

each season, and we learn an attempt will be made during the present season to export eggs to Great Britain packed in barrels, an attempt which we trust will succeed, as the prices paid here compared with those on the other side show quite sufficient margin for a remunerative profit upon any shipments made to England. We hope that care will be taken to send only first-rate eggs there however, as the experience of the butter trade shows what a damaging effect a few bad lots have upon the trade in England for any produce which cannot be relied upon.

**Flour.**—Receipts for the week 27,006 brls. There has been a fair demand during the week for all grades, a considerable business done. Most of the round lots of Superior Extra in the hands of receivers have been taken for shipment to Britain at \$5.15 to 5.25, the total sales amounting to over 60,000 brls. Strong Bakers of choice quality is scarce and commands \$5 to 5.10. Spring Extra has slightly improved in value, and good brands command \$4.65 to 4.67½.

**Freights.**—Are rather quiet, partly caused by the want of wharfage here and also by the small demand so far for general produce. Sail freight is quite nominal; steam to Liverpool 5s 1½d. to 5s. 3d.; London, 6s. 3d. to 6s. 6d. for grain. Butter and Cheese for Liverpool 35s., Pot Ashes 25s. Flour for Lower Provinces 40c.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—Receipts during the week have been large, but little has been doing. To-day the London, Liverpool and Chicago Markets have all hardened, and this induces the hope that prices will advance here, though no business was transacted on Change to-day, at all—partly in consequence of the holiday. The advance in the foreign markets is due to a continental demand, which however, may only be temporary, though we hope permanent. *Coarse Grains* are almost nominal. Peas may be quoted at 83½c. per 66 lbs.; corn 56c. to 58c.; not barley \$5 per brl. with a fair demand; Oatmeal dull of sale held at \$4.55. The demand for timothy seed has fallen off and it may now be quoted at \$3.50, nominally.

**Hops.**—Brewing for this Spring is now practically over and hops are very quiet, some few sales having been made as low as 8c. for medium. The supply in the market now is quite sufficient for the local demand. Prices range for good at 10c. to 14c.

**POTATOES.**—The local market is almost bare with a demand which has almost exceeded the supply, and as much as 75c. per bush. has been paid, though 50c. to 60c. is the price. It is expected that as soon as the farmers have finished planting, the market will recede a little, as the receipts will increase. Large sales have been made during the past week, and but little is at present coming into the market.

**PORK.**—Market rules quiet with only a light demand caused in a great measure by the inability of the vessels in harbour to clear. No sales of importance to note during the week and nearly all that has left here has gone on consignment. We quote Mess, \$22 to \$23; Thin do \$20.50 to \$21. *Hams and Bacon.*—There has been an improved demand during the last week and sales have been made more freely. Dry Salt 9c. to 10c. Fresh Smoked 13c. to 13½c. Canned 14c. to 15c. Bacon 13c. to 14c. *Lard.*—Quiet, sales only in a retail way. Tubs 13c. to 13½c. Pails 13½c. to 14c.

#### BY TELEGRAPH TO THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE via DOMINION LINE.

**Toronto, May 25.**—Market quiet but steady. Flour inactive, but value unchanged. Wheat quiet, but buyers at \$1.08 for No. 1, and \$1.06 for No. 2 Spring. Oats dull and unchanged; offering at 35c. Barley nominal. Peas steady, cargoes held at 77c. with 76c. bid. On the street Pull sold at \$1.10; Treadwell at \$1.06 to 1.08; Spring at \$1.04 to 1.06. Oats at 35c. to 37c. Barley 65c. to 68c. Peas 72c.

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#### FIRE RECORD.

St. John, N. B., May 18.—The residence of Mrs. J. Trainer, Little Ride, was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$1,000; insured for \$600.

Compton, Que., May 18.—The blacksmith's shop of Mr. McCauley was destroyed by fire. Loss about \$500; no insurance.

