

unsavory and unwholesome smell on this side of the House."

Sir John.—"The hon. gentleman had better change to this side. I have no objection to the hon. gentleman coming over here."

Sir Richard.—"I am quite willing to accept the suggestion to change places *pro tem*, and to consider this the right side of the house for the time being."

Sir John.—"There is a constitutional objection to that—the eyes are on this side and the noses on that side."—*Biggar's Anecdotal Life of Sir John Macdonald.*

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, August 12th, 1891.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average.
Montreal	225	223	78	229	225	224
Ontario	114	114	80	114	113	113
People's	99	99	100	101	99	100
Molson's				165	157	170
Toronto						226
J. Cartier				100	97	100
Merchants	151	150	11	154	154	147
Commerce	131	130	250	132	131	129
Union						95
Mon. Teleg.	106	105	53	107	106	99
Rich. & Ont.	60	56	350	62	60	61
Street Ry.				200	181	189
do. new stock ..				186		
Gas	209	204	327	209	208	210
do. new stock ..				200	182	200
O. Pacific	82	80	1745	82	82	80
do. land g. b'ds ..				200	182	109
N. W. Land	80	80	110	82	80	
Bell Tele.	130	128	65	130	127	
Montreal 4%						

—Merchants do not stop to think, says the Chicago Grocer, that the opinions they thoughtlessly express of trade establish a standard by which the market is judged. The stereotyped question: "How is business?" nearly always elicits the reply that trade is dull, when in reality, taking all things into consideration, it may be very good for the season and the general conditions which govern trade. Experience has taught those whose business it is to gather facts that enable them to reflect the true condition of trade, that the average answers given by the heads of departments cannot be used in determining the position. They would have unfortunately a depressing effect.

—"You don't look very well this morning," said Mr. Cumrox to his bookkeeper.

"No; you see, sir, I was up rather late last night. I had some work to finish up and I didn't get to sleep till after midnight."

"Work to finish up," Cumrox repeated. "Ah, yes, I remember when I saw you going down the avenue you seemed to be striking a balance."—*Washington Star.*

—They are telling of a summer sojourner down East who went into a book store in a Maine village that had become a summer resort, and asked if they had "Jane Welch Carlyle's Letters." "This ain't no Post Office," the shopkeeper is alleged to have snarled.—*Boston Herald.*

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, August 13th, 1891.

ASHES.—This is the dull season for ashes, and very little doing, though prices of last week are maintained. First quality pots, \$4.30; seconds, \$3.60 to 3.70. Pearls, \$6 to 6.25. Receipts are light and stocks here small.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Manufacturers are busy, and report orders coming in satisfactorily, with payments fairly good. Some good-sized lots of leather have been purchased within the week for immediate use.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, &c.—English can be bought at \$2.40 to 2.60 according to lot; Belgian, \$2.25, or probably under. Firebricks, \$18 ex-wharf; stocks still ample.

DRY GOODS.—Remittances show a shade of improvement, although they are still under the mark. Travellers are now on the way home, and are sending in only a fair volume of orders. Every one is waiting for the harvest before anything definite can be de-

oided. In the meantime the action of a western house in cutting grey flannels 1½c. per yard is severely commented on.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Heavy chemicals as a whole show little change; bleaching powder is looking up a little; sulphate of copper was never known to be so cheap. There has been a decline in the bromides, owing to a break in the combination; German producers have reduced prices and Americans will likely have to follow suit. Camphor is weaker; English refiners have lowered prices a little, but American refiners are trying to keep up the price. Opium thought to have got about as low as it can go; ergot is dearer, and is getting very scarce, especially Spanish. Norwegian cod liver oil is getting steadily dearer. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs.; \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c., cream tartar crystals, 27 to 28c.; do. ground, 29 to 31c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 45 to 47c.; do. powder, 46 to 48c.; citric acid, 65 to 70c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.25 to 2.40; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; coppersas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$4.50 to 5.00; epsom salts, \$1.65 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 35 to 40c.; German quinine, 35 to 38c.; Howard's quinine, 40 to 45c.; opium, \$3.75 to 4.00; morphia, \$1.50 to 1.70; gum arabic, sorts, 60 to 80c.; white, 90c. to 1.10; carbolic acid, 35 to 50c.; iodide potassium, \$3.75 to 4.00 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$5.75 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.50 to 3.50; oil bergamot, \$4.70 to 4.90; orange, \$4.00 to 4.50; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 20 to 22c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 70 to 75c.; American do., 65 to 70c.; insect powder, 30 to 35c.

