

KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.'S PRODUCE AND LEATHER REPORT.

No. 33 St. NICHOLAS STREET, MONTREAL,

6th April, 1865.

During the latter portion of the week very little has been done owing to the principal portion of the business part of the city having been inundated, causing considerable damage, but we believe to a less extent than in 1861, the merchants having taken timely precaution, in anticipation, by removing their goods to places of safety.

FLOUR.—Receipts are again falling off, and with a considerable demand for the local trade, and shipment to the Eastern States and Townships, prices are firmer. Buyers and sellers apart in their views. Sales reported of Superior Extra at \$5.40, and Extra at \$5 to \$5.05. The chief demand is however still for Superfine, choice grades of which are not over plentiful; Ordinary from Canada wheat has brought as high as \$4.65, while choice brands of Baker's Flour have sold at \$4.70, \$4.72, \$4.75, and as high as \$4.90 for selected. Sales of City Brands reported in round lots for May delivery at \$4.60, a favorite brand bringing \$4.75 at buyer's option during this month. Bag Flour, \$2.50 to \$2.60 per 112 lbs., according to quality. The lower grades continue scarce and nominal with no enquiry. Superior extra.....\$5 20 to \$5 30 per brl. Extra.....4 90 to 5 10 " Fancy.....4 80 to 4 90 " Superfine No. 1.....4 60 to 4 65 " Superfine No. 2.....4 25 to 4 30 " Fine.....3 75 to 3 90 " Middlings.....3 55 to 3 75 " Pollards.....3 15 to 3 30 "

WHEAT.—Receipts still continue light, and mainly for City millers. Upper Canada Springs nominal at \$1.05 to \$1.10 per 60 lbs. Coarse Grains, very little doing, prices nominally unchanged.

SEEDS.—Continue in active demand, and all coming forward are promptly taken at full rates. Timothy Seed, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per 45 lb. Clover " 7.50 to 9.00 per 60 lb. Flax " 1.48 to 1.50 per 56 lb.

ASHES.—Pots.—Receipts light; market firm at \$5.25 to \$5.27 per 100 lb.; Inferiors \$5.60 to \$5.70 per 100 lb. Pearls, nominal, at \$5.40 to \$5.50.

TALLOW.—In good demand at 8½ cts. per lb.

CUTMEATS.—Unchanged. Hams—Canvassed and Sugar-cured, 12 to 13 cts. per lb.; Plain uncanvassed, 11 to 12 cts. per lb.

LEATHER.—Market without any improvement. Manufacturers being largely stocked, will not buy at even present current low rates. We hear of sales of Waxed Upper in Toronto at 20 cents per lb.; Slaughter Sole of prime quality is occasionally enquired for; Harness Leather is also in light request, and the present state of the market is causing many of the Tanners to close their tanneries. We feel persuaded that this market will rule quite active next winter or the coming autumn, by which time it is to be hoped the large accumulations of stock at present on hand, will have been worked off. Quotations continue nominal.

THOMAS HOBSON & CO.,

GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, MONTREAL.

Thomas Hobson & Co. desire to inform their friends and patrons that they will remove on the 1st May to the commodious premises occupied at present by Messrs. Sewell, Wetenhall & Reed, Nos. 436 and 438 St. Paul street, (rear entrance 427 Commissioners st., near St. Ann's Market,) where they intend carrying on the Produce business in all its branches.

Messrs. T. H. & Co. solicit consignments of Flour, Pork, Butter, Eggs, Seeds, Leather, Ashes, and other descriptions of Produce, to which they give special and personal attention. Their connection, which is very extensive, enables them to offer their consignors every advantage which an intimate acquaintance with the principal buyers of this and other markets will afford. Sales in all cases will be made as promptly as the market will allow; returns rendered immediately when consignments are closed, and full information given in reference to the aspects of trade, &c. Consignments will have the personal inspection of a member of the firm, and care will be taken to put the goods in the most saleable condition, and to avoid unnecessary expenses.

