

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7th, 1885.

After the holiday season of last week, the stock market opened on Monday with quite a little spurt of activity, and values stronger all around. Bank Montreal shares sold 187½ to 187¾, and some small parcels at 188; Ontario Bank, 106; Molson's, 111; Toronto, 176½ to 177; Commerce, 11½; Montreal Telegraph, 113. Loan and discount rates show no change; exchange 8½ to 8¼ for sixty-day bills.

Wholesale trade generally is very quiet as is only to be expected at the season, and the weather of the last several days is not at all favorable either to trade or collections in the country. The plentiful snow of Xmas has all disappeared, and rain and mud prevail everywhere through this section, an almost unheard of state of the weather at this season.

ASHES.—There is no improvement in either business or prices, and some dealers have written makers to stop manufacturing. No. 1 pots are selling at \$3.35 to \$3.40, seconds \$3 to \$3.10. Pearls nominal at \$4.75. The total receipts last year were of pots, 6,297 brls., pearls, 868 brls., being a total of 7,135 brls., against 8,693 brls. for '83.

CHEMICALS AND DRUGS.—Stock-taking, &c., still occupies the attention of most houses in these lines, and sales are not many or important just now. Prices need little revision and we quote: *Sul Soda* \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; *Bi-Carb. Soda*, \$2.50 to \$2.60; *Soda Ash* \$1.65 to \$1.75; *Bichromate of Potash*, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$10; *Borax* refined, 11 to 12½c.; *Cream Tartar crystals*, 82 to 84c.; do ground 86c. to 88c.; *Tartaric Acid crystals*, 52½ to 55c.; do. powders 55 to 58c. per lb.; *Causic Soda*, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; *Sugar of Lead*, 9 to 11c.; *Bleaching Powder*, \$2.50 to \$3.00 according to lot; *Alum* \$1.85 to \$2.00; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; *Ground Sulphur*, \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Flowers Sulphur*, sublim per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.25; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.40 to \$2.60; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$5.75 to \$3.50; *Epsom Salts*, \$1.25 to \$1.40; *Salt petre*, \$9.00 to \$9.50; *German Quinine*, about \$1.20 to \$1.30; *American do.*, \$1.30 to \$1.35; *Howard*, \$1.30 to \$1.40; *Opium*, \$4.25 to \$4.50; *Morphia*, \$2.20 to \$2.30; *Gum Arabic*, sort, 28 to 33c.; *White*, 40 to 55c.; *Carbolic acid*, 45 to 50c. *Iodide Potassium*, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per lb. *Iodine*, \$5 to \$5.50; *Iodoform*, \$7.50 to \$8.00.

DRY GOODS.—The wholesale warehouses shew signs of bustle on the opening up of new goods, &c., but as regards orders there is not very much to be said. A good many travellers got away before New Year's, and by the end of this week they will pretty well all be under way, so that next week will probably begin to show some results. City retail is naturally quiet, but the abominably wet weather intensifies the dullness. In cottons, mill stocks continue to be worked off, and are getting within narrower compass; some revision of prices is not improbable within the near future. What payments fell due on the 4th, are said to have been fairly met.

FLOUR.—Trade has been quiet, but the market is a good deal firmer than a week ago, and there are indications of a more active demand. Superior Extra is in very light supply and held at advanced figures. We quote Superior Extra, per brl., \$3.95 to \$4.00; Extra Superfine, \$3.75 to \$3.85; Fancy, \$3.60 to \$3.65; Spring Extra, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Superfine, \$3.35 to \$3.40; Strong Bakers' [Canadian], \$3.70 to \$3.80; Strong Bakers' [American], \$4.25 to \$4.50; Fine, \$3.10 to \$3.25.

FISH.—Fish is altogether neglected at the moment, and no briskness will likely set in till the Lenten demand begins, about three weeks hence. Prices are:—Labrador herrings, \$5.50; eastern shore, \$4.75 to \$5; fat July, C. B., \$5.25; dry cod, Gaspe, \$4.50; American cod, \$3.25; green cod, No. 1 being sold at \$4.00 to \$4.25; large No. 1, \$4.75 to \$5; No. 2 about \$3.25; North Shore salmon, \$14, \$13, and 12 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; British Columbia salmon, \$11; Mackerel, \$4 to \$6; lake trout \$4.25 to \$4.50.

FURS.—We note a further decline in mink, prime lots won't now average over 50c. Red

fox is improving in quality with the season, and is fetching slightly better prices. The market rules quiet as a whole, with pretty free offerings. We quote for prime furs: *Beaver*, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Bear*, \$8.00 to 10.00; do., cub, \$4.00 to 6.00; *Fisher*, \$6.00; *Red Fox*, \$1.00 to 1.30; *Cross do.*, \$2.00 to \$3.00; *Marten*, \$1.00; *Lynx*, \$2.50 to \$3.00; *Mink*, 60 to 75c.; winter *Muskkrat*, 10 to 12½c.; *Otter*, \$8.00 to \$10.00; *Raccoon*, 50c average; *Skunk*, 40 to 60c.

