearls 25/-.

Flour.—Receipts during the past week 18,630 bls.; total receipts from 1st January to date 440,485 bls. being a decrease of 54,637 bls. on the receipts for the same period of 1878; shipped during the week 18,222 bls.; total shipments from 1st January to date 355,213 bls., showing an increase of 22,054 bls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of last year. As might have been expected from the financial troubles of the past week, business has been very quiet, and holders have shown more disposition to meet the views of buyers—and in some cases prices lower than of this day week were accepted—and we reduce some of our quotations: To day the market closes dull and nominally unchanged since Saturday. We quote *Superior extra* \$5.17½ to 5.25; *Extra Super*, \$5.07½ to 5.10; *Fancy*, \$4.97½ to 5.00; *Spring Extra*, \$4.87½ to 4.95; *Superfine*, \$4.60 to 4.70; *Strong Baker's Flour*, \$5.10 to 5.25; *Fine*, \$4.10 to 4.20; *Middlings*, \$3.35 to \$3.50; *Pollards*, \$2.90 to 3.10; *Ontario Bags*, \$2.37½ to 2.45; *Ontario Oatmeal*, \$4.75 to 0.00; *Cornmeal*, \$2.40 to 2.50.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts during the past week 355,47 bush.: Total receipts from 1st January to date, 4,376,941 bush., being an increase of 1,387,834 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1878; shipments during the week 310,346 bushels: total shipments from first January to date 3,801,190 bush. being an increase of 1,043,569 bushels on the shipments for the same period of last year. There have been very few transactions in this grain reported this week, and prices are nominal. The latest sales of Canada spring was at \$1.04, at which it is still held; *Maize* is dull at 45 to 46; *Peas.*—No transactions reported, holders asking 80c. per 66 lbs; *Oats* are steady at 33 to 34c; nothing doing in other grains, which are nominal.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—New Japans are now in fair supply, and buyers are more disposed to pay the advanced prices, choicest is selling at 47½ to 55c; good medium 40 to 45c. with considerable sales at 40 to 43½ cents; very little doing in old Japans, prices of which are unchanged. Gunpowder has been dealt in at 32c. the range for the different grades being 25c. to 50c.; blacks of cheap quality are enquired for. Congou for common to fine is quoted from 24c. to 75c; *Coffee* market dull and unchanged only small jobbing sales transpiring within our range of quotations: *Mocha* 28c. to 32c.; *Ceylon Plantation* 26c. to 30c.; *Ceylon Native* 20c. to 22c.; *Old Govt. Java* 28c. to 30c.; *Maracaibo* 20c. to 21c.; *Laguayra* 18½c. to 19c. *Sugar.*—Montreal refined is unchanged at 8½c. to 9½c. for granulated, and yellow 6½c. to 8c., there is a very good demand maintained for these sugars; *Paris Lump* 9½c. to 9½c.; *Scotch refined yellow* 6½c. 8c. *Raw Sugars* have been in very little demand: *Porto Rico* 6½c. to 7c. with sales of grocery grades at outside quotation, *Barbadoes* 6½c. to 7c. *Molasses.*—The enquiry for molasses has improved but without resulting in much business and prices continue much the same as last week: *Barbadoes* 27½c. to 29½c.; *Porto Rico* 25c. to 26c. *Syrups* are in light demand and run from 40c. to 55c. according to quality. *Rice* is firm but the advance in the English

market has made no change in prices here, business has been confined to small sales at \$4.10 to \$4.40 according to quality and size of lots. Arrow-root 11 to 15c; *Spices.*—Pimento and Ginger are easier but not quotably lower, we repeat last weeks quotations for all sorts, Cassia, 14 to 16c; Cloves, 37 to 45c; Nutmegs, 60 to 90c; Jamaica ginger, 22½ to 24c; African ginger, 6 to 7c; Pimento, 15 to 16; Black pepper, 8½ to 9½c; White pepper, 15 to 17; Mace, 55 to 80c; *Fruit.*—There has been a little more demand this week but sales are still very small, and quotations are not materially changed. We quote *Layer Raisins*, \$1.35 to 1.45; *Muscatsels*, \$1.40 to 1.45; *London Layers*, \$1.80 to 2.00; *Valencias*, 6½ to 6¾c; *Sultanas*, 7½ to 8½c; *Seedless*, 5 to 5½c; *Currants*, 3½ to 5c; *Tarragona Almonds*, 14½ to 15c; *Filberts*, 7 to 8c; *Brazil nuts*, 4 to 8c; *Walnuts*, 7 to 8; *Figs Elme* 9½ to 10c; *Layer Figs*, 8½ to 9c, *Malaga Figs*, 4½ to 5½c

HIDES.—Notwithstanding present high prices hides sell readily at our quotations of \$8, \$7 and \$6 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3. *Lambskins* are steady at 50c.

