

83s. for prime mess, a decline of 7s on the week; lard 55s. 9d. a decline of 2s. 9; bacon 48s. a decline of 1s. 6d. tallow 42s. 9d. an advance of 3d. cheese 66/- an advance of 1/6-; flour steady at 12s. spring wheat at 8s. 10d. and red winter at 8s. 11d.; white 9s. club 9s. 4d.

LONDON, Jan. 3rd.

Beerbohm's report. Mark Lane, wheat quiet and steady, maize weak; cargoes on passage, wheat firm, maize slow; good cargoes California wheat off coast 45s. English country markets steady; those of France quiet, advices from Paris announce that flour and wheat are steady.

#### AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago, 3rd Jan. 1883.

The wheat market opened at 93½c and closed at same figure, having gone to 94½ in the meantime; as high as 101 was offered for May. Corn went from 49½ to 49¾c. for January, 53c. being offered for May. January pork opened at \$16.90 and went as low as \$16.77½ at which it closed. From \$17.87 to 17.62 was bid for May, with \$17.25 for March. On the kerb market, flour is unchanged; lard lower, say \$10.15 to \$10.17 cash, up to \$10.40 for March and \$10.65 for May; bulk meats easier.

New York, Jan. 3rd.

Cotton quiet, middling uplands 10½c. Flour heavy at \$3.25 to \$3.65 for superfine, \$6.25 to \$7 for Western extra. Wheat No. 2 red \$1.10 \$1.11½. Barley steady, 2-rowed state 81c. Malt steady; hops dull and unchanged; lard depressed; butter declining; cheese firm at 8 to 14c.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA ITEMS.

VICTORIA, B. C. Jan. 2.—The Customs' collections for the port of Victoria for December were \$54,000, an increase of \$18,000 over those for Dec. 1881. Collections for the half year were \$420,000 an increase of \$120,000 over the latter half of 1881.

Business is unusually brisk at the coal mines, a large amount of tonnage awaiting cargoes. The demand is principally from San Francisco and far exceeds the facilities for supply. Gold dust yield during the year 18,000 ounces; these figures only indicate the amount that reached the Banks; the yield will probably be \$250,000 more.

River navigation is over for the year.

An American Company has purchased Texada iron mine for \$40,000.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 3rd Jan. 1883.

The usual quietness incident to the holiday season has not as yet been dispelled, and matters are quiet in nearly every line. As a rule satisfaction with the past years operations prevails, and favorable balances are shown, preparations are in order for the spring trade which is expected to be a good one.

ASHES—There have been few transactions of any note since last report one small lot of pots has been sold at \$4.90. In pearls we hear of no sales. Our last weeks report was in error in speaking of a sale of pearls as being effected at about \$9.00, the figure should have been \$8.00.

The inspection returns for the year closed show the receipts of pots to have been 7,556 brls of pearls 623 bbls., as compared with 9,720 bbls. of pots and 1,066 pearls received in 1881. Stocks in store are now pretty well reduced.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The labor difficulty with the lasters has not yet been solved, as was reported last week. Some few of the men have out free from the Union, but the majority still refuse to sign the document guaranteeing entire freedom to the masters in the matter of engaging apprentices, &c. Few of the factories display anything like activity, though the situation is daily being improved by transferring men from other departments and teaching apprentices who, it is stated, can acquire the necessary skill in a very short time if only fairly smart. One house has seceded from the masters' combination and has engaged a larger quota of lasters than before employed. This action while naturally encouraging the men, has had the effect, with the rest of the trade, of rather stiffening the position they have assumed, and unless the men return to work by Saturday, it is likely several lasting machines will be placed in some of the factories. Business on the whole remains quiet. We quote Men's French calf boots \$3.50 to \$3.75,

do Kip Boots \$2.50 to \$3.00; do Cowhide Boots \$2.40 to \$3.00; No. 2 Cowhide \$2.25 do Split Stogas \$1.50 to \$2.00; do Buff Congress \$1.60 to \$2.00; do Split Congress \$1.75 to \$1.90; do Split Brogans 90 to \$1.00; Boys' and Youths' Brogans 85 to 95c.; Women's Buff and Pebbled Balmorals \$1.00 to \$1.25; do Split Balmorals 85c to \$1.10; Misses' Buff and Pebbled Balmorals 90 to \$1.10; do Split Balmorals 75c to \$1.00.

