

in the same condition. The exports of clover from the port of New York, for the present season up to the 27th ult. compared with the previous season up to the 31st January, were as follows:

	To Jan. 27, 1872.	To Jan. 31, 1871.
	Bags.	Bags.
To London....	40,000	30,000
To Liverpool ..	18,220	16,000
To Bristol....	1,573	2,064
To Glasgow....	13,463	8,372
To Continent ..	65,000	35,000

Season 1871 '72 138,256 Season '70 '71 91,436

Some of these figures are estimated, as seed is sometimes cleared under the name of other produce.

The New York market at the close is not very active, owing to rather a scarcity of available stock, and prices may be quoted firm on the basis of choice seed as follows:

Ohio .....	10 @ 10½c.
New York State.....	11 @ 11½c.
Indiana and Michigan.....	11½ @ .....

WOOL.—The market remains quiet and very firm: holders indifferent about selling. Available stocks are light, and in few hands.

## MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, 30th Jan.

The dullness of trade consequent on the holiday season is now beginning to clear off, and considerable activity has been exhibited in several branches of business—we notice more especially Groceries and Hardware. The latest cable advices note an advance on Pig iron, and as the stock here is now concentrated almost entirely into the hands on one holder, it is believed that higher prices than we at present quote will be demanded in spring when the ships arrived. The last two steamships to Portland have brought heavy cargoes of Dry Goods for this market, and a brisk trade is looked for as soon as they arrive here. The death of C. J. Cusack, Esq., one of our leading merchants in the Breadstuffs line, cast a gloom over that business in the early part of last week—the Corn Exchange having been closed for two days out of respect to his memory. Ashes are rather stronger. Provisions are inactive.

The weather has been comparatively mild during the week: light snow fell for sometime on Sunday, but not sufficient to repair the roads, which are now much in need of a few inches of snow. To-day clear and cold.

ASHES.—Pots.—In the early part of the week a few shipping parcels of firsts were placed at \$7.52½ to 7.55; the bulk of the sales reported, however, were at \$7.42½ to 7.47½, market closing strong at \$7.45 to 7.50; seconds \$6.50 to 6.60; thirds \$5.65. Pearls.—There is nothing doing in this ash at present, the only sale we have heard reported was a shipping lot of Firsts at \$8.20; the quotations are nominal at \$8 to 8.10 the stocks at present in store are, Pots, 279 brls; Pearls 61 brls., being a decrease of 285 brls. Pots, and 493 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Buyers do not seem disposed to operate so largely as what they did last year; a fair amount of orders are being booked, and manufacturers are pretty well employed with spring orders. Retail stocks in the country are reported to be heavier than usual at this season. An improvement in trade is expected soon, meantime we have no change to note on last week's quotations.

COAL AND FIREWOOD.—The stocks now on hand are low, and American Nut coal will hardly last out next month. Trade has been pretty active, and the late high prices have been fully maintained. Firewood has been in fair demand

at last week's prices; the quantity coming into town by sleighs is keeping the markets down; and it is believed that no advance can take place before the opening of navigation.

DRY GOODS.—Business continues quiet and consists principally of filling a few sorting-up orders from the country. The spring importations are now arriving, and in a few weeks the stocks here will be well assorted. As all the new importations have been bought at an advance on last year's purchases, prices here will rule considerably over last year's quotations—especially cottons, woollens, linens and silks. The old stock here has been pretty well worked down, and no great bulk remains in the hands of the wholesale houses.

DRESSED HOGS.—The receipts of Dressed Hogs has been large, and stocks are getting heavy, for which there is only a very moderate demand, and that at a reduction on last week's prices. Sales reported at \$5.50 to \$5.60, according to size and quality. The market closes easy at these figures, and lower prices are looked for.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The tendency of this market has been to higher prices, but we have no great amount of business to record. Sulphur has been sold in small quantities at \$3.25 to 3.50; and brimstone at \$2.73 to \$3; alum is taken at \$2.12½ to 2.25; bleaching powder, \$3.50 to 3.75; small sales of bi carb soda have taken place at \$4.75 to 4.82½; caustic soda is very low in stock at present, and price is firm at \$4.75 to 4.82½; sal soda is also rather scarce, and is held at \$1.87½ to \$2. It is fully expected that an advance on all articles in this trade will be imposed on the arrival of the spring goods, owing to the high prices which now rule in England.

FISH.—There is still a healthier tone to notice in this market, and the demand is increasing. Green cod has been dealt in to some extent at \$4.87½ to 5.25; dry cod keeps steady at \$4.50 to 5.00; salmon is quiet at \$14.50 to 16; herrings are nominal; split Labradors, \$4.25 to 4.75; round Labradors, \$2.50 to 2.75; canso splits, 3.50 to 3.75.

FREIGHTS.—We have no change to note in the rates of freight to Liverpool via Portland, either from Montreal or from points west on the Grand Trunk Railway.

