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At a meeting of the Board held in the afternoon of the same day, the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie was unanimously re-elected President, and Major George Greig and the Hon. J. H. Bellerose were unanimously re-elected Vice-Presidents for the respective Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

## Commercial.

### MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, Dec. 17th, 1874.

The dullness usual for this month has been rendered more apparent by the excitement caused by the election last week; Stock taking is now the order of the day, and no improvement in business is looked for till after the Christmas Holidays. In Fancy Goods a pretty fair retail business is being done, and a few sorting up orders for Hardware and Dry Goods are coming in. The weather for the last few days has been very severe, and snow accompanied with very high wind fell on Sunday night and Monday morning, drifting in many places to a considerable depth. Ther. this A. M. 15° below zero.

A good deal of ice has been formed on the river opposite the city, and as the ice has now stopped opposite Sorel, the water will soon rise preparatory to the formation of the ice Bridge which is now much needed, as the Ferry boat to Longueuil had to cease running on Saturday. As usual on the 15th of the month we would call attention to the stocks of Flour and Grain in store which will be found in their respective paragraphs.

**ASHES.**—*Pots*.—A moderate business has been done during the week at rather higher prices. For firsts a fair demand existed, and sales were made at \$6.02½ to 6.05; towards the close the market was rather easier, and \$6.00 to 6.02½ were the current quotations. Seconds, a few sales were reported at \$5.00; Thirds are nominal. *Pearls*.—Only a few barrels have changed hands at \$6.95, at the close the market was dull and drooping at \$6.92½. Stocks at present in store, are *Pots* 372 barrels and *Pearls* 913 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Manufacturers are now engaged in Spring goods, but sales at the moment are few and of a limited character at unchanged prices. We quote *Mens stoga boots* \$2.25 to 2.50; do *Kip* do \$2.75 to 3.25; do *French calf* \$3.50 to 3.75; *Boys stoga boots* \$1.75 to 2.00; do *Kip* do \$2.00 to 2.25; *Womens split boots* 90c to \$1.10; do *Buff* do \$1.15 to 1.25; do *pebbled grain* bals. \$1.20 to 1.50; *Misses heavy split boots* 75 to 90c; do *Buff* do 90c to \$1.00; do *pebbled grain* bals \$1.00 to 1.25.

**CATTLE.**—A pretty fair supply of cattle on the stand yesterday, and superior animals for Christmas beef met with a good demand No. 1 at \$5 to 6.50; No. 2 \$3.50 to 4.50 per 100 lbs. live weight. *Sheep and Lambs* very few in the market, prices ranging from \$4.00 to 6.50 each. *Hogs*.—Very few live hogs coming in now, latest sales at \$7 to 7.25. *Dressed Hogs* \$8.50 to 9.25.

**DRY GOODS.**—With the exception of fancy goods there has been very little movement in this branch of business. A few sorting up orders are coming in from travellers who are at present on the road. Clothing is very dull most of the large houses are now taking stock. Remittances except from the lumber regions are fairly satisfactory.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—This trade has

shared the usual dullness, but lowness of stocks helps to keep prices firm. *Sal Soda* is a shade higher \$1.87½ to 2.00 being now asked; *Bi carb* is unchanged at \$5.25 to 5.50; *Soda ash* \$2.25 to 2.50; *Caustic Soda, Alum, Epsom Salts, Saltpetre and Borax* are unchanged in value. Market is cleared of *Bleaching Powder; Cream Tartar Crystals* 29 to 30c; *Brimstone* \$2.75.

**FISH.**—The market has ruled quiet, but there has been an increased demand for *Dry Cod* which is scarce at \$4.87 to 5.00; *Green Cod* is firm at \$7.50 for No. 1, and \$7.00 for No. 2; *Mackerel* has been selling at \$6.00 for No. 1 per half brl; *Salmon* no No. 1 in market, No. 2 \$15.50; No. 3 \$14.00; *Labrador Herrings* has been placed at \$5.25 to 6.50 according to quality.

