

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 27th. May, 1879.

For the past three or four nights we have had pretty sharp frost which has done very considerable injury to the fruit and vegetable crops. There has been a fair amount of wholesale business done, but not so much as was expected from buyers, who were attracted to the city by the celebration of the Queen's birthday, indeed two holidays last week interfered very much with business. Flour is rather lower in price. Grains have been more dealt in and quotations are firm. Groceries are much the same as last week only teas are a shade dearer, and American sugars are firmer. Provisions are rather more active with a little enquiry for both butter and cheese for exportation. Ashes are steady. Hardware is fairly active although our revised quotations do not show any tendency to improvement in prices. Pig iron is very difficult to move.

ASHES.—Pots.—Arrivals during the past week were pretty large, there have been a fair demand and prices have been steady selling at \$3.55 to 3.65; for shipping parcels. *Pearls* are still quiet with occasional sales of firsts at \$5.65 to 5.70; nothing doing in inferiors. The stocks at present in store are Pots 2112 brls; Pearls 112 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The volume of trade continues small. Sorting up orders are for limited quantities, a rather hopeful feeling exists however, and a good fall trade is expected. Prices are steady. We quote *Men's Stoga Boots*, \$1.60 to 2.50; *Men's Kip Boots*, \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto *French Calf*, \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto *Buff Congress*, \$1.60 to 2.50; ditto *Split Brogans*, 90c. to \$1.00; *Boy's Split Brogans* 80 to 90c; ditto *Buff and Pebbled Congress* \$1.20 to 1.60; *Women's Buff and Pebbled Balmorals*, \$1.00 to 1.60; ditto *Prunella* bals, 50c to \$1.75; ditto *Prunella Congress* bals 50c to \$1.50; ditto congress 50c to 1.50; *Misses Buff and Pebble Bals*, 75c to \$1.30; ditto *Prunella Bals and Congress*, 45c to \$1.00; children's ditto 40c to \$1.00; ditto *Pebbled and Buff Bals* 65c to \$1.00.

CATTLE.—The principal demand for cattle yesterday was for shipping purposes. The local consumptive demand was small, prices obtained for cattle bought for exportation were 4½ to 5½c; those bought for local demand realized from 4½ to 5c. *Hogs* were in large supply but the demand was very light, the only sales reported were at 4½c; per lb live weight. A few *sheep* on the market were sold at \$8.25; per head.

DRY GOODS.—There were some buyers came to the city to see the Queen's Birthday Review, but not quite so many as was expected, however, notwithstanding the two holidays last week, a very fair business has been done, and orders from travellers have been pretty numerous, though as usual rather small in amount. With the fine weather, a large number of sorting up orders are looked for. Remittances are still the subject of general complaint.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—General business has not been very active this week, and as large stocks, especially of heavy chemicals, are daily arriving, the market is easy, but changes in quotations are not material, for large lots our quotations would possibly be somewhat shaded. We quote *Bi Carb* \$3.10 to 3.15; *Saltpetre* is firm at 8.50; *Soda Ash*, \$1.50 to 1.75; *Arrow Root*, 11c to 15c; *Cream Tartar crystals*, 25c to 26c; ditto ground 28c to 30c; *Caustic Soda* \$2.35 to 2.50; *Sugar of Lead*, 11c to 12c; *Bleaching Powder*,

\$1.35 to 1.40; *Alum* \$1.65 to 1.70; *Sulphur*, 2½ to 3½c; *Roll Sulphur*, 2½c to 2¾c; *Epsom Salts* \$1.50 *Sal Soda* 1.00 to 1.12½; *Whiting*, 50c to 55c. *Sulphate of Copper*, 5c *Copperas*, 1c; *Borax*, 10c.

FURS.—Business is very dull, very few skins now coming in, prices are unchanged, and no alteration is looked for till about the first of July, when the London sales take place.

FISH.—The only kind of salt fish in the market is a little American dry cod, which is offering at \$4.00 to 4.50.