FURS.—The market has been fairly active all week, and has been very steady at our quotations; our outside quotations are readily obtained for good skins. The collection of furs in London for the Hudson Bay Company's sale on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of March, is said to be somewhat smaller than usual. We have not much change to note in prices, which are firm as under:—Cross fox \$4; red fox \$1.25 to 1.50; pale martin \$1.50 to 2.50; mink \$3.50 to 4; bear \$7 to 10; lynx \$1.50; fisher \$5 to 6; beaver \$1.40 to 1.60; fall muskrat 10c.; spring do. 20c; otter \$7 to 8; racoon; 40c to 50; skunk 20c to 50.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week, 1,200 barrels; total receipts from 1st January to date, 27,200 brls.; being an increase of 6,337 brls. on the receipts for the same period of 1871. English advices have had a weakening effect on this market, and all grades have receded in price; the only business doing was with dealers for local requirements—to effect large sales holders would require to give way in their demands, and this they do not seem disposed to do at the present moment. We now quote,—Extra, \$6.25 to 0.00; fancy, \$6.10 to 0.00; ordinary supers from Canada wheat, \$5.85 to 5.90; strong bakers' flour, \$6 to 6.20; Canada super No. 2, \$5.50 to 0.00; fine, \$4.80 to 4.90; middlings, \$3.80 to 4; Pollard's, \$5.25 to \$3.50; Upper Canada bags, \$2.70 to 2.75; oatmeal, \$4.75 to 5; cornmeal, \$3.25.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Receipts during the past week, 9,100 bush.; total receipts from 1st Jan.

to date, 15,059 bush. This market remains in the same inactive state which has characterized it for some time past. We, however, give the following as the nominal quotations here,—U. C. white winter, \$1.45; Canada red winter, \$1.35; Chicago No. 2 spring and Milwaukee No. 1 spring, \$1.35. Maize—No activity is to be noted here, but a few car loads have changed hands at 70c f.o.b. Oats—There is only a light movement in this grain at 33c to 34½c. Barley—The current rate is 52½c to 57½c—a round lot changed hands last week at our inside quotation. Pease—There is some little demand for pease at 86c to 87½c, at which price the market closes steady. Flaxseed—Meets with a fair demand at \$1.40 to 1.50.

GROCERIES.—Teas—A good demand has been experienced this week for Japans, Twankays, and Young Hysons, the best grades bringing a little over last week's quotations. Black teas are low in price at present, and are attracting the attention of buyers, considerable quantities of which are changing hands.

Sugar—Market very firm, and some fair sales of low refining to choice grocery grades have been made at 8½c to 9½c; for exceptionally fine parcels a shade higher is obtained. Scotch refined is held at 9½c to 10c, owing to the scarcity in this market. The refinery prices here are steady: loaves, 14½c; dry crushed and table, 13½c; extra ground, 14½c; crushed A, 12c; yellow refined, 9c to 10½c. Molasses—Market is dull, prices are steady: Barbadoes, 37½c to 40; Trinidad, 32½c to 34c; Clayed, 27c to 24c; Centrifugal, 20c to 24c. Amber Syrup

—78. Rice—Is rather scarce in this market, and rules firm at \$4.25 to \$4.50. Coffee—The principal demand has been for Java at 22c to 24c; other kinds ranged from 19c to 20c. Fruit—Market quiet; there has been little or nothing done in Layer raisins, and prices are unchanged; seedless raisins, 8½c to 9c; Valencia raisins are dull of sale at 6½c to 6¾c; old currants are now offered at 4½c, and new at 6½c to 6¾c; walnuts are scarce at 7c to 8c; Turkey figs, 10c to 16c. Spices—Continue very scarce; pepper is higher, being now quoted 15½c to 16c; nutmegs, 90c to \$1; cloves, 9c to 9½c; cassia, 32½c to 35c; Jamaica ginger, 16c to 19c. Starch—Is in fair demand, Canada at 7½c to 9c, and English, 11c to 14c.

HARDWARE.—In this market we have to notice that all the pig iron has gone into one holder's hands, and prices have advanced; indeed, it is doubtful if those prices will again be repeated. Tin plates are also very firm at our quotations. The demand for all staple goods has been fair and stocks are decreasing. Altogether, the market is in a very excited state:—Pig Iron—Coltness or Gartsherrie, \$32 to \$34; Calder or Sammerlee, \$32; other brands, \$30 to 00; hematite, \$35 to 00. Bars, Scotch or Staffordshire, \$60; best refined, \$65 to 70; Swedes, \$80 to 100. Hoops and Band—\$3.50 to 6.00. Sheets—\$3.75 to 5. Plates—Best—\$3.65 to 3.75; Low Moor or Bowling, \$7 to 8; cut nails, \$4 to 4.50; pressed nails, \$4.50 to 7.50; spikes, \$3.75 to 4.50. Canada Plates—\$4.50; Swansea, \$5; Tin Plates—Charcoal, I. C., \$8.50 to 9.00; ditto, I. X., \$10.50 to 11.00; coke, I. C., \$7 to 7.50; sheet lead, \$7 to 7.50; pig lead, \$6 to 7; sheet zinc, \$6 to 6.50; window glass, \$1.70 to 2; cast steel, 11½c to 16c; spring steel, 3½ to 5; potash kettles, \$2.25 to 3; camp ovens, \$3.50 to 3.60; belled pots, \$3.50 to 3.60.

HIDES.—Market rules quiet, and prices remain steady at 8½c to 10c for hides, and \$1.25 to 1.50 for pelts.

LEATHER.—This market is now beginning to show signs of activity; there has been a large demand for sole leather, also for buffed and pebbled; for waxed upper and harness there has only been a light demand; there is a scar-