

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, Nov. 26, 1872.

Now that navigation has almost closed, trade is gradually settling down to its winter quietness. There is only one sea going ship in port, and she is expected to clear to-morrow or Thursday. A few schooners are still loading produce for the lower ports. The Quebec steamers left yesterday for winter quarters. The weather until Sunday was cold, with a good deal of snow, but this has all disappeared with the mild temperature. A very high gale of wind prevailed all yesterday afternoon; to-day we have again very hard frost, with appearance of snow.

Groceries have been quiet, prices showing very little alteration since last week. Breadstuffs quiet; provisions dull; ashes steady, with a brisk demand; hardware quiet; dry goods more active.

**ASHES.**—*Pots*—We have had very light receipts and buyers were more anxious to secure as many barrels as possible, and prices have ruled rather higher than the previous week. The firsts sold were chiefly in small lots, and brought from \$6.30 to 6.35, closing at \$6.25; seconds, \$5.90; thirds, \$5.40. *Pearls*—Only a few barrels of this description of ash have been received at the stores this week, and no business of any consequence was done; prices are quite nominal at \$8.30 to 8.40, closing nominal at \$8.15. The stocks at present in store are pots, 841 brls.; pearls, 291 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Although we cannot report what may be called a brisk business in this branch of trade, still there has been an improved demand for fall and winter goods. Prices are steady and firm as follows:—Men's No. 1 stogas \$2.50 to \$2.60; ditto No. 2 \$2.25 to 2.30; kip clumps \$3; calf clumps \$3.75; calf congress \$2.50 to 3; buff congress \$2.20 to 2.30; boys boots \$2 to 2.25; women's calf boots, D S, \$1.30; ditto buff D S, \$1.25; ditto split D S \$1.10 to 1.20; buff congress D S, \$1.15 to 1.30; felt balmorals D S, \$1.05 to 1.75.

**CATTLE.**—There is a good demand for superior stock, which has been rather scarce in this market, any offering commands our outside quotations; inferior animals are dull and neglected. We quote first quality from \$6 to 6.50; second ditto, \$4.75 to 5; third ditto, \$4 per 100 lbs. *Sheep* are in good demand at \$4 to 6; lambs, \$2.50 to 4. *Hogs* in good demand, at \$4.50 to 5, according to quality.

**DRY GOODS.**—There has been a better demand this week for heavy goods which is likely to increase as the winter advances, and some houses have been pretty busy. Trade in the country is regarded to be improving but until the roads are in a better state no great activity is anticipated: prices here are firm and steady—Fancy Dry Goods are in better demand. Clothing has been fairly active and considerable orders have been received keeping manufacturing houses busy.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—With the close of navigation the demand in this department has fallen off but prices of all articles have been well maintained. *Bi Carbonate of Soda* is quoted higher than last week, sales reported from \$5.40 to \$5.62½; *Sal Soda* is a shade lower and had been placed at \$2 to 2.25. *Caustic Soda* is worth 5½ to 6c. Bleaching Powder 3½ to 3¾. Alum from 2½ to 2¾; Copperas steady \$1.25 to \$1.50; *Soda Ash* 3½ to 3¾; *Epsoms* have changed hands to some extent at \$2; Saltpetre \$10.25 to 11.00.

**FISH.**—This market has been dull and only sales of limited parcels have been reported, *Dry Cod* has however advanced in price with the close of navigation, sales have been made from

\$4.30 to 4.50: *Green Cod* sells at \$3.50 to 4.00: *Salmon* keeps firm \$15.25 to \$15.75: *Labrador Herrings* are selling from \$3.75 to 4.25; *Canso Splits* \$2 to 3.

**FURS.**—The receipts are large of mink skins and although we do not alter quotations it is questionable if dark mink even of prime quality would command our outside quotations, we do not in the meantime change quotations which are:—beaver, \$2.00 to 2.50 per lb; black bear, \$10 to 12; fisher, \$6 to 7; silver fox, \$20 to 50; cross fox, \$2 to 5; red fox \$1.50; lynx, \$1.50 to 1.75; dark marten, \$5 to 7; pale marten \$2 to 2.50; dark mink, \$4. to 5; pale mink, \$1.50 to 2; fall muskrat, 10c. to 12c; winter do., 15c; spring do., 25c; racoon, 40c. to 50c; skunk, 25c; otter, \$10 to 12.