**FURS AND SKINS.**—Business has been very quiet, and quotations are unchanged, the imports this week have been light. We continue to quote: *Beaver*, \$1.50 to 1.75; *Black Bear* \$6 to 10, according to size; *Fisher*, \$5 to 7 *Silver Fox* \$25 to 50; *Cross Fox* \$2 to 5; *Red Fox* \$1.25 to 1.50; *Lynx* \$1.50 to 1.75; *Dark Labrador Martin* \$7 to 8; *Pale Martin* \$1.25 to 1.75; *Prime Dark Mink* \$3 to 3.50, outside quotation for very choice; *Dark Mink*, 2nd. \$1.50 to 2.00; *Fine Dark Otter* \$8 to 10; *Fall Muskrat* 12 to 15c; *Winter* do 17 to 20c; *Spring* do 23 to 27c; *Raccoon* 25 to 50c; *Skunk* 20 to 30c.

**FLOUR.**—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning were 52,496 brls., against 42,341 brls. on the 1st inst., and 89,631 brls. on the 15th Dec. 1873. Receipts during the past week, 25,200 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date were, 1,028,745 brls., being a decrease of 39,441 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1873. The business done in this article has been very light this week, transactions on change will not foot up much over 3000 brls., with large receipts and accumulating stocks, buyers are holding off for lower prices. Our quotations this week show a decline of from 5 to 10c since this day week. Market to-day closes dull and neglected, about the following quotations:—*Superior extra* \$5.25 to 5.35; *extra superfine* \$4.95 to 5.00; *fancy* \$4.75 to 4.85; *spring extra* \$4.45 to 4.60; *superfine* \$4.20 to 4.25; *strong bakers flour* \$4.75 to 5.10; *fine* \$3.90 to 4.05; *middlings* \$3.50 to 3.65; *pollards* \$3.00 to 3.25; *U. C. bag flour* \$2.25 to 2.35; *oatmeal* is quiet and easier \$5.25 to 5.40; *cornmeal* \$4.00.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*.—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning were 255,700 bush. against 280,177 bush. on the 1st inst., and 764,807 bush. on the 15th December 1873. The total receipts from 1st January to date were 7,659,291 bush. being a decrease of 1,526,099 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1873. Nothing doing, and quotations are nominal. *Maize*.—Stock in store 72,909 bush., a few small sales reported in store at 82½c.

*Peas*.—Stock in store 1717 bush. Market quiet, latest sales reported were at \$1.01½ per 66 lbs. *Oats*.—Have been dull and unchanged at 42 to 43c. *Barley* market is nominal at \$1.00 to 1.03. *Pot Barley* unchanged.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas*.—There has been a firmer feeling in this market caused no doubt by the hope that the 10 per cent. duty will again be imposed on *Teas* coming from the United States, and the advance in the New York market. Fine to finest *Japans* bring from 45 to 60c; medium kinds are very scarce, and in demand. In China teas there has been hardly any movement.

*Coffee*.—Market has been very quiet with a tendency to lower prices. We quote *Java* 26 to 28c; *Maracabo* 23 to 24c; *Rio* 22 to 23c; but no transactions of any consequence are reported.

*Sugar*.—In raw their has been little doing, and the tendency of the market is decidedly to lower prices. *Scotch refined* has met with ready sale at 8½ to 9½c. For local refined the demand is

good at unchanged prices. *Molasses*.—The demand is fair but stocks are still light, and late quotations are maintained. *Muscovado* 45 to 47c; *Trinidad* 46 to 48c; *Barbadoes* 50 to 51c; *Porto Rico* 48 to 50c; *Syrups* are weaker *Golden* 54 to 60c; *Amber* 75. *Rice* market quiet, small sales at \$4.25 to 4.50 according to quality. *Fruit*.—Stocks remain light, while the demand is good. *Layer raisins* have changed hands at \$2.90 to 3.00, but chiefly at our outside quotation. *Valencias* are firm at 9½ to 10c; *Seedless raisins* are nominal at 10½c; *Currants* are enquired for at 6½ to 6½c. No change to note in *Nuts* for which the demand is good. *Prunes* 7½ to 8½c. *Spices*.—We have little change to note in this branch of business, prices generally are firm. *Cloves* 50 to 51c; *Nutmegs* 95c to \$1.10; *Pimento* firm at 9½c; *Black pepper* 16½ to 17c; *Mace* \$1.30 to 1.50.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—The supply at present is very moderate, but offerings find ready buyers at our quotations. No. 1 inspected \$8 to 8.25; No. 2 \$7 to 7.25; No. 3 \$6 to 6.25; *Sheepskins and Lambskins* \$1.25 to 1.50.