Liberal advances will be made upon all descriptions of Produce, and Drafts will be accepted against Bills of Lading to the extent of two-thirds the actual value of consignments. Cash advances will also be made against shipments of Produce to our correspondents in Manchester or Liverpool, and consignors will have the option of having their goods sold here, or in either of the above named markets.

Charges.—The rates of Commission will be as low as can be made consistently with proper security and efficiency, and all other charges will be avoided as far as possible.

Messrs. T. H. & Co. have made special arrangements for doing a large Butter business, for which the premises are admirably adapted; the cellars are cool, airy, and spacious, and everything is arranged so that there will be the most complete efficiency in this department of the trade. A cooper will be constantly employed on the premises to open out the lots of butter as they arrive; and after being thoroughly examined, measures will be at once taken to put them in the most saleable condition. To Country Merchants we offer the following suggestions:—

Packing Butter.—Use none but new packages—white ash preferable; let them be well seasoned and thoroughly clean and soaked in brine; brand the correct dry tare on each package; use fine salt; pack the butter as closely as possible, let the various colors be carefully selected, fill the kegs as full as possible; put a clean linen cloth and a little brine on the top of the butter in each package, then have them well

coopered up, and marked with the initials of the shipper, and addressed in full to the consignee.

Packing Eggs.—Put a little hay in the bottom of the barrel, then pack from 75 to 80 dozen eggs, with say two bushels of oats, then fill the cask up with hay, full enough to prevent the contents from shaking about, head up tightly, and mark on the top of the barrel the exact quantity of eggs and oats contained.

Ashes.—We will send, on application, special circulars with directions concerning the manufacture of Ashes, &c.

PRICES CURRENT.

Thursday Evening, April 6, 1865.

Flour, Superior extra.....	\$5 30	to	\$5 50
Extra.....	5 10	to	5 20
Fancy.....	4 90	to	5 00
Superfine.....	4 70	to	4 90
Do. No. 2.....	4 30	to	4 45
Fine.....	0 00	to	0 00
Bag Flour, per 112 lbs.....	2 55	to	2 57½
Oatmeal, per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 70	to	5 00
Pork—Mess ".....	20 00	to	21 00
Thin Mess.....	17 50	to	18 50
Prime Mess.....	15 00	to	15 50
Prime.....	14 50	to	15 00
Butter—Ordinary, per lb.....	0 12½	to	0 13½
Medium.....	0 14	to	0 15½
Choice Dairy.....	0 16	to	0 17½
Eggs, per dozen.....	0 14	to	0 15
Lard, Western.....	0 12	to	0 12½
City rendered.....	0 11	to	0 11½
Tallow.....	0 8½	to	0 9
Cut Meats—Hams, per lb.....	0 10	to	0 12
Bacon.....	0 8	to	0 10
Shoulders.....	0 7	to	0 8
Seeds, Timothy, per 45 lbs.....	2 50	to	3 00
Clover, per lb.....	0 12½	to	0 14
Ashes, per 100 lbs. 1st Pots.....	5 22½	to	5 25
Inferiors.....	5 45	to	5 55
Pearls.....	5 40	to	5 45

FLOUR.—We have to notice a decided improvement in the Flour market this week, the supply being much below the requirements of the trade. The arrivals during the past few days have been very light, and, as the demand for the Eastern Townships and the United States continues, the market has been kept quite bare of nearly all grades. There is a fair demand for Extra, Fancy nominal. Good brands of Superfine have been sold to-day at \$4.70 to \$4.75; favorite brands of strong Superfine bringing from \$4.80 to \$4.90, and in some instances \$5 is asked. We do not hear of sales, however, at higher rates than those quoted. Bag Flour \$2.55 to \$2.57½ per 112 lbs.

PORK.—We do not hear of any large transactions. The demand is chiefly for retail lots.