FREIGHTS.—The rates for tonnage are a shade lower than last week, and for heavy grain 3/- to 4/- is the rate by steamers and iron clippers to London, Liverpool and Glasgow, for small vessels for orders the rate is unchanged, viz., 5/- to 5/6.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week 22,495 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 242,320 brls. being a decrease of 42,949 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1878. Shipments during the week 16,545 brls. total shipments from 1st January to date 136,869 brls. being a decrease of 11,626 brls. on the shipments for the same period of last year. The business part of the week was a good deal broken in upon by two holidays, and the demand was light, while holders were more disposed to make concessions to buyers, the latter have been holding off in hopes of lower prices. To-day the market is quiet and if anything weaker with only small sales within our range of quotations. We quote *Superior extra* \$4.70 to 4.75; *Extra Super* \$4.50 to 4.55; *Fancy*, \$4.35 to 4.40 *Spring Extra*, \$4.30 to \$4.35; *Superfine*, \$3.95 to \$4.05; *Strong Baker's Flour*, \$4.40 to \$4.60; *Fine*, \$3.30 to 3.40; *Middlings*, \$3.00 to \$3.15; *Pollards*, \$2.60 to \$2.80; *Ontario Bags* \$2.12½ to 2.17½; *Ontario Oatmeal*, \$1.20 to 0.00; *Cornmeal*, \$2.50 to 0.00.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Receipts during the week 235,863 bushels. Total receipts from 1st of January to date 1,462,062 bushels, being a decrease of 42,618 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1878; Shipped during the week 108,871 bushels; Total Shipments from 1st January to date 1,215,046 bushels, being an increase of 1969 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1878. There has not been much movement in this grain, and few transactions have transpired since the early part of the week, when some cargoes of red winter were sold at \$1.10; Canada spring is now held at \$1.03 to 1.06; *Maize* has met with more demand, and some large sales are reported at 45 to 45½c in bond. *Peas* have met with less demand during the past week, and are a little easier at 80 to 81c; *Oats* are firm and incline upward, but our quotation of 31 to 32c is unchanged. *Timothy Seed* \$1.80 to 2.00; *Clover* 6½ to 7½c per pound.

GROCE-IES.—Teas.—Fine Japans are scarce and command full prices, a fair quantity of teas have changed hands this week. We advance our outside quotation for uncolored Japans 5c. and now quote them 25 to 55c; Young Hysons are unchanged. Hyson is worth 27 to 45c; Congou 24 to 75c; Souchong 25 to 60c; *Coffee*. There has been about the usual demand from country dealers, with sales of Java at 23 to 28c; Old Government Java 27 to 28c; Maracaibo 20 to 21c; Singapore 20 to 22c; Laguayra 18 to 19c. *Sugar.*—The market is quiet, but with a decidedly firmer feeling. Montreal *Yellows*, 6½ to 7½c; *Granulated*, 8½; *American Granulated*, 8½ to 8¾c; *Extra C Yellow*, 8 to 8½c; *Scotch Refined Yellow*, 7 to 7½c. *Raw Sugars* not much doing, *Porto Rico* is offered at 6½ to 7½c; *Barbadoes*, 6½ to 6¾; *Cuba*, 6½ to 6¾. *Molasses* are little enquired for and prices are about nominal. We quote *Porto Rico*, 33c; *Sugar House*, 20 to 24c; *Barbadoes*, 33 to 35c. *Syrups*, 40 to 55c, according to quality. *Blue Button*, 6½ to 7c; ditto, *Ball*, 9 to 14c. *Rice*, steady, at \$4.00 to

4.30. *Sago*, \$5.75 to 6.00. *Tapioca*, \$7.75 to 9.00. *Spices* are in the usual jobbing demand and without any change in values since last week. *Fruit.*—Not much doing except in *Valencia raisins*, which are firm. We quote *Layer Raisins* \$1.35 to 1.45; *Loose Muscatels*, \$1.40 to 1.50; *Valencias*, 6½ to 6¾c; *Sultanas*, 8 to 8½c; *Currants* are not much asked for, we quote good fruit 4 to 5c; but there are some old stock in the market which sells for less. *Tarragona Almonds*, 13 to 15c; *Brazil Nuts*, 6 to 7c; *Walnuts*, 7 to 11c. *Canned Fish.*—*Lobsters*, \$1.25 to 1.50; *Salmon*, \$1.65 to 1.75; *Mackerel*, \$1.55 to 1.80; *Sardines*, quarters, 9 to 9½c; ditto, halves, 15 to 18c.

