

tensively, but much time is being lost, owing to the variable nature of the winter, and it is feared that Canadian mill stocks, in quantity, will not come up to previous expectations. Advices from the northern woods state that although the snow is plentiful and continuous enough, the enormous crust caused by the repeated thaws and severe frost renders logging tardy and hazardous. Prices—Clear, \$22 to \$24; Common, \$9 to \$9.50; Culls, \$7 to 7.50; Shingles, No. 1, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2 to \$2.25.

PETROLEUM.—Trade is very dull, but prices are unchanged. Stocks are not very large, and holders are tolerably firm.

PRODUCE.—The market has been somewhat irregular during the past week, sympathizing to a certain extent with foreign markets, and partly influenced in perhaps a contrary direction by purely local causes. Receipts have been limited of nearly all articles, and the range of prices has been thereby kept slightly higher than it otherwise would be. **Flour.**—There have been somewhat more liberal receipts, induced, doubtless, by the late gain in prices, and the stock, which on the 1st inst. was 13,422 brls., has since further increased. The market ruled firm throughout the week at about \$5.85 to \$5.90 for No. 1 superfine; \$6.15 to \$6.25 for fancy, and \$6.50 for extra; but at the close there was less enquiry, and to effect sales some reduction would have to be submitted to. The principal sales reported were 500 brls. fancy at \$6.15; 500 brls. extra at \$6.50, and 1000 brls. superfine, for March delivery, at \$5.85.

Wheat.—The stock in store on the 1st inst. consisted of 40,132 bushels fall, and 29,892 bushels spring, with receipts since then, whether by rail or sleigh, of a very limited character. Prices have ruled firm; but toward the close, owing to a decline in the Chicago market, they gave way from 2c. to 3c. on fall; the demand from local millers for spring being sufficient to prevent any falling off in its value. Fall wheat may now be quoted at \$1.38 to \$1.40 for white down to \$1.30 for red and midge proof. Spring has had occasional buyers as high as \$1.35 for single car loads, but there is now no demand over \$1.33, holders asking \$1.34 to \$1.35.

Barley.—The receipts have not been large, but there has been little demand, and notwithstanding more favorable advices from American markets, the market has been dull and drooping, showing a decline of 2c. for the week, 62c. being the outside figure obtainable for No. 1 Northern in car loads. Stock in store on the 1st inst., 94,195 bush. **Oats.**—The market has been firm and advancing, with sales at 52 to 53c. in car loads on the track, with holders at the close asking 54 to 55c. Stock on the 1st inst., 6,585 bus.

Peas.—There has been a steady demand at last week's quotations sufficient to absorb all arrivals which have been small, and prices are firmly maintained. **Hay** is in fair supply at \$8 to \$13. **Straw.**—The supply is insufficient, commanding about \$10.

PROVISIONS.—The market has been but poorly supplied during the past week, and the demand was more than sufficient to absorb all arrivals. There has been also a good local consumptive demand for nearly all articles, and prices rule very firm. **Butter.**—Is perhaps a shade easier, but would sell readily at from 17c. to 19c. for good to choice dairy. A sale of store-packed at 14½c. was considered to have been above the market value, and previous quotations, 13c. to 14c., are continued. **Cheese.**—Is in good demand for the city trade, and prices are firm and unchanged. **Eggs.**—None in markets, and receipts insufficient to meet local wants. **Lard.**—Meets a steady enquiry for local consumption at 12c. to 12½c. **Pork.**—Has been more enquiry, but leading as yet to few transactions. A sale of one car load is reported at \$20.50 for mess. **Bacon, Hams, &c.**—Are in steady demand for city use at quotations. **Dressed Hogs.**—Receipts have continued small both by rail and sleigh, and prices have again advanced; \$3 to \$8.12½ per 100 lbs. would now be paid for heavy mess hogs, and \$7.75 to \$8 for medium weights.

It is stated that there are now not very many remaining in the country to come forward, and light receipts will probably be the rule during the rest of the packing season.

