

—Mrs. Alice Shaw is continuing her successful career in Europe whistling for money. She gets more than certain banking people who have to whistle for it in this city.—*Philadelphia Times*.

—A successful young business man of Atlanta tells this story: He said that when he was a boy he had occasion to borrow \$20 on a gold watch, and went to a bank to secure the loan. He found there a venerable gentleman who spoke very kindly to the boy, told him the bank did not lend money on watches, and referred him to a pawnbroker. Then he said slowly and earnestly: "But if I were you I would not borrow the money." "Why?" was asked by the impetuous youngster. "Because"—and every word weighed a pound—"because you will have to pay it back!" The wisdom of a lifetime was in that sentence.—*Atlanta Constitution*.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, July 15th, 1891.

ASHES.—Receipts, which in the earlier months of the year were considerably in excess of those for the corresponding months of 1890, have now declined, the figures for the last six weeks being just about equal to the same period of last year, and the increased production has evidently stopped. Some fair shipments are reported since last week, among them one lot of 57 brls. to London, and the stock in store is under 100 brls. We quote first pots at \$4.25 to 4.30; seconds, \$3.60; pearls rather easier at \$6.60 about.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The manufacturers in town in some cases report a somewhat increased volume of orders, as the crop prospects become rather more assured, but there is no very general satisfaction with the amount of business done so far. The manufacture of fall wear has not yet been gone into at all extensively, and the buying of leather has not assumed any more active phase.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business keeps up very fairly for this season. Heavy chemicals are all steady. Tartaric acid rather easier, and we reduce quotations slightly. Opium is weaker. Smyrna advices report 8,000 or 9,000 baskets collected this season, and the market already flat. Camphor is rather easier now. The demand is about over. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 27 to 28c.; do. ground, 29 to 31c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 45 to 47c.; do. powder, 46 to 48c.; citric acid, 65 to 70c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.25 to 2.40; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$5.00 to 5.50; epsom salts, \$1.65 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 35 to 40c.; German quinine, 35 to 38c.; Howard's quinine, 42 to 45c.; opium, \$3.75 to 4.00; morphia, \$1.50 to 1.70; gum arabic, sorts, 60 to 80c.; white, 90c. to 1.10; carbolic acid, 35 to 50c.; iodide potassium, \$3.75 to 4.00 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$5.75 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.50 to 3.00; oil bergamot, \$4.70 to 4.90; orange, \$3.00 to 3.50; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 18 to 22c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 70 to 75c.; American do., 65 to 70c.; insect powder, 30 to 35c.

DRY GOODS.—There is no heavy buying being done by retailers, but a fair volume of moderate orders is reported, and commercial travellers' advices as to business prospects are more cheerful. Letters from eastern Ontario, the Eastern Townships and Huntingdon district report favorable indications for grain and roots; hay seems generally short. The city retail trade is feeling the effects of the July exodus to country, mountain and seashore. No new features are to be noted in values of textiles.

GROCERIES.—Sugars are the universal topic. Orders are constant and cannot half be filled. Yellows cannot now be had under 4c., and granulated is stiff at all refineries at 4½c.

Syrups not to be got as yet. Molasses is selling at 40 to 42c. per gal.; the crop on the islands is said to be only a third of what it should be, and Montreal importations are likely to be only 5,000 to 6,000 puncheons, as compared with 12,000 puncheons, the usual figures. What new crop Japan teas have been received are well sold up, and values are very steady. Rice and tobaccos as last reported. Valencia raisins are firmer in New York, supplies having been pretty well concentrated, but the cutting continues here. Nothing new in other lines.

LEATHER.—There is not much stock coming in at the moment; supplies are reported on the moderate side in Quebec, and values are fairly steady at quotations. The English market is still reported quiet, and there is not much doing in the way of shipments in that direction just now. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B.A., 16 to 17c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, ditto, 15 to 16c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 30c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 26 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 12 to 15c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 11 to 14c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The situation is virtually the same as at last writing. Business is very quiet indeed, with no transactions of consequence in any line. Iron quotations are without change locally; the types made us quote Scotch warrants last week at 41s. 1d.; it should have read 47s. 1d., at which figure they are cabled. Yesterday, the fluctuations during the week having been only a penny or so one way or the other, makers' prices are from sixpence to a shilling lower. Bar iron is easy, and now generally sold at \$2 for Canadian. Canada plates \$3. No Terns arrived as yet, and there are absolutely none here; desirable coke tins also not to be had, and the lockout in Wales continues. Tin, copper and lead are unchanged. We quote:—Coltress, \$22; Calder, No. 1, \$21.50 to \$22; Calder, No. 3, \$20; Summerlee, \$21.25 to 21.50; Eglinton, \$19 to 19.50; Gartsherrie, \$21 to 21.50; Carnbroe, \$19.50; Shotts, \$21.50; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$18 00; No. 1, 18.50; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$18.00; machinery scrap, \$15 to 18; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2 for Canadian; British, \$2.30; best refined, \$2.50. The products of the Londonderry Iron Company we quote as follows: Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21 to 21.50; Maple bar, \$2.00; Siemens' bar, \$2.15; these figures for round lots. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$3; Swansea, none; Penn., none here. Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$8.25 to 8.50. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.60; Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I. C., \$5.00 to 5.25; do. I.X., \$5.75 to 6.00; coke I. C., \$4.65 to arrive; coke wasters, \$4.25; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5 to 6c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6¾c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron \$2.40 to 2.60 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10 to 10½c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.60 to 3.75; sheet, \$4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to 3.00; round machinery steel, \$3.25; ingot tin 22½ to 23c.; bar tin, 26c.; ingot copper, 14 to 15c.; sheet zinc, \$6.25 to 6.50; spelter, \$6; antimony, 17 to 18c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; 1 in., 4c.; 1½ in., 3½c.; 2 in., 3½c.; 2½ in., and upwards, 3c.

OILS AND PAINTS, &c.—Turpentine is again "off" a point, and is being sold at 57c. per gal. in single brl. lots; linseed oil 62 and 65c. for small lots, with concessions for large quantities; castor easier at 9 to 9½c., but shows signs of recovery; olive still very scarce indeed, and stiff at \$1.10 to 1.20 in small lots. Fish oils dull, except some little doing in steam refined seal at 48 to 50c. in small lots for mowing machine lubrication. Paris green

10 to 17c. in small packages; 15c. in bulk. Leads and glass without change. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.75; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands of Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.25. For 50-

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