GROCERIES.—Many houses are busy balancing, and travellers are just about getting out on the road again. Payments rather show a falling off if anything. Sugars are a turn stronger from low point of last week by about an eighth, with an active business reported last few days. In teas there is nothing specially new; stocks of Japans are very light, and there is little doubt that any active demand will develop an advance, especially as prices here continue below New York level. Greens and blacks unchanged. In fruits, Valencia raisins remain at about 9½ to 9¾c., with very light supplies; Malaga fruit, none to be had; Sultanias in smaller compass, having been more run on owing to scarcity of Valencias, price 6½ to 7½c. Currants scarce at moment, but further supplies en route. Molasses 31½ to 32c.

LEATHER.—Few shoe manufacturers are but just now or will be till after this week, when the factory hands will begin to settle down to work again, consequently business in this line is very slack still. Dry hides are cheaper, and stocks of sole being pretty full, prices in this line show less stiffness, and we modify quotations slightly; other lines unchanged. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A* 24 to 27c., ditto, No. 2, B. A. 21c. to 25c.; No. 1, *Ordinary Spanish*, 24c. to 25c.; No. 2 ditto 22c. to 23c.; No. 1 *China* 23c. No. 2 21c. ditto *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 27c.; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; *Grained*, 34 to 38c. *Splits*, large, 28 to 30c.; ditto small, 16 to 24c. *Calfsplits* 29 to 32c. *Calfskins* (85 to 48 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; *Imitation French Calfskins*, 80 to 85c.; *Russet Sheepskin Linings*, 30 to 50c.; *Harness*, 24 to 33c.; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 11½ to 15½c. *Rough*, 28 to 28c. *Russet & Bridle*, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is really nothing doing in these lines at the moment, and quotations are absolutely unaltered. The Old Country market is described as flat and dull, with little doing, and prices believed as low as they can go. Warrants as according to latest advices about 42/3d. We quote: *Gartsherrie* and *Summerlee* \$19 to 19.50. *Langloan*, \$19.50; *Coltness*, \$19.50 to 20, and very scarce; *Eglinton*, \$17 to \$17.50; *Dalmellington*, \$17.25 to \$17.50; *Calder* \$19.00 to \$19.50; *Hematite* \$20 to \$22.50, according to brand; *Siemens*, \$19.00 to \$19.50; *Bar Iron* still \$1.70 to \$1.75; *Siemens bar*, \$2.10; *Canada Plates* about \$2.90. *Tin Plates* *Bradley Charcoal*, \$5.85 to 6.00; *Charcoal I C* \$4.60 to \$4.75 as to brand; do. I X \$6.25 to 6.50; *Coke I C*, \$4.25. *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; *Tinned Sheets*, *coke*, Nos. 24 to 26, 6½ to 7½c.; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.25; *Sheets, Boiler Plate*, per 100 lbs. *Staffordshire*, \$2.50 to \$2.75; *Steel Boiler Plate* \$3.25 to \$4.00; heads \$4.50; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 10 to 11c. *Lead* per 100 lbs.:—*Pig*, \$3.75 to \$4.00; *Sheet*, \$4.00 to \$4.25. *Shot*, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast *Steel*, 11½ to 12c.; *firm*; *Spring*, \$3.25 to \$3.50, *firm*; *Tire*, \$3.25 to \$3.50, *firm*; *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.25 to \$2.50. *Round Machinery Steel*, 3½c. per lb. *Ingot Tin*, 20 to 21c. *Bar Tin*, 24c.; *Ingot Copper*, 15 to 16c. *Sheet Zinc*, \$4.50 to \$4.75; *Spelter*, \$4.00 to \$4.50; *Bright Iron Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS.—In linseed oil matters are very flat indeed and there is not much stiffness in prices owing to want of orders, sales are made at from 57 to 59 cents, as to lot. for raw, 60 to 62 for boiled; turpentine 48 to 50c.; olive 1 05 to \$1.10 for pure; castor 9 to 9½c. per lb; steam refined seal rather firmer owing to reduced supply; cod oil as before. Paints and colors continue very dull and unchanged at following figures:—*White Lead* (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25 to 6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to 6.00; No. 2, \$5.00 to 5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. *Dry White Lead* 6 to 6½c.; *Red do.* 5 to 5½c. These prices for round lots. *London Washed Whiting* 50

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