

The sales made have been only for local purposes. Shippers are very timid and make very low bids, fearing to tackle the quality offering at present. Stocks however do not accumulate as merchants have no desire to hold their receipts. The tendency at present is decidedly downwards, with prices in favor of buyers. New Cheese is quoted at 9c. to 10½c., old stock dull and slow at 4c. to 6c.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts for week are 22,501 barrels. The market, although not active, has been very firm throughout the week with prices of all grades well maintained, and in some instances a small advance having been realized over last week's quotations. The stock of white Wheat Flour has become greatly reduced, so much so that a slightly increased demand for Fancy and Extra caused by the loading of a couple of Steamers for the Lower Provinces has well nigh cleared the market. Superior Extra is held at \$5.25 to \$5.30, with sales of small lots at the outside figure. Extra has been sold at \$5.10 to \$5.15, and Fancy at \$4.80, and a choice brand at \$4.90. Spring Extra has brought from \$4.62½ to 2.45, and Superfine \$4.35 to \$4.45.

**FREIGHTS.**—During the past week there has been a very fair demand for freights which has resulted in better prices being asked and obtained by the ship owners who are now in position to claim and get 5s. 9d for sail to Liverpool grain-iron clipper or steam to London 6s. 3d. asked and accepted. Sail to Cork per order 7s. Flour 3s. for British Ports, 30c. for way Ports and principal Ports in Lower Provinces. Rates for butter and cheese have advanced considerably, and instead of 35s. 6d. to 45s. is now asked with some few exceptions for Liverpool. There have been large engagements of our clipper tonnage for Liverpool at 5s. 9d. and wooden vessels at 5s. 3d. Glasgow has been taken at 5s. 9d to 6s. Liverpool steam is held at 6s. 6d. order vessels 7s.

**HORS.**—This grain continues very quiet, as is natural, considering the season. A few sales for local demand still continue, never reaching beyond 8c. for medium. There is an ample supply in the market for all practical purposes. For good, the prices range from 10c. to 14c.

**POTATOES.**—The market this week is better supplied and the stocks in the country are more than sufficient for all demand. The great trouble just lately has been in getting them to market, as farmers have been seeding; this is now nearly over and the supply will be more ample. With regard to the shipment to the West Indies, at which we hinted last week, we hope to be in a position to give some facts and figures bearing upon it far more extensive than have been given hitherto in the Dominion, and to be able to show that profit would result from the adventure; meanwhile we advise our merchants to keep their eyes open and see what can be done in this way. In the local market, prices are unchanged and we quote 45c. to 50c. per bag 90 lbs.

**WHEAT.**—During the past week both holders and buyers have stood aloof to a large extent and to-day their views hardly harmonize. Holders do not feel inclined to give way as long as the rumours of war are afloat and buyers do not come to invest till something more like a certainty prevails, though knowing that little can be lost while much may be gained. Canadian Spring Wheat was sold during the week at \$1.13½ to \$1.14, the latter price being now bid, holders asking 1c. more. No. 2 White sold at \$1.19½ to \$1.21 the quantity of this grade is limited, being principally held by shippers. Peas have sold at 90c. to 91c. per 60 lbs. at which price they are still obtainable.

#### RAILWAY RETURNS.

**GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.**—The traffic for week ending 26th May, 1876. —Passengers, \$31,522.51; Freight and Live Stock, \$42,422.03; Mails and Sundries, \$3,751.36; Total, \$77,695.90 Corresponding week of last year, \$79,855.22. Decrease, \$1,962.32

G. MACLEAN,  
Auditor.

**MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.**—Port Hope June 5th, 1876. Statement of traffic receipts for week, from 21st to 31st May, 1876, in comparison with same period last year:—Passengers, \$2,558.58; Freight, \$5,483.80; Mails and Express, \$223.45; Total, \$8,365.83. Same week last year, \$3,270.06. Decrease, \$94.87. Total traffic to date, \$103,169.60; do. year previous, \$94,162.22. Increase, \$9,007.38.