BUTTER.—The market continues as much depressed as ever. The arrivals have been small, but there has been scarcely any business done this week. This may, perhaps, to some extent be accounted for in consequence of the flood, most of the Produce houses having been closed for at least two days. Commissioners, Foundling, Fort, Common, McGill, and some portions of St. Paul street having been submerged during the whole of Monday and Tuesday. We are happy to state, however, that the damage to property has been very slight; preparations having been made in time to avert mischief. We notice some improvement in the Boston and New York markets, which may possibly affect us shortly; in the meantime we quote from 13 to 17 cents, according to quality. The demand is chiefly for the local trade, though there is some enquiry for low-priced Butter for shipment to Britain.

EGGS.—Fair demand, at 14 to 15 cents per dozen.

LARD.—Quiet at our quotations.

TALLOW.—Demand good; small supply.

SEEDS.—There are a few samples offering, chiefly of low quality. Good samples scarce, and in demand at our quotations.

ASHES.—Market easier. 1st Pots \$5.22½ to \$5.25. Pearls nominal.

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LEEMING & BUCHANAN'S WEEKLY COMMERCIAL REPORT.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 7, 1865.

FLLOUR—Superior Extra.....	\$5 20	to	5 30
Extra.....	4 95	to	5 05
Fancy.....	4 70	to	4 80
Superfine.....	4 60	to	4 75
Superfine No. 2.....	4 25	to	4 30
Fine.....	3 65	to	3 80
BAG FLOUR—per 112 lbs.....	2 50	to	2 60
OATMEAL—per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 75	to	5 00
WHEAT—per 60 lbs. U. C. Spring.....	1 03	to	1 07
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BARLEY—per 43 lbs.....	0 70	to	0 75
OATS—per 32 lbs.....	0 34	to	0 38
PORK—Mess.....	20 00	to	21 50
Prime Mess.....	15 00	to	16 00
Prime.....	14 50	to	15 00
LARD—per lb.....	0 11	to	0 12
TALLOW—per lb.....	0 08	to	0 08½
BUTTER—Inferior.....	0 12	to	0 13
Medium.....	0 14	to	0 16
Choice.....	0 16	to	0 19
CHEESE—per lb.....	0 08	to	0 10
ASHES—per 100 lbs. Pots—1st sorts.....	5 20	to	5 25
Pearls, 1st sorts.....	5 40	to	5 45
SEEDS—Timothy, per bush 45 lbs.....	2 50	to	3 00
Flax.....	1 40	to	1 50
Clover, per 100 lbs.....	16 00	to	18 00
LEAF TOBACCO—Canadian.....	0 23	to	0 04½
Missouri lugs.....	0 06	to	0 06
" leaf.....	0 07	to	0 15

The event of the week has been the flood caused by the blocking of the ice in the narrow channel below the city. It has now subsided, and business is resumed along the Canal, and between the Railway station and the city.

FLOUR.—Receipts are very light for past three or four days. Navigation is likely to open below the city at least ten days before the Canal can be used, and the supply on hand will not meet the expected demand for three days. This, together with an active demand from Portland and other points, has led to an advance in Superfine. Sales are made to day at \$4.75 to \$4.85, while sales have been made to arrive in this month at \$4.75, Extra and Fancy have changed hands freely at quotations. Bag Flour, scarce, and wanted at \$2.60. Coarse Grades are not to be had, and will bring low prices on opening of Navigation.

OATMEAL.—Scarce, but not much enquired for.

PORK.—Is held in few hands at full quotations, the supply being very small and quite inadequate to meet the usual demand on opening of navigation. Hams, both Canvassed and plain smoked, are scarce and wanted.

ASHES.—1st Pots are steady at \$5.25; Inferiors 10c. to 20c. more; Pearls nothing doing.

SEEDS.—Timothy is scarce; our sales are large at \$2.75 for ordinary, and \$3 to \$3.25 for prime samples. Clover is very scarce, and has advanced in past two days to 17c. per lb. for prime new; mixed parcels 14c. to 16c.

FLAX.—The Flax market continues quiet, and under the deranged condition of American currency we find it difficult to give reliable quotations from week to week. Inferior lots are hard to sell; holders of prime seem indisposed to force sales. Our latest sales range from 11c. to 15c. for fair to prime.