HARDWARE.—There has been very little doing in this branch of business during the past week, and till the crops are secured little activity is looked for. Prices are not remunerative, and in some instances even our low quotations have been shaded. Collections are not very good, but are expected to improve as soon as crops brought into market. We repeat our quotations of last Tuesday. *Fig Iron*, per ton, Coltness, \$18.00 to 18.50; *Langloan*, \$17.75 to 18.00; *Calder*, \$17.50 to 18.00; *Gartsherrie*, \$17.50 to 18.00; *Summerlee* \$16.00 to 16.50; *Canbrae*, \$15.50 to 16.00; *Eglinton*, \$15.25 to 15.75; *Hematite*, \$23.00 to 24.00. *Bars*, per 100 lbs., *Scotch* and *Staffordshire*, \$1.70 to 1.75; best ditto, \$2.00 to 2.10; *Swedes* and *Norway*, \$4.25 to \$4.75; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling*, \$6 to 6.50; *Canada Plates*, per box, *Glamorgan* and *Budd*, \$3.25 to 3.35; *Garth*, and *Penn* \$3.25 to 3.35; *Hatton*, \$3.00 to 3.25. *Tin Plates*, per box, *Charcoal* 1 C, \$5.75 to 6.50; ditto 1 X \$7.75 to 8.50; ditto D.C. \$4.75 to 5.75; *Coke*, 1 C, \$5.00 to 5.25; *Tinned Sheets*, charcoal, best No. 26, 11 to 12c; *Galvanized Sheets*, best brands, No. 28, 7½ to 7¾c per lb. *Hoops* and *Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to 2.60; *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Boiler Plates*, ordinary, brands \$2.50 to \$2.75; best ditto, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Russia Sheet Iron* per lb., 10 to 11c; *Cut Nails*, 2 D, Lath, \$4.15 ditto 2½ to 4c; shingle, \$3.40; ditto 5 D to 6, \$3.40; ditto 8 \$3.15; ditto 12 and larger, \$2.75 *Pressed Spikes* \$4 to 4.75. *Lead*, pig, per 100 lbs., \$4.00 to 4.25; sheet \$4.75 to 5.00; *Bar*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Shot*, ditto \$6.25 to 6.50; *Steel*, cast per lb., 12 to 13c; spring, per 100 lbs, \$3.25 to 3.50; *Sleighshoe*, \$2.75 to 3.00; tire, ditto \$3.25 to 3.50; *Ingot tin*, \$17.50 to 18.00; *Ingot copper* \$17.50 to 18.00; *Horse Shoes* per 100 lbs \$3.25 to \$3.50; *Proved Coil Chain*, 3 in., \$4.50 to 5.00; *Anchors*, \$5 to 6.00; *Anvils*, 10 to 11c; *Wire*, per bundle of 63 lbs., \$1.75 to 1.80.

LEATHER.—The market has been very quiet the past week, and sales are limited to the absolute wants of the trade, stocks are getting into smaller compass and prices are gradually hardening especially in best Spanish Sole. Upper and splits have met with less inquiry, but prices continue firm and unchanged. Buffs and Pebbles are moving fairly while harness is neglected. We quote *Hemlock Spanish Sole*, No. 1, B. A., 21 to 23c.; ditto No. 2 B. A., 19 to 20c; No. 1 *Ordinary* 21 to 22c; No. 2 ditto 18 to 19c; *Zanzibar*, ditto No. 1., 19 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 18c; *Buffalo Sole* No 1, 18 to 19c; ditto No. 2, 16 to 17c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 20 to 23c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 30 to 36c; ditto, heavy, 30 to 33c; *Grained*, 31 to 35c; *Splits*, large, 22 to