**HARDWARE.**—Business in this line has settled down to the usual quiet of winter, and stock taking is the order of the day. Stocks are light and prices firm. Travellers who have lately returned from the country districts report favorably as to the prospects ahead, and we look forward to a steady trade during the remaining winter months. Remittances are fair but show room for improvement. We quote *Pig Iron*—*Eglinton*, \$32 to 33; *American*, \$32 to 34; *Hematite*, \$41.50 to 42.00; *Summerlee*, \$35.50 to 36.50. *Bars* per 100 lbs., *Scotch and Staffordshire*, \$2.75 to 3.00; best ditto, \$3.00 to 3.20, *Swedes and Norway*, \$5.50 to 6.50; *Lowmoor and Bowling*, \$7.00 to 7.50. *Canada Plates* per box—*Glamorgan and Budd*, \$5.50 to 5.60; *Arrow*, \$5.75 to 6.00; *Garth*, \$5.50 to 5.75; *Hatton* \$5.25 to 5.50. *Tin Plate* per box—*Charcoal* 1C, \$10.50 to 10.75; ditto, IX, \$12.50 to 13.00; DC, \$9.50 to 10.00; *Coke* 1C, \$8.50 to 9.00; 14 x 20, 25c extra. *Tinned sheets* *Charcoal* best No. 26 15c. *Boiler Plates* ordinary brands per 100 lbs. \$3.75 to 4.00. Best brands \$4.00 to 4.25; *Galvanized sheets* best brands No. 28, 10c. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$3.25 to 3.50; *Sheets* best brands, \$3.75 to 4.00; *Pressed Nails* per 100 lbs, \$5.25 to 5.50; *Cut Nails* 12d to 7 in., 3.75; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$4.00; ditto, 2½d to 4d. \$4.50. 2 D Lath, \$5.25. *Lead*—*Pig*, \$6.50 to 6.75; *dosheets*, \$6.50; do *Bar*, \$6.50 to 6.75. *Steel* cast, 13 to 14c; *Spring* \$5.00 to 5.50; best ditto, warranted, \$6 to 6.50; *Tire* ditto, \$4.75 to 5. *Sleigh Shoe* \$4.50 to 5.00; *Ingot Tin*, 25 to 26c; *Ingot Copper*, \$22.00 to 23.00. *Horse Shoes* \$5.50 to 5.75. *Proved Oil Chain*, \$ in., \$7.00 to 7.25. *Iron wire* 6 per bdl \$2.70 to 2.90; *Window Glass*, per 50 feet, 4th quality, to 25 added inches \$2.50 to 2.60; to 40 added inches \$2.70 to 2.80; to 50 added inches \$3.00 to 3.10.

**LEATHER.**—Business as is usual at this time is very quiet, and manufacturers are about the only buyers, and their purchases are limited to actual want. In the meantime prices are steady, and as there is no accumulation in any particular line prices will likely open firm on the commencement of activity after the New Year. We quote *Hemlock Spanish* sole No. 1 B. A. 26c; do No. 2 23 to 24c; *Buffalo* sole No. 1 22 to 23c; do No. 2 19 to 21c; *Hemlock slaughter* 27 to 30c; *waxed upper light and medium* 38 to 42c; ditto heavy 35 to 38c; *grained upper* 37 to 40c; *splits* large 26 to 32c; ditto small 18 to 25c; *calfskins* 27 to 36 lbs, 60 to 75c; ditto 18 to 26 lbs 50 to 65c; *sheepskin linings* 30 to 39c; *harness* 27½ to 31½c; *buffed cow* 14 to 17c per ft.; *enamelled cow* 18 to 19c; *patent cow* 19½ to 20c; *pebbled cow* 14 to 17c; *rough leather* 27 to 28½.

**LIQUORS.**—There has been a moderate job.