**FREIGHTS.**—The quotations for freights of Grain and Flour via the G. T. R. and Portland to Liverpool are 9s for heavy Grain, and 5s 6d per barrel for Flour.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts during the past week, 31,803 brls., total receipts from 1st January to date, 817,052 brls., being a decrease of 42,841 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1871. Shipments for the week now ended, 12,563 brls., total shipments from 1st January to date, 689,239 brls., being an increase of 11,277 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1871. We have had a fairly active business this week, buyers being anxious to ship to the lower ports before the close of navigation. Prices have ruled very steady since last Tuesday, and as will be noticed our quotations do not show a very material change, but if anything sales have been rather higher than during the previous week. We quote the market at the close as inactive, with limited sales, as follows—Extra, \$7.10 to 7.50; fancy \$6.75 to 7; ordinary supers from Canada wheat, \$6.10 to 6.15; strong baker's flour, \$6.30 to 6.60; Welland Canal flour, \$6.10 to 6.15; Canada super No. 2, \$5.90 to 6; fine, \$5.25 to 5.50; middlings, \$4.15 to 4.20; Pollards, \$2.50 to 3; Upper Canada bags, \$2.70 to 2.90; cornmeal, \$3 to 3.15; oatmeal steady, at \$4.75 to 5.10 for Upper Canada.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*—Receipts for the past week were 123,241 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date, 4,402,980 bush., being a decrease of 3,428,591 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1871. Shipments for the past week, 221,857 bush.; total shipments from 1st January to date, 3,530,244 bush. being a decrease of 3,717,801 bush. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1871. In the early part of the week a number of cargoes of this grain changed hands within our range of quotations, but towards the close the market became quiet and nominal as under, viz.:—Canada spring, \$1.33½ to 1.35; No. 2 Chicago spring, \$1.32½. Some lots of Upper Canada white and Treadwell was placed ex cars at \$1.35 to 1.40. *Maize* is now in small demand, latest cargo sale was at 53c. *Peas*—Market quiet, with sales from 80 to 82½c. *Oats* have been in fair request, and considerable sales have taken place from 32 to 35c. Barley is quiet and nominal, at 52½ to 53c per new.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—There has been nothing doing of any consequence to report this week but prices keep very firm as quoted last week. *Sugar.*—Market quiet some few sales of Scotch refined bright, were made at 9½ to 9¾c; Porto Rico \$8.75 to 9.75; Cuba \$8.25 to 8.75; local refined in steady demand a shade under last rates—viz Extra ground 13¾c; dry crushed 12½ to 12¾c; crushed at 11½ to 11¾. *Molasses.*—Some round lots of Trinidad changed hands at 30c but with this exception we have heard of no sales and prices are nominal. Golden syrups 44c; Amber syrups 72c. *Rice* in fair demand at \$4.30 to 4.50. *Fruit.*—This market has been firmer with a better demand, we now quote; Layer raisins \$1.60 to 1.70 for new crop. Old

are worth 10 to 15c less. Valentias being from 8 to 8½c per lb; currants 6½ to 6¾c; new figs 10 to 15c; filberts 10 to 11c; walnuts 7 to 9c; new French Prunes 6½ to 7½c in kegs. *Spices.*—Stocks of most kinds are low, and prices keeps very firm but only a limited demand exists at the present prices. Cloves 18 to 19½c; cassia 24 to 25c; Nutmegs 85 to \$1.00; Jamaica ginger 19 to 22c; pimento 8½ to 9c; mace \$1.35 black pepper 16 to 17c. *Coffee.*—Market is quiet and only small sales transpiring within the following range viz.: Laguayra 19 to 20c; maracaibo 19 to 21c; Java 21 to 25c; Rio 18c; Ceylon 20 to 24c.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—We have a good demand with a firm market at the following prices.—Salted hides hide, \$10 to 10.50; No. 1 green, \$9.50 to 10; No. 2 do, \$9 to 9.50; No. 3 and bulls, \$7.50 to 8.50; sheep and lambskins 75 to 90c.