DRY GOODS.—In wholesale circles very little is doing as this is 'tween seasons, and travellers are still at home recuperating and preparing for the coming campaign. Wholesale stocks of fall and winter goods on hand now are not larger than it was expected they would be, and as a good many winter goods are still expected to be sold before the end of February, it is believed the position on the whole may be considered a very fair one. It is reported here that stocks in Toronto are still pretty full, and this may affect to some extent sorting up orders to the trade here. City retailers generally report an excellent business for the past month in marked contrast to the two preceeding Decembers, and payments have been good as a rule. Country remittances have not been up to the mark expected, for what special reason cannot be at present stated.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business for the month of December compares favourably, on the whole, with that of other years. There has been no marked activity in heavy chemicals on account of the advanced rates of freight ruling, but an excellent trade has been done in druggists' sundries and fancy goods, and remittances are favourably spoken of, at present little is doing. With regard to prices we make some changes in former quotations. Cream Tartar is held firm with prospects of an advance owing to the failure of the wine crop in France. We quote: Bi. Carb. Soda \$2.75 to \$3.00. Soda Ash, \$1.60 to 1.70; ditto high test \$1.75 to \$2.00; Bi. Chromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$12.50 to \$13.50; Borax, refined, 15 to 16c.; Cream Tartar Crystals, 31 to 33c; do ground, 34 to 36c; Caustic Soda, white \$2.25 to \$2.30; Sugar of Lead, 12½ to 13c.; Bleaching Powder, \$1.50 to 1.60; Alum, \$1.85 to \$2.00; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to \$1.10; Flowers Sulphur, \$2.90 to \$3.00; Roll Sulphur, \$2.22 to \$2.30; Epsom Salts, \$1.40 to \$1.50; Sal Soda, \$1.15 to \$1.25; Saltpetre, \$9.50 to \$10.00 Quinine \$2.30 to \$2.60 per oz. bottles; Opium, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Morphia, 2.65 to \$2.80.

FURS.—Comparatively few skins have found their way to market yet, but buyers are looking forward to larger receipts as soon as the ice bridge is formed, the principal supply of muskrat, fox and mink skins coming from the south of the St. Lawrence. Retail furriers have had an exceptionally good season's trade, and are still full of work. There is no change in prices. Mink, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Otter \$8.00 to 10.00; Beaver \$2.00 to 2.50; Skunk 50 to 60c. each; Lynx \$2.00 to 2.50 each; Bear large \$8.00 to 12.00; ditto small \$3.00 to 6.00; Red Fox \$1.25; Marten \$1.00.

LOUR.—The holiday feeling on change still prevails to a large extent, sales are light and a slight downward tendency is manifested in prices, as shown in prices quoted below. Receipts for the week ending Dec. 27th were 12,099 barrels, local shipments 1,981 brls. Total receipts from Jan 1st 1882, 852,992, brls. as compared with 822,210 brls. for 1881. Total shipments for 1882, 765,342 brls, as against 632,821 in 1881, showing an increase in shipments for the year of 132,521 brls. We quote Superior Extra, \$4.75 to \$4.80; Extra Superfine, \$4.65 to \$4.70; Fancy, nominal; Spring Extra, \$4.55 to \$4.60; Strong Bakers' Flour, American, \$6.25 to \$6.75; ditto, Canadian, \$5.25 to \$5.40; Superfine, \$4.40 to \$4.45; Fine, \$3.90 to \$4.00; Middlings, \$3.70 to \$3.80; Pollards, \$3.30 to \$3.40; Ontario Bags, new medium, \$2.20 to \$2.30; do. do., Spring extra, \$2.10 to \$2.15; do. do., Superfine, \$2.10 to \$2.15; City Bags, delivered, \$3.15 to \$3.00; Oatmeal, \$5.10 to \$5.40 for Ontario. Cornmeal, \$4.00, nominal.

GRAIN.—Universal dullness pervades the local market, the sale of a few car lots representing the whole volume of business for the past week. Quotations are merely nominal.

GROCERIES. The December trade in this line was better than usual, losses have been few, and remittances cannot be complained of. There are no market changes to note. In Teas there is more doing in black with rather stronger on grades ranging between 25 and 40 cents Japans keep pretty steady on formers low basis, with more enquiry for grades ranging from 23 to 35 cents. Coffee.—Quiet again; advices from New

York show holders disposed to sell stocks at lowest rates, some sales of Mocha have transpired at 27½ cents for round lots. We quote Mocha 27½ to 30c.; Laguayra 11 to 14c.; Jamaica 9 to 15c.; Ordinary Java 15 to 20c.; O. G. Java 22 to 28c.; Rio 9½ to 12c. Sugar.—Matters remain quiet, refiners are more disposed to move stocks of yellows, but hold to the advance in whites. Syrups and Molasses are dull stocks being larger than usual at this time of the year, and advices from Barbadoes are favorable to the coming crop. A round lot ordinary Barbadoes changed hands last week at something under 50 cents.

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