Uxbridge, Ont., May 19.—The third storey of the Parish Book, occupied by Mr. Wooten, photographer, was consumed by fire. The stocks in the store underneath were badly damaged by water. Loss covered by insurance.

Côte St. Paul, Que., May 20.—The upper portion of a frame building, owned and occupied by A. Beauregard as a blacksmith's forge and wagon factory, was damaged by fire to the extent of \$800. No insurance.

St. John, N.B., May 20.—The dwelling of W. Harris, Portland, was considerably damaged by fire. Insurance small.

Cobourg, Ont., May 20.—The shop of Salisbury & Humphry, occupied as a book store, express and telegraph office, was badly damaged by fire. Loss covered by insurance.

St. John, N. B., May 20.—M. Neville's house, Fredericton, was burned. Loss about \$2,000; no insurance.

Kingston, May 23.—The upper part of the Collegiate Institute took fire and was totally destroyed; insured in the Isolated Risk Insurance Company for \$3,000, which will cover the loss.

Belleville, May 23.—J. W. Wilson's barn and sheds were struck by lightning, and burned, with their contents. Loss about \$1,000; insured for \$500 in the Hastings Mutual.

Lachute, Que., May 23.—The Catholic church was totally destroyed by fire; insured in the Toronto and Beaver Insurance Companies for \$1,500. Origin of fire unknown.

Belleville, May 23.—A house adjoining the Victoria Foundry, on Pinnacle street, was slightly damaged by fire.

#### EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 25th May, 1875 and 1876.

	1875.	1876.
Ashes.....	2,941	2,332
Bacon.....	11,161	26,308
Barley.....	18	53
Butter.....	21,481	19,092
Corn.....	74,501	26,425
Cheese.....	6,438	26,521
Flour.....	54,982	43,658
Lard.....	5,804	18,924
Oats.....	98,047	192,807
Peas.....	557,452	202,834
Pork.....	2,664	4,336
Wheat.....	948,880	781,867

#### REMARKS.

Ashes.—Exports for the week, 745 brls. Pot Pearl. Decrease, 609 brls.  
 Bacon.—Exports, 672 boxes. Increase, 15,147 boxes.  
 Barley.—Exports, 48 bush. Increase, 35 bush.  
 Butter.—Exports, 689 brls. Decrease, 2,389 brls.  
 Cheese.—Exports, 601 boxes. Increase, 20,083 boxes.  
 Corn.—Exports, — bush. Decrease, 48,076 bush.  
 Flour.—Exports, 14,269 brls. Decrease, 11,324 brls.  
 Lard.—Exports, 1,218 brls. Increase, 13,120 brls.  
 Oats.—Exports, 68,014 bush. Increase, 94,700 bush.  
 Peas.—Exports, 14,772 bush. Decrease, 354,618 bush.  
 Pork.—Exports, 324 brls. Increase, 1,672 brls.  
 Wheat.—Exports, 179,473 bush. Decrease, 167,013 bush.

#### IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal from 1st January to 25th May, 1875 and 1876:

	1875.	1876.
Ashes.....	5,464	5,233
Bacon.....	—	1
Barley.....	23,688	66,537
Butter.....	15,994	12,675
Cheese.....	6,376	6,382
Corn.....	37,947	65,237
Flour.....	286,464	243,337
Lard.....	130	13,013
Oats.....	39,587	68,049
Peas.....	456,740	216,340
Pork.....	10,799	4,936
Wheat.....	856,317	1,373,387

#### REMARKS.

Ashes.—Receipts for the week, 324 brls. Pot; 7 brls. Pearl. Decrease, 231 brls.  
 Bacon.—Receipts, —  
 Barley.—Receipts, 6,126 bush. Increase, 42,849 bush.  
 Butter.—Receipts, 613 brls. Decrease, 3,319 brls.  
 Cheese.—Receipts, 853 boxes. Increase, 6 boxes.  
 Corn.—Receipts, 38,956 bush. Increase, 27,290 bush.

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