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SEVEN HUNDRED IN ONE FAMILY.

An old man, Charles Roy, who moved from near Quebec to Middleton, Mass., four years ago, had attained the ripe age of 106 years on the 15th January last, and had lived 102 years in Canada. His wife died fifteen years ago at the age of 84 years, and some years afterward he went to Middleton to live with his boy Jean Baptiste, who is 78 years old. Charles Roy had 14 children, nine of whom are living. Jean Baptiste is the father of 16 children. Of his brothers and sisters Charles has 12 children, Michael has 15, Auguste has 14, Francois has 13, Pierre has 14, Rose has 9, and Joseph 5. And these grandchildren have families, and even the fourth generation are parents. The five generations number 700 persons now living. Mr. Charles Roy is in health, weighs 185 pounds, and promises to live long yet. He is a veteran of 1812 and a patriot of 1837.—*Montreal Gazette.*

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 18th July, 1888.

ASHES.—The market has been falling of late. The demand for pots has been easier, with receipts equal to all calls upon it, and we now quote 3.90 to \$4.00 for firsts; of seconds few are coming in, and a present quotation would be \$3.50. Pearls show a larger production, receipts being ahead of last year; price more or less nominal, and about \$7.

BOOTS, SHOES, AND LEATHER.—There is some degree of "livening up" among the shoe factories as time for delivery of fall stocks approaches; orders from eastern provinces have been a fair average, but in the middle and western sections of the Dominion many dealers are holding back their orders, and will only buy later as crop results warrant. Leather is moving a little better than it was, but prices are no firmer, in fact some lines of sole are easier. Some very cheap lines of harness

leather are offering. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 22 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, B. A., 20 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 18 to 22c.; No. 2 do., 17 to 18c.; No. 1 China, 18 to 19c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 23 to 26c., oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 31c.; grained, 32 to 36c.; Scotch grained, 33 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 46 lbs.), 55 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 70 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 21 to 30c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 14c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, &c.—Not much doing at the moment in these lines, but cements show a growing firmness, and there is not much stock here just now. We quote Portland cement \$2.30 to \$2.50 in quantity, smaller lots \$2.50 to 2.75; firebricks \$18 to 20 per thousand.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business is seasonably quiet, still trade may be called good in a sorting way. Prices are not subject to material change. Opium is in very uncertain condition just now, with no definite information to be had regarding the new crop; quinine still flat, a few large sales in New York have not had any livening or stiffening effect on the market; cream tartar is easier but not quotably so; citric acid rather firmer; oil of peppermint firmer under influence of a bulling movement in U. S., but it is questioned if this will be lasting, as some considerable stocks are held; morphia is notably lower at \$1.75 to \$2.00. We quote:—Sal soda, 90c. to \$1.00; bi-carb soda, \$1.80 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 10 to 12c.; cream tartar crystals, 34 to 36c.; do. ground, 36 to 38c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 60c.; citric acid, 68 to 72c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; sugar of lead, 10 to 11c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.60; alum, \$1.60 to 1.70; coppers, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.00 to 2.25; roll sulphur, \$2.00 to 2.15; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.25 to 1.40; saltpetre \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 55c.; German quinine, 55c.; Howard's quinine, 58 to 65c.; opium, \$4 to 4.50; morphia, \$1.75 to 2.00; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to \$1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 per lb.; iodine, \$5.25 to 5.75; iodoform, \$5.75 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—oil lemon, \$2.00 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.25; orange, \$2.75 to 3.00; oil peppermint, \$3.50 to 4.50; glycerine, 25 to 35c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 40 to 45c.; American do., 36 to 40c.; insect powder, 75 to 90c.

DRY GOODS.—The outlook for the fall trade of this year is by no means of a very promising character. In the west, many retailers are not buying at all, but tall travellers to call later, when the result of the harvesting operations can be sized up. Some houses report that customers who have placed fair orders with travellers have written desiring that they be cancelled, and that later they will order as the prospects warrant. The Ottawa district has also panned out poorly so far; in middle and eastern Ontario orders have been moderate; Quebec province shows up to about the average, and among city retail men a good trade has been done. Money has come in very poorly this last fortnight, but it may be said that July is a very dull month in this particular.

GROCERIES.—Trade from sections giving poor crop prospects certainly shows some falling off; all things considered, however, there is a fair distribution, though careful dealers in unpromising districts are observing a "hand to mouth" policy in buying. The feature of the grocery market for the week is the heavy upward jump in sugars, there having been two advances, one of a full quarter cent on granulated, supplemented by a further rise of an eighth, making the price at factory now 7½c.; yellows run from 5½ to 6½c. Molasses also shows an advance, 36c. has been refused for cargoes, and 37c. is very lowest in a jobbing way. There is a fair demand for teas at unchanged prices. There are not many new teas coming forward as yet. The quality of Japans now being packed is said to be rapidly deteriorating, and the cup qualities of the new teas coming forward are certainly not up to the