

**MANITOBA—Medicine Hat, Nov. 27.**—The Lansdowne Hotel, Bradley's cigar store and dwelling, and a saloon close by, burned to the ground. Nothing was saved from the hotel. The total loss is \$5,000; amount of insurance not known.

**NOVA SCOTIA—Cape Canso, Dec. 17.**—J. Cullen's barn destroyed with contents. Loss \$500, no insurance.

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—Belfast, Dec. 19.**—The Mill View creamery destroyed with contents. Insured in Queen's for \$4,800.

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Sole manufacturer of the celebrated

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### MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Dec. 24, 1884.

If the wholesale trade during the past week has exhibited the dullness which usually characterizes it in holiday times, the retail business has developed into marked activity, which contrasts strangely with the cry of dull times. Between now and New Years, wholesale transactions will be as scarce as choice turkeys have been within the past few days; and it is just as well that it should be so, or business men would not enjoy the fullness of Yuletide blessings and festivities. Money matters have been exceedingly dull during the week, funds being as abundant as ever, and the right kind of borrowers about as scarce. Sterling Exchange has declined to 7 3-8c to 8 premium for sixties between banks and to 8 3/4c premium for demand bills. Counter rates are quoted at 8 1/2 premium for sixties and 9 1-8 for demand. Drafts on New York at par between banks and 1-8 premium over the counter. The Montreal Stock Exchange has ruled very dull, and will doubtlessly remain so until after the holidays. The quotations of and business in Montreal stocks during the week were as follows:

Banks.	Shares.	Highest price.	Lowest price.
Commerce .....	14	117	117
Merchants .....	121	108 3/4	108 3/4
Montreal .....	96	187 1/2	187 1/2
Ontario .....	44	104	104
Peoples .....	8	45	44
Toronto .....	25	175	175
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>			
Dundas Cot. Co. ....	50	40	40
Gas .....	610	181 1/2	180
Mon. Tel. Co. ....	25	113 1/2	113 1/2
Passenger .....	335	120 1/2	120
Richelieu & Ontario ..	110	58 1/2	57 3/4

**ASHES.**—Receipts though moderate are larger than expected, and with a greatly depressed market prices have receded to \$3.60 for first Pots and \$3.00 for Seconds. Pearls are dull and nominal. Receipts since 1st Jan. 6233 brls Pots 836 brls Pearls. Deliveries 6152 brls Pots, 769 brls Pearls. Stock in store at 6 p.m. on Tuesday evening, 1397 brls Pots, 201 brls Pearls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—The situation is unchanged from last week, manufacturers reporting business very quiet, although some have had fair sprinkling of spring orders. But there will be no stir in anything until after New Years, when both dealers and manufacturers expect to do a much better business. Jobbers have been fairly active, a large proportion of the sales being for cash, or on 10 and 20 days. Remittances continue fair.

**COAL.**—The effect of the late severely cold weather was to bring in a batch of orders, but they were all small, and the volume of business was therefore not much increased thereby. Prices have ruled steady, stove and chestnut selling at \$6 per net ton delivered, and egg and furnace at \$5.75. Steam coal remains quiet but firm, Scotch being quoted at \$5 to \$5.25. Picton at \$4.50, and Cape Breton \$4 per ton.

**DAIRY PRODUCE.**—Butter—The market has in nowise altered since last week, dullness and weakness being still prominent features in the situation. Stocks are accumulating, and the export outlet appears to be narrowing down to a complete block. What a continuance of frosty weather will do in England remains to be proved, but so far nothing encouraging from that quarter has been received. Holders of Western butter are still worrying parties here as to what they had better do with their goods. The only thing that we can advise is to ship in their butter to firms here, so that it is ready to strike the first demand that might perchance spring up. Roll butter is arriving a little more freely and selling at 14c to 17c for barrels and boxes, according to quality. The shipments last week from Portland were 1816 packages, of which 974, were on Western and \$42 on Montreal account. Cheese—A better enquiry is reported from the other side, with business at 12 1/2c. If holders were disposed to accept 12c for fine fall goods any amount of business, would be possible, but 12 1/2c to 12 3/4c are the asking rates. It is not expected that much trading will transpire until after New Years. The shipments from Portland last week were 9,940 boxes against 5,356 boxes for the same period last year.

