

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

SEPT. 25, 1884.

The dullness of general trade is quite phenomenal for this season of the year when business, as a rule, is healthy and animated. Advices from the interior all speak of glutted granaries, but at the same time complain of the stagnation of business, caused by farmers refusing to realize; consequently country merchants have to carry them along until such time as they are prepared to sell, and in the mean time the whole country suffers. Montreal Bank stocks have declined during the week, and to-day they closed moderately steady at a slight recovery. Bank of Montreal closed at 186 to 187½; Ontario, 109½ to 110; Peoples, 42; Molson, 105 to 110; Toronto, 172 to 173½; Merchants, 109 to 110; Commerce, 110½ to 117½; Federal, 51½ to 53½; Montreal Telegraph, 109½ to 110; Richelieu, 47½ to 51½; City Passenger, 116½ to 117½; City Gas, 184½ to 185; Canada Pacific, 42 to 43½; Northwest Land, 44s to 46s. Monetary matters remain quiet and unchanged, Sterling Exchange at 8½ premium for sixties between banks and 8-7-8 for demand; counter rates ¼ higher. New York currency is freely offered at about par, buyers views being 1-16 discount. The business in and quotations of Montreal stocks during the past week are as follows:—

Banks.	Shares	Highest price.	Lowest price.
Commerce.....	1437	119½	115
Federal.....	60	53½	52
Merchants.....	818	110½	107½
Montreal.....	1699	189½	184
Peoples.....	53	39	38½
Toronto.....	320	176½	171

Miscellaneous.	Shares	Highest price.	Lowest price.
Can. Pacific Ry. Co.	100	43	43
Can. Shipping Co.	45	65	65
Gas.....	3718	186½	184
Mont. Tel. Co.....	1215	114	108½
Passenger.....	875	118½	110½
Richelieu & Ont....	1075	53½	51½
St. Paul & Man. R.R.	50	90	90

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The jobbing manufacturers are fairly busy, but those houses which supply the regular trade direct are not doing much, one of the largest firms of the city, that of Messrs. Cochrane, Cassils & Co., having closed down for the present week, owing to the slackness of trade. Orders, however, are commencing to arrive, and it is thought the firm will soon be in full swing again. Remittances are fair, but not as good as expected.

COAL.—In hard coal the volume of new business has been small, but no change has occurred in prices, \$6.00 being the basis for stove and chestnut and \$5.75 for egg and furnace, large quantities being obtainable at lower figures. Steam coal is firmer and higher,

the last sale of 1,000 tons Scotch being reported at \$4.15, but since that sale prices have advanced, and are now quoted at \$4.50. Picton is quiet at \$4.00 to \$4.25, and Cape Breton at \$3.50 to \$3.75.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—A better export demand has been experienced for creamery, and the choicest class of dairy butter, but the latter is very difficult to get. A lot of 80 packages of choice creamery was sold at 24½c, and 23½c was bid for the July, August, and September make of a certain factory, without getting it; so that 23½c to 25c may be considered the range for creamery. Eastern Townships have been purchased in the country by Montreal parties at equal to 20½c to 20¾c laid down here, one lot of over 100 packages being delivered on board car at 20¾c. Prices here may be quoted at 20½c to 21½c for good to choice lots. A lot of fine Western was placed at 17½c, and a very fine parcel brought 18c—both lots on shippers' account. The very finest descriptions of dairy, only are wanted, as shippers will not take the risk of handling the earlier and poorer makes found in straight lots. To sell the latter, therefore, much lower figures have to be accepted. **CHEESE.**—A further improvement has been effected upon the gain reported last week, and prices are fully ¼ higher. Cables from Liverpool advised a little better consumptive enquiry, which was reflected in the orders received yesterday and to-day. A large quantity of September cheese has been placed at 37s f.o.b. here. About two thousand boxes of Allen Grove were sold to a party here on p.t., but understood to be between 10½c and 10¾c, and the rest were either sold by cable or consigned.

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JOSEPH HICKSON,
 General Manager.
 Montreal, September 24, 1884.

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JOSEPH HICKSON,
 General Manager.
 Montreal, 4th Sept., 1884.