WOOL.—There has been fair enquiry for both *Fleece* and *Pulled*, with moderate receipts, quotations remaining as last quoted.

MONEY.—Sterling Exchange, 60 days sight to 75 day's date, 109½ to 109¾; gold drafts on New York ½ prem., currency drafts on New York or greenbacks, 89½ to 90; American silver, large 4 to 5; small 6 to 8 discount. Gold in New York has been more active, with prices tending upwards, and a gain was obtained during the early part of the week of about 1 per cent., closing a little lower and steady at 111½ to 111¾.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, Feb. 8, 1871.

The weather for the past week has been milder and not unfavorable to business of which in most branches, there is a fair amount being done.

ASHES.—Receipts from 1st January to 2nd February, 690 brls. pots and 226 brls. parcels; deliveries during same period pots 774 brls., parcels 326 brls.; stocks on the 3rd, pots 711 brls., parcels 604 brls. Pots are lower owing to an advance in freights. Trade has been moderate and prices close steady at \$5.90 for firsts pots; \$5.00 to \$5.10 for seconds; \$4.50 for thirds. Pearls are quiet at \$6.10 for firsts.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A fair amount of orders for future delivery are being received, but there is not much business doing at present. We quote men's coarse boots at \$2 to \$2.50; kip \$2.60 to \$3.00; calf \$3 to \$3.75; boys' stogas boots \$1.80 to \$2.00; do. kip \$1.90 to \$2; youths' coarse boots \$1.50; split brogans 80c.; lace boots 90c. to \$1.05; women's split boots 90c.; do. calf 95c. to \$1.00; do. buff balmorals \$1.10 to \$1.50; misses' split boots 80c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Remain steady and mostly nominal. Bicarb soda is worth \$3.12 to \$3.27½; Brimstone is wanted at 3½c.

FISH.—Dry Cod is firm owing to light supplies, but the demand is also small with sales at \$5.25 to \$5.50, according to quantity. Green Cod is held at \$5.75 to \$6.00, and drafts at \$8, but are scarce; Labrador herrings bring \$6.00 to \$6.25, Canse \$5.50 to \$6.00; Salmon brings \$16 in brls. and \$22.50 to \$23.50 in pieces; \$5 would be paid for white fish, but there is a scarcity; Salmon trout is worth \$4.25 to \$4.50, with sales at these figures.

FURS.—Nothing new to notice since last week.

FLOUR.—Receipts by rail 4,000 bus., total for January, 24,863 bus. against 30,866 bus. in January 1870. Stock in store on the 1st inst. 120,363 bus. against 68,821 bus. on same date of 1870. The market continues very quiet. The rather unsettled tone of American markets restricts trade, and sales are only of small amounts. The following quotations are still current: Superior Extra, \$7.20 to \$7.40; Extra, \$7 to \$7.15; Fancy, \$6.75 to \$6.90; Fresh supers, (Canada wheat) \$6.45 to \$6.55; Western States supers, in bond, \$6.25 to \$6.30; Medium strong supers, (Canada wheat) \$6.65 to \$6.70; Strong Baker's \$6.75 to \$6.85; Supers from Western wheat (Welland Canal) in bond, \$6.50; Supers, City brands, (Western wheat) in bond, nominal \$6.50; Canada supers No. 2, \$6.10 to \$6.20; Fine, \$5.50 to \$5.75; Middlings, \$5 to \$5.25; Pollards, \$4 to \$4.25; U. C. bag flour, per 100 lbs., \$3.20 to \$3.30; City bags (delivered) \$3.35 to \$3.40; Oatmeal per 290 lbs. \$5.80 to \$5.90.

TIMOTHY SEED.—Is nominal at \$4 to \$4.25 and clover at \$8 to \$9.

GROCERIES.—**Tea.**—Sales of Japans were made during the week at 37½c. to 45c., for uncolored, 57c. to 80c. was obtained for a considerable quantity of Young Hysons. In other kinds no change to note.

