
COMMERCIAL SUMMARY AND REVIEW.

REVIEW OF THE MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Sept. 30th, 1859.

There is a marked improvement in trade during the last ten days, and a large amount of business has been done. In dry goods, especially, great activity has prevailed, and the stocks are being rapidly thinned out. In boots and shoes a large amount of business has been done, principally to Western buyers. In hardware there is a fair business doing, with every prospect of a good fall trade. In groceries business has been rather dull during the month, but more activity now prevails, and the auction sales which have come off during the past week have been well attended, and fair prices have generally been realized.

ASHES.—There has been a fair demand during the past week for both Pots and Pearls, the price ranging from \$5.60 to \$5.70 for Pots, and from \$5.55 to \$5.60 for Pearls, which are the quotations of to-day. The receipts during the week have been 603 bbls. Pots and 195 bbls. Pearls. The shipments are 1166 bbls. Pots and 267 bbls. Pearls. Now in store, 960 bbls. Pots and 968 bbls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The wholesale Boot and Shoe trade continues good, and the stock is being rapidly thinned out. There has been no change in the price of any of the leading articles, which remain steady.

BUFFALO ROBES.—The sale of Buffalo Robes on account of John Dougall, Esq., at Messrs. Benning & Barsalou's yesterday, came off with spirit, and fair prices were obtained. Small Common brought \$3½ to \$3¾; Large do. \$4½ to 4¾; Small Prime \$4¾; Large Prime \$5¾ to \$5½.

FISH.—*Herrings.*—At James Torrance & Co.'s auction yesterday, Split No. 1 brought from \$4.75 to \$4.90; half bbls. \$2.75 to \$2.80; Round from \$2.70 to \$3.30 per bbl. Half bbls. Trout, \$5. Codfish, \$4.15.

FLOUR.—There has been a good demand for Flour during the week, and the market closes firm at our quotations. The receipts for the week ending the 29th inst. have been 18,784 bbls. This shews an increase upon the week as compared with last year of 3806 bbls., but there is still a decrease on the year of 148,066 bbls.

Taylor Brothers' Circular of yesterday states that "No. 2 Superfine is in demand and scarce at \$4.40 to \$4.50; Unbrandable from \$4 for superior down to \$3.25 for inferior samples; Coarse much wanted at \$2.80 to \$3.50.

FREIGHTS.—Engagements per *Nova Scotian* at 20s. for Pots, 25s. for Pearls, 2s. 6d. for Flour, and 5s. 6d. for Grain. Freights have rather advanced, and vessels now loading are obtaining higher rates.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Small parcels of U. C. Spring have been placed at 95 c. to \$1, but will not now bring over 95 to 97½ c., at which we quote it. The receipts during the week have been 62,350 bushels. *Barley* is rather lower. *Peas* still in demand for shipping at 75c., but few transactions to note. *Oats* without change.