HIDES.—There is little call for Hides at the present time, prices of all articles in this line are steady and unchanged; viz., for Hides \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00; *Lambskins*, 25 to 30c; *Calfskins*, 9 to 11c.

HARDWARE.—Business still continues fairly active, and most houses have enough to do with filling orders and sorting fresh importations. There is little beyond this to report. Prices are about as last quoted, and by latest accounts from England the markets there do not justify any improvement in prices. Pig Iron is hard to move for present delivery and is being offered at low figures to effect sales, without meeting many purchasers. *Tin Plates* are without change. We quote *Pig Iron* per ton, *Coltness's*, \$18.00 to \$18.50; *Langloan*, \$18.00 to \$18.50; *Calder*, \$17.00 to 17.50; *Gartsherrie*, \$16.50 to 17.00; *Summerlee* \$16.00 to \$16.50; *Carnbrae*, \$15.50 to \$16.00; *Eglinton*, \$15.50 to 16.00; *Hematite*, \$23.00 to \$24.00; *Bars*, per 100 lbs.: *Scotch and Staffordshire*, \$1.80 to 1.85; best ditto \$2.15 to 2.20; *Swedes and Norway*, \$4.75 to 5.00; *Lowmoor and Bowling*, \$6.00 to 6.25. *Canada Plates*, per box, *Glamorgan and Budd*, \$3.25 to 3.35; *Garth and Penn*, \$3.25 to 3.35; *Hatton*, \$3.15 to 3.25. *Tin Plates*, per box: *Charcoal I C*, \$6.00 to 6.50; ditto *I X* \$8.00 to 8.55; ditto *D.C.* \$5.00 to 5.50; *Coke*, *I C*, \$5.00 to 5.25; *Tinned Sheets*, charcoal, best No. 26, 11 to 11½c; *Galvanized Sheets*, best brands, No. 28, 7½ to 7¾c. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.40 to 2.50; *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.50 to 2.60; *Boiler Plates*, ordinary, \$2.50 to \$2.60; best ditto, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Russia Sheet Iron* per lb., 11 to 12c; *Cut Nails*, 2 D, Lath, \$4.25; 2½ to 4 shingle, \$3.50; 5 D to 6, \$3.40; 8 D to 10, \$3.15; 12 D and larger, \$2.85; 100 keg lots 5 per cent. discount. *Cut Nails patent chisel pointed*, 25c extra. *Pressed Spikes* \$4 to 4.75. *Lead*, pig, per 100 lbs., \$4.25 to 4.75; sheet \$5.00 to 5.25; *Bar*, \$5.50 to 6.00; *Shot*, \$6.00 to 6.25; *Steel*, cast 12 to 13c; spring, per 100 lbs, \$3.25 to 3.50; *Sleighshoe*, \$2.75 to 3.00; *tire*, \$3.50 to 3.60; *Ingot tin*, \$18.00 to 19.00; *Ingot copper* \$18.00 to 19.00; *Proved Coil Chain*, ¾ in, \$4.50 to 4.75; *Anchors*, \$5.00 to 6.00; *Anvils*, 9 to 10c; *Wire*, per bundle of 63 lbs., \$1.70 to 1.80. *Sheet Zinc*, 5½ to 5¾c.

LEATHER.—Business continues quiet, sales being confined to the present wants of the trade which are limited as usual at this season. Sole Leather.—Tanners are firm in their views in face of the advance in prices of hides and leather in the American markets and are not inclined to shade prices as formerly. Best hemlock sole is in moderate supply, and should an active demand set in the visible supply would soon be exhausted. Ordinary stock is more plentiful and considerable quantities will have to be shipped to European markets. Curried leathers are selling low with little prospect of immediate improvement. We quote *Hemlock Spanish Sole*, No. 1; B. A., 21 to 23c; ditto, No. 2. B. A., 18 to 19c; No. 1 ordinary 20 to 22c; No. 2 ditto 17½ to 18½c; *Zanzibar*, No. 1., 19 to 20c; ditto No. 2, 17 to 18c; *Buffalo Sole* No 1, 19 No. 2, 17 to 18c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 20 to 23c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 28 to 34c; ditto, heavy, 27 to 33c; *Grained*, 31