**HARDWARE.**—The active season is about over but there is still a fair amount of business doing for sorting up stocks. The stocks here are well assorted although prices if anything favor buyers, it is generally believed that the lowest point has been touched as freights via Portland are heavy enough to prevent importations during the winter, the following are our revised quotations.—*Pig Iron*—Coltness, \$44 to 45; Gartsherrie, \$43.00 to 44.00; Summerlee, \$42 to 43; Glengarnock, \$41 to 42; Laugloan, \$41 to 42; Eglinton, \$40 to 41; Clyde, \$38 to 39; Hemaitte, \$46 to 47.00. *Bars*—Scotch or Staffordshire, \$65 to 70; best refined, \$75 to 80; Swedes, \$100 to 120. *Hoop and Band*, \$4.50 to 6.00. *Sheets*, \$6 to 7.50. *Plates*—Best, \$5 to 7; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$9 to 10. *Nails*—Cut, \$6 to 7; pressed, \$7 to 11; pressed spikes, \$6.50 to 7. *Canada Plates*—Hutton, \$8.00 to 8.25; Swansea, \$8.25 to 8.50. *Tin Plates*—Charcoal IC, \$13.00 to 13.50; ditto IX, \$15.00 to 15.50; coke, IC, \$12.50 to 13. *Sheet Lead*, \$7 to 7.50; pig lead, \$6 to 7. *Zinc*—Spelter, \$6.50 to 7; sheet, \$7.50 to 8. *Galvanized Iron*, 11c to 13c. *Cast Steel*, 14c to 16c; spring do., 6c to 6½c; sleigh shoe, 5½c to 6c. *Window Glass*—For good 4th quality, under 25 united inches, \$3; to 40 inches, \$3.20; to 50 inches, \$3.50. This article keeps very firm and the sales of 10,000 boxes of damaged glass ex "Magna Charta" has not in any way affected this market.

**LEATHER.**—We have had a fair supply coming in, the demand for which has been sufficient to prevent any accumulations of stocks. Prices are firm at our revised quotations. No. 1 Spanish sole, 26c to 27c; do. No. 2, 24 to 25c; Buffalo sole No. 1 23; do No. 2, 21c; slaughter sole No. 1, 30 32c; light waxed upper, 40 to 42c; heavy do. 36 to 38c; grained upper 38 to 42c; large splits, 26 to 33c; small do. 25 to 30c; sheepskin linings, 30 to 33c; harness, 28 to 31c; buffed cow, 14 to 17c. pebbled cow, 14 to 17c; patent cow, 19 to 20c.

**LIQUORS.**—There has been a fair business done in all kinds of liquors but there is no change to note in the prices of any. We therefore continue to quote Brandy in wood \$1.97½ to 2.15; Cases \$7 to 7.75. De Kuypers Gin in wood \$1.42½ to 1.45; Houtmans \$1.30 to 1.35; Green cases \$3.60 to 3.65; Red cases \$6.50 to 6.70; High Wines, Montreal Brands \$1.50 to 1.55. Upper Canada \$1.47½ to 1.50.

**NAVAL STORES.**—There has not been much change in this trade during the week. Spirits of Turpentine are firm at 82½c with a fair demand. Rosins are firm strained \$5.25; No. 2 5.50; No. 1 5.75; Pale \$6.50 to 7.50. Pine Pitch and Tar \$5.25 to 5.50. Coal, Pitch and Tar \$3 very little held in this market.

**OILS.**—There has been a very firm feeling in this trade but transactions have not been on a large scale. *Cod oil* has been selling at 55 to 57½c; *Pale Seal* 68c to 72½; *Linsed Boiled* 78c to 80; do raw 74c to 75; Olive 98 to \$1.07½ *Palm oil* 8½ to 9c per lb. Bleached