**DRESSED POULTRY, ETC.**—There has been a marked scarcity of turkeys and geese during the week, and prices have consequently ruled high, the former having sold readily at 12c per lb., a few lots of fancy birds fetching even a better figure. Geese sold at 7c to 9c, and chickens at about the same range. Ducks are dear, sales being reported at 10c to 12c. In game the receipts of deer have somewhat increased, and holders have had to accept 5c to 5 1/2c in order to get rid of supplies. Partridges are easier under freer offerings, which have sold at 40c to 50c per pair. Hares 20c per pair.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—A fair trade in the aggregate has transpired in general drugs at steady prices. The advance in quinine quoted last week has been maintained, and a further upward movement is confidently expected. Quinine in bulk has sold at \$1 to \$1.05 in New York. In other drugs no material change is

reported. In chemicals a very small business has taken place since this day week. Bleaching powder is less firm, and some think it could be bought on easier terms.

**DRY GOODS.**—It will be in vain to expect anything but extreme quietness in this department until after the holidays, when travellers will commence to take the road with Spring samples. The large sale of cotton reported by us last week has produced a decidedly better feeling, and an advance in the price of white cottons is freely spoken of as not improbable soon after New Years. A few spring orders for Canadian tweeds have been received during the week but, apart from that, there is little else doing. Remittances are not as good as they should be, parties who were never before known to give notes having been compelled to do so within the past week, which shows how difficult it is to make collections when such men cannot remit promptly.

**EGGS.**—A little better enquiry has been experienced, and prices may be quoted steady, in sympathy with the New York and Boston markets. Sales of held stock have transpired at 20c to 21c, with 22c obtainable in a few instances. Of course strictly new-laid stock would command much higher figures. Lined eggs are quiet at 19c to 20.

**FISH.**—The enquiry is very limited, and business is confined to jobbing transactions almost exclusively. Prices are quoted as follows:—Labrador herring \$5.75 to \$6. Cape Breton herring \$4.50 to \$5.00. Green Cod \$4 for No. 1, \$4.50 to \$5.00 for No. 1 large. Dry cod dull at \$4 to \$4.25 Gaspe, \$3.50 to \$3.75 Nova Scotia and American. Salmon in bbls. \$12.50, \$11.50 and \$10 per bbl., for Nos 1, 2 and 3, and at

**GRAIN AND FLOUR.**—There has been more enquiry for wheat during the past few days on English accounts, all offers having been taken by return cable. Engagements have been made at 39c per 100 lbs. on wheat from points West of Toronto through to Liverpool via Portland. Holders are asking more money for No. 2 red winter wheat in Western Ontario, 77c per bushel being now asked for a cargo. Prices here in car lots are quoted at 83c to 86c for No. 2 Canada red and white winter, and 82c to 85c for No. 2 spring. Regarding the improved feeling in wheat, New York advises state:—"A basis for the change for the better is found in the falling off in the movement of spring wheat and the more current view that the maximum of the spring wheat movement has been passed. The "shorts" are the conspicuous buyers. There has been also some under-banded buying for good long account, although not much of either. It is altogether a question of receipts from this out; if, as many choose to believe, the movement of wheat has attained high-water mark, there will be some extensive buying on speculative account without reference to the outward movement, although, with a good export demand added, a sharp advance in prices would be natural. As to the probabilities of an active business with exporters, opinion makers differ, but no one seems to expect much in this way till after the holidays are over. The feeling at the West is more "bullish," but the sentiment is resting entirely upon the assumption that the movement of spring wheat is to fall off. A bar to much advance here has been the stories of grain failures, actual and threatened, in the United Kingdom, notably at London; these have served to somewhat disturb the confidence of the "bulls," and buying has been conservative." In this market there has been no business in peas on spot, which are held at