

the present month. The fire boxes are built of steel, and everything about them composed of the very best material. They are furnished with the arrangement for keeping the bell constantly ringing while the engine is in motion, the invention of a Detroit mechanic engine superintendent.

—A telegram to the daily press from Fort Erie, states that the Peninsular Railway, from Lansing to Chicago, and the Michigan Midland, from St. Clair to Lansing, have resolved to consolidate, with the purpose of forming a connection with the Canada Southern Railway.

—The right of way through the town of Brantford, has been secured for the Brantford and Harrisburg Railway.

—The Great Western Railway Company have purchased and paid for the right of way for the Canada Air Line Company from Glencoe to Simcoe.

—The township of Anderson, County of Essex, has voted a \$15,000 bonus to the Canada Southern Railway.

—Thos. Brassey, the great railway contractor, died in London, on the 12th, aged 65 years.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13, 1870.

After a week of the mildest weather ever remembered at this season of the year; we had a heavy fall of snow last night, followed this morning by rain rendering walking anything but a pleasant operation.

Business in almost all branches is dull, owing premature close of navigation, and a similar dullness may be looked for till we have frost and snow, and the formation of the winter roads.

All navigation has now ceased, but so far as the weather is concerned, the harbour might still present a busy appearance.

Stocks and Securities of all kinds are in fair demand, but few government securities offering. Sterling Exchange is firm at 9 to 9½.

ASHES.—*Pots*—The market has been inactive all week, and holders have been obliged to give way in their prices, the principal business done was at \$5.70 to \$5.75, and even lower rates were taken for exceptional tares, market closes quiet, but steady at \$5.70; seconds are in fair demand at \$5.00, but there are none offering; thirds would command a market at \$4.40 to \$4.50. *Pearls*—Still remain very dull and early in the week, \$6.20 was taken latterly, however, nothing above \$6.10 could be got. Stocks now in store are Pots 757 bbls.; Pearls 588 bbls. being a decrease of 164 bbls. Pots, and an increase of 231 bbls. of Pearls on the stock in store on the same date of 1869.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Market has been quiet, prices remain unchanged, and manufacturers are still busy taking stock and preparing for the revival of trade, when the winter roads are formed.

COALS.—Very little wholesale trade is now doing, but the retail demand has been brisk. Receipts for the season are now over, prices are well maintained, the following are the yard prices in this city. Scotch steam, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Welsh Anthracite, \$7.50 to \$7.75; Smiths' Coal, \$6.50 to \$7.00; American Anthracite, \$8.00 to \$8.25; Pictou steam, \$5.00 to \$5.25; English grate, \$6.00 to \$6.50.

CATTLE.—The market opens bare of live stock of any kind, and owing to the mild weather, there is very little wanted, but any really good cattle would bring outside quotations. In Hogs the market is dull, owing to the arrival of several lots in bad condition, holders of which are offering them considerably under our quotations; Sheep and Lambs are scarce. The prices for to-day's market are cattle 1st quality \$7.00 to \$8.00; ditto 2nd and 3rd \$5.00 to \$6.00; milk cows \$30 to \$50; sheep \$4.00 to \$5.00; hogs \$7.00 to \$7.50.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The want of winter roads has had the usual effect on this market; transactions have been rather small, but holders are firm in their prices. Saltpetre is scarce, and the nominal price is \$12.00; Bi Carb is firm and cannot be obtained under \$3.15 to \$3.25; Caustic Soda is without any animation, and prices are stiff at \$3½ to \$4½, the stock is small and holders do not seem much inclined to sell; Sal Soda has changed hands in small lots at from \$1.25 to \$1.40; Bleaching Powder 2½c. to 2½c.; Epsom salts \$2.00 to \$2.25. In other articles there is no change, and almost no business doing.

FISH.—The trade in this article has been brisker this last week than in former years, and an advance is noted in most articles. Salmon in tierces is firm at \$23.50, none in barrels being now to be had; Labrador Herrings are scarce and now quoted \$5.50 to \$7.00. There are no Round Herrings in market. For Canso Herrings in barrels \$6.00 to \$6.25 is now asked, half barrels \$3.25 to \$3.37½. In other kinds no change in prices can be noted.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the week 19,785 bbls.; total from 1st January to date 1,003,506 bbls. against 937,364 bbls. in corresponding period of 1869, being an increase of 66,142 bbls. There were no shipments reported for this week; total shipments from 1st January to date 781,596 bbls. against 804,193 bbls. in corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 22,687 bbls. There is no shipping demand at present, and the local demand has been small. Holders are very stiff in their views, and buyers do not seem inclined to meet them. The following are the prices to-day, but owing to the trifling amount of transactions taking place, they must be looked upon as nominal:—Superior Extra, \$6.40 to \$5.50; Extra, \$6.20 to \$6.30; Fancy, \$5.80 to \$5.90; Fresh Supers, (Canada wheat), \$5.50 to \$5.55; Western States Supers, free, \$5.50; Medium Strong Supers, (Canada wheat), \$5.65 to \$5.75; Strong Bakers', \$5.90 to \$6.00, Supers from Western Wheat (Welland Canal) free, \$5.40; Supers, City Brands, (Western wheat) free, nominal, \$5.50; Canada Supers, No. 2, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Western States, No. 2, free, \$4.90; Fine, \$4.60 to \$4.70; Middlings, \$4.00 to \$4.20; Pollards, \$3.25 to \$3.50; U. C. bag flour, per 100 lbs, \$2.50 to \$2.60. *Oatmeal*—is very scarce, and sales of very medium quality are reported at \$5.70 to \$5.87½.