GROCERIES.—The pressure on the refiners is now principally from the West, as the local demand is pretty well supplied. Prices are unchanged at 4½c. for granulated, and 4 to 4½c. as the range for yellows. Syrups are dull, owing to the hot weather, quoted 2½ to 3½c. Molasses irregular at 41 to 42c. for Barbadoes, and 37½c. for Antigua. Teas are well sold up; every lot arriving is readily absorbed, and all to arrive for a month ahead is sold. Dried fruits are firmer on reports of a reduced crop. Spices are flat and values low.

HIDES.—There is not much change in the situation of the hide market. Receipts are not large, and holders of stock do not seem in a hurry to get rid of their holdings. The American market remains firm. Quotations unchanged. Dealers are still paying 5½c. for No. 1 green hides. Sellers quote 6½c. Calfskins are steady at 7c.; lambskins, 30 to 40c.

LEATHER.—There has been more movement in the past week, and ten to twelve tons of splits have gone into the hands of cutters, which has had the effect of hardening prices of that article. There has also been some movement in pebble and buff. Advices from England report trade quiet, but a good fall trade is looked for. There have been no shipments to speak of in the past week. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B.A., 16 to 17c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, ditto, 15 to 16c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 30c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 26 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 12 to 15c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 11 to 14c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Scotch warrants at Glasgow continue at 47, same as quoted a week ago, and maker's prices are unchanged. The only transaction reported here in pig iron is a sale of 300 tons to a local foundry at a shade under current quotations. There has been quite a demand for Terne plates both for local and Western trade, and several hundred double-boxes have been sold in round lots. Price is well maintained, due to small local stocks; for although English quotations are lower, the time of delivery is so uncertain buyers cannot wait. Some round lots of coke tin-plates have

been sold at \$3.60 to 3.65 f.o.b. here. Not much doing in charcoals, except in a regular distributing way. We reduce quotations on antimony, which is coming out cheaper. Canada plates have been dealt in to a fair extent, prices favoring buyers. We quote:—Coltness, \$22; Calder, No. 1, \$21.00 to 21.50; Calder, No. 3, \$20; Summerlee, \$21.25 to 21.50; Eglinton, \$19.00 to 19.50; Gartsherrie \$21 to 21.50; Carnbroe, \$19 to 19.50; Shotts, \$21.50; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$18 00; No. 1, 18.50; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$18.00; machinery scrap, \$15 to 18; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.50. The products of the Londonderry Iron Company we quote as follows: Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21 for round lots. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.75 to 2.90; Swansea, none; Penn., none here. Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.25 to 7.50. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.60; Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I. C., \$4.25; P.D. Crown, \$4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 5.50; coke I. C., \$3.60 to 3.75; coke wasters, \$3.35; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5 to 6c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6¾c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6¾c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron \$2.40 to 2.60 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10 to 10½c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.50 to 3.75; sheet, \$4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin 22 to 23c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 13½ to 15c.; sheet zinc, \$6.25 to 6.50; spelter, \$6; antimony, 14 to 16c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ¼ inch, 5c.; ½ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; ½ in., 4c.; ¾ in., 3½c.; 1 in., 3½c.; and upwards, 3c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Beyond a slight stiffening in castor oil, there are no changes to report in this market. Linseed runs at 60 to 63c. for raw and 62 to 64c. for boiled. Steam refined pale seal is quiet at 47½ to 50c. according to lot. Cod oil firm, but neglected. Paints moving in a jobbing way. Glass unchanged at former prices. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to 5.75; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; genuine red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1. Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands of Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.25. For 50-box lots some concession would be made on these figures in most cases.

WOOL.—Very little is doing in wool, as mill-men are still buying direct from farmers. We learn of sales of some 300 bales Cape at an average of 15c. per lb. Fleece and pulled wools are quiet and unchanged.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, August 13th, 1891.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Factories continue busy on fall and winter goods. There is no improvement to note on travellers' orders or business generally; but this state of things having been discounted for this month, is causing no uneasiness.

DRUGS.—Business has not improved any since last week, and is decidedly on the quiet side. The advance in glycerine is confirmed, and likely to be steady. Turpentine has not strengthened any more since last report. Castor oil, opium, morphine and quinine are easy, but prices remain about the same.

DRY GOODS.—For the month of August business is fairly good. Every day just now excursions from various outside points are centring in the city, and country merchants continue to combine business with pleasure, in taking advantage of these trips, to supplement their depleted stocks by placing fair sorting orders. Travellers are booking moderate orders for fall and winter goods, in some cases for immediate delivery. Payments are said to be fair.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL.—The flour market continues featureless, and with new flour