The impression we get from our English correspondents is, that the yield in Britain this year will be small, a much more limited breadth of land, both in England and Ireland, being under cultivation than last. Our experience thus far in Canada Flax, though full of encouragement for the future of the trade, may not, we fear, have met expectations of growers. The general complaint is the absence of uniformity of texture and color, arising from want of experience incident to all new enterprises, and which a year or two will effectually dispel. What is wanted is for men of larger means to embark in its cultivation. It is too often the case that individuals attempt to sow a few unoccupied acres, which they experiment upon, with but one sure result. Whereas if a few neighbors would join under the direction of some person of experience, who would direct the process of rotting and dressing, we know of no crop so well adapted to our soil and climate, and so remunerative. It seems comparatively insensible to the climatic changes, which so seriously affect other crops, and whatever you get of it tells, seed, fibre, tow, and straw. We are anticipating some English orders on the opening of navigation, and will be glad to take charge of consignments to our friends, with a view of its introduction. We are importing Riggs Seed for sowing, and invite orders from parties desiring a supply.

LEAF TOBACCO.—Common Leaf is enquired for at 4c. In Missouri lugs or leaf very little doing.

HENRY EMPHEY'S WEEKLY COMMERCIAL REPORT.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 1865.

FLLOUR—Superior Extra.....	\$5 40	to	5 50
Extra.....	5 00	to	5 25
Fancy.....	4 80	to	5 00
Superfine from Western Wheat.....	4 65	to	4 70
Superfine Canada.....	4 70	to	4 80
No. 2.....	4 25	to	4 35
Fine.....	3 80	to	4 00
Middling.....	3 75	to	3 80
BAG FLOUR.....	2 55	to	2 60
OATMEAL.....	4 75	to	5 00
WHEAT—per 60 lbs. U. C. Spring.....	1 00	to	1 05
U. C. White Winter.....	0 00	to	0 00
PEAS—60 lbs.....	0 70	to	0 80
BARLEY—48 lbs.....	0 70	to	0 75
OATS—32 lbs.....	0 34	to	0 38
MESS PORK.....	20 00	to	21 50
PRIME MESS.....	15 00	to	16 50
PRIME.....	14 00	to	15 00
HAMS.....	0 10	to	0 12
SHOULDER.....	0 7	to	0 9
LARD—per lb.....	0 10½	to	0 11½
Tallow—per lb.....	0 8	to	0 8½
BUTTER—Choice.....	0 15	to	0 17
Medium.....	0 13	to	0 14
Inferior.....	0 10	to	0 12
CHEESE—Ordinary.....	0 8	to	0 10
Factory made.....	0 10	to	0 11
ASHES.....	5 25	to	5 30
INFERIORS.....	5 50	to	5 60
PEARLS—1st sorts.....	5 40	to	5 50
SEEDS—Timothy.....	2 75	to	3 00
Flax.....	1 40	to	1 50
TOBACCO—Canada leaf.....	0 3	to	0 5
Missouri.....	0 5	to	0 7
FRUITS—Green Apples.....	4 50	to	5 00
Dried, per lb.....	0 8	to	0 10
Oranges.....	5 50	to	6 00
Lemons.....	5 00	to	5 50
CIDER—Unfermented.....	0 20	to	0 30
Vinegar.....	0 20	to	0 25
OILS—Coal.....	0 35	to	0 40
Linseed.....	0 85	to	0 90
Scal.....	0 95	to	1 00
Cod.....	0 70	to	0 75
Whale.....	0 90	to	0 95

FLOUR.—The arrivals for the past week have been very light, and large orders for the U. S. markets have caused quite a firmness in this market, especially for strong brands, and our large trade with the Eastern Townships and Vermont, takes off the best qualities as fast as they arrive; some brands sold above our quotations. The prospect of the opening of navigation for the lower ports in a few days, will still cause a greater demand.

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