FREIGHTS.—The rates by the Montreal Ocean Steamship Company from Montreal to Liverpool are:—Heavy Grain, 8s.; Flour, 3s 6d.; Potash per gross ton, 50s.; Pearl ash, 60s.; Butter and Cheese, 62s. 6d.; Pork or Beef per barrel, 6s. per tierce, 7s. 6d. There have been engagements made at these rates.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*—Receipts during the week 5,794 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date, 6,453,392 bus. against 7,302,070 bus. in corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 848,678 bushels. There were no shipments reported this week; total shipments from 1st January to date, 5,700,362 bushels against 5,616,105 bus. in corresponding period of 1869, being an increase of 84,257 bushels. This market may be said to be dead in the meantime, and any quotations which we could give would not indicate the state of the market; this, however, is usual here at this particular season of the year. *Oats*—are very scarce at present, owing to the want of roads to bring the article to market, 45c. to 48c. is the price now given. *Barley*—is very quiet, and the nominal price is 62½c. ex-cars. *Peas*—are now quoted at 82½c. to 85c. which price would be given for car loads; the market is now very bare. There has been nothing doing in seeds.

GROCERIES.—As may be looked for just now, there is really nothing doing beyond what is wanted for local consumption. *Teas*—Some uncolored Japans have changed at late rates; in other grades there is no business doing. *Sugar*—The refiners are well supplied, and there are no outside

buyers at the present; holders do not seem inclined to press their stocks on the market. Refinery prices are unchanged, with a fair amount of business doing. *Molasses*—are dull and neglected. *Fruit*—A fair business for local wants has been done; Layer Raisins are if anything firmer, \$1.70 to \$1.75 being the present prices. Mr. R.'s are in small supply, and are now quoted \$1.60 to \$1.62½. *Valencias* have been sold in round lots at 7½c.; *Currants* are steady at 6½ to 6½c.; *Almonds* 13 to 15c., and for really choice lots, about 3c. more is paid; *Walnuts* and *Filberts* 9c. to 10c. *Coffee*—We cannot change late quotations, but there has been only a very limited business done.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The supply of these articles has been rather under the demand. *Hides* are now quoted 9c.; *Pelts* were all eagerly taken up at 80c. to 90c.

HARDWARE.—There has been very little change in quotations this week; the business for the last week has been limited for heavy stock. Shelf goods are in demand, and orders are coming in freely. The following are the present quotations for some of the principal articles:—Pig Iron, \$20 to \$23; Bar, from Staffordshire, \$50 to \$52; Boiler Plate, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Cut Nails, \$3.10 to \$3.25; Window Glass, \$1.80 to \$1.90.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy* is firm, without much speculative demand, and no change in price is noted. *Gin*—There has been very little business done; the feeling in the market is quiet, and it is doubted if late quotations could now be obtained. *Rum* is entirely nominal. *High Wines*—The firmness noted lately is maintained, and full prices can still be had.

NAVAL STORES.—Prices are unchanged. Turpentine is firm, at late quotations, in this market; in New York the receipts are very moderate, and holders are firm in their demands. Pitch and Tar are firm, but unchanged in price.

OILS.—Cod has been in better demand, and some considerable sales have taken place at from 55c. to 56c., with a firm market. Seal and Whale Oil are nominal at late rates; others are unchanged and very dull.

PETROLEUM.—is dull and lower; low grades have sold at 23c. to 24c., good choice samples bringing 26½c. to 29½c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Receipts, 1,819 kegs; shipments, 2,427 kegs. The principal business done this week has been at 14c. to 19c., market to day closing quiet for ordinary, 16c. to 17c.; Fine, 18c. to 20c.; Choice is scarce and enquired for at a considerable advance on these figures. *Cheese*—Receipts, 1,347 boxes; Shipments, 300 boxes—market has been quiet all week at 12c. to 13c. *Pork*—dull and heavy. There is no demand, and receipts and shipments have been almost nil, prices are without change, but as soon as the winter roads are formed a steady demand is looked for. *Tallow*—is steady at 9c. to 9½c. for rendered.

RICE.—The amount of business done has been small, and very little has been offering the present prices are, \$3.65 to \$3.95.

SALT.—Fine has been rather firmer, and is now held at 75c.; Coarse is steady, at 50c. to 53c. ex store; Factory filled, \$1.35 to \$1.45.

NOTE.—In other markets there is nothing transpiring, and navigation being closed and winter roads not yet being formed, it is not expected that much animation in any branch of trade will be visible for sometime to come.

CURRENTS.—The current crop of the Greek Islands for 1870 is officially represented as follows:—Patras, 17,000,000 ven. lbs.; Vostizza, 12,000,000; Corinth, 6,000,000, Calamata and Messenia, 6,000,000; Trifylia, 11,000,000; Pyllia, 3,000,000; Elia and Olympus, 18,000,000; Nauplia 700,000; Missolonghi, 1,500,000; Zante, 7,500,000; Cephalonia, 16,000,000. Total 93,700,000.

—The American copper mines on Lake Superior produced 23,000,000 lbs. of copper in 1870.