GRAIN.—**Wheat.**—Receipts from 1st Jan. to 1st

Feb. 700 bus. against 11,200 bus. and in hands of millers in Jan. 1870. Stock in store on the 1st inst. 299,428 bus. against 496,372 bus. 1st Feb. 1870. The market for this cereal has been dull and prices were nominal. **Corn.**—Continues steady at 80c. to 90c. per bus. of 56 lbs. duty paid. **Oats.**—The demand for oats was fully sufficient to consume all arrivals, and values were firmly sustained at 49c. to 47c. per bus. of 32 lbs. **Barley.**—A very moderate business was transacted, and prices rule steady at 63½c. to 65c. per bus. of 48 lbs. **Peas.**—Were dull but firm at 87c. to 89c. per bus. 66 lbs.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts of butter 1,104 kegs. Shipments 2,604 kegs. The market for hog product retains its customary firmness and sales are made at a trifling advance on our previous quotations. Mess pork is in very good demand at \$22 to \$22.50. Thin mess has sustained a moderate inquiry and is now obtainable at \$20 to \$21. Extra prime has changed hands at \$16 to \$17. Prime mess, and prime pork are almost entirely out of the market. Lard continues firm at 12½c. to 13c. **Dressed Hogs.**—There was an active demand for hogs, and the scarcity causes a firmer feeling. Sales are now made at \$8 to \$8.50 per 100 lbs. according to weight and quality. **Butter.**—There was a fair inquiry for butter to-day and sales transpired at 15c. to 17c. for common to medium; 18c. to 20c. for common to good; 21c. to 22c. for good to choice; and 22½c. to 23c. for choice to extra. **Cheese.**—Business was very fair to-day, and prices hold firm at 10½ to 11½c. for inferior to fair; and 12c. 13c. for good and choice. **Sugar.**—Is firmer and ½c. higher. Sales of Porto Rico at \$9.25 to \$9.37½ are reported. Ordinary to good grocery grades are held at 8½c. to 9½c. Some low grades of Scotch refined sold at 8½c. to 9c. **Molasses.**—are quiet at 21c. to 22c. for Centrifugal Muscorado 27½c. to 32½c.; Trinidad 35c. to 38c.; Barbadoes 35c. to 38c. Sales of inferior below these quotations are reported, but the terms are private. **Fruit.**—Layer raisins are pretty firm, and meet with a fair demand at \$1.62½ to \$1.65; Valentias are held in few hands at 7c. with very little doing. Little demand for other raisins. Currants are firm at 6½c. to 7c. with a moderate business doing. **Tobacco.**—Qint, Ontario leaf sells at 10c.

HARDWARE.—Many of the houses report a good business in filling orders from travellers, who are now out, but the stocks of many firms are not well assorted. Pig and bar iron and tin plates are higher, under a productive short supply before the opening of navigation. Ordinary brands of Pig range from \$24 to \$26. Scotch bar \$52 to \$54. Cut Nails \$3 10 to \$3 25.

LIQUORS.—No change in Brandy from last week. Considerable sales of Ontario Highwines at 50c.; Montreal Spirits at 50 to 55c. Gin is easier with little doing.

LEATHER.—In the Leather market, there is no change to note.

OILS.—Generally dull and neglected; small sales of Cod at 55c.; Petroleum sells at 24c. to 24½c.

RICE.—Close firm, large sales having been made at \$3.87½ to \$4.12½.

SALT.—Is dull; fine is worth 75c. and coarse 52½c. to 55c.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Edwardsburg Starch Company was held on the 18th inst., in the company's office, Montreal. The directors elected for the ensuing year are as follows:—W. Shanly, M.P., President; Peter Redpath, John Fairbairn, W. T. Benson, Warden King, and Henry J. Tiffin. The vacancy of fire manager to the London branch of the Liverpool and London and Globe, has been filled up by the appointment of Mr. Thomas Septimus Marks. Mr. Charles Willis who has been for many years in the service of the Royal, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Marks as assistant Secretary to that company in London. —*Port Magazine.*