F. WHITEHEAD,  
Secretary.

#### IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal from 1st January to 8th June, 1875 and 1876:

	1875.	1876.
Ashes.....	6,693	6,162
Bacon.....	—	82
Barley.....	23,688	66,537
Butter.....	16,834	13,927
Cheese.....	14,693	12,459
Corn.....	190,895	217,363
Flour.....	339,266	287,467
Lard.....	130	15,333
Oats.....	45,693	179,543
Peas.....	668,398	347,090
Pork.....	11,918	5,749
Wheat.....	1,409,014	2,020,908

#### REMARKS.

**Ashes.**—Receipts for the week, 256 brls. Pot, 105 brls. Pearl. Decrease, 531 brls.  
**Bacon.**—Receipts, 81 Increase 82 boxes.  
**Barley.**—Receipts, — bush. Increase, 42,849 bush.  
**Butter.**—Receipts, 551 brls. Decrease, 2,907 brls.  
**Cheese.**—Receipts, 3,485 boxes. Decrease, 2,234 boxes.  
**Corn.**—Receipts, 39,137 bush. Increase, 26,468 bush.  
**Flour.**—Receipts, 22,026 brls. Decrease, 51,799 brls.  
**Lard.**—Receipts, — brls. Increase, 15,203 brls.  
**Oats.**—Receipts, 32,476 bush. Increase, 123,850 bush.  
**Peas.**—Receipts, 17,114 bush. Decrease, 321,508 bush.  
**Pork.**—Receipts, 206 brls. Decrease, 6,169 brls.  
**Wheat.**—Receipts, 299,700 bush. Increase, 611,894 bush.

#### EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 8 June, 1875 and 1876.

	1875.	1876
Ashes.....	4,230	3,564
Bacon.....	11,273	26,928
Barley.....	18	53
Butter.....	22,038	19,881
Corn.....	151,573	111,285
Cheese.....	14,047	34,892
Flour.....	80,334	76,841
Lard.....	8,250	19,123
Oats.....	117,725	482,994
Peas.....	879,438	360,374
Pork.....	3,196	4,844
Wheat.....	1,527,229	1,241,941

#### REMARKS.

**Ashes.**—Exports for the week, 342 brls. Pot, 63 Pearl. Decrease, 666 brls.  
**Bacon.**—Exports, 550 boxes. Increase, 15,655 boxes.  
**Barley.**—Exports, bush. Increase, 35 bush.  
**Butter.**—Exports, 386 brls. Decrease, 2,157 brls.  
**Cheese.**—Exports, 5,443 boxes. Increase, 20,845 boxes.  
**Corn.**—Exports, 52,617 bush. Decrease, 40,288 bush.  
**Flour.**—Exports, 18,388 brls. Decrease, 3,493 brls.

**Lard.**—Exports, 170 brls. Increase, 10,373 brls.

**Oats.**—Exports, 223,442 bush. Increase, 365,269 bush.

**Peas.**—Exports, 73,660 bush. Decrease, 519,061 bush.

**Pork.**—Exports, 458 brls. Increase, 1,048 brls.

**Wheat.**—Exports, 208,557 bush. Decrease 285,488 bush.

#### SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

**Sailed for Montreal.**—Durham, —, Gravesend, May 13. Wilhelm Foss, Nielsen, Newport, May 13. Vaaren, Petersen, Newport, May 15. St Patrick, Sturatt, Liverpool, May 16. Tenax Proposit, Eilerisen, Greenock, May 16. Robert, Holmstedt, Greenock, May 16. Astray, Marcusen, Greenock, May 18.

**Entered out for Montreal.**—Texas (s), Laurenson, Liverpool, May 18 Lake Nepigon (s), Scott, Liverpool, May 18. Lake Megantic (s), Battersby, Liverpool, May 18.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Arrivals and Tonnage at this port, from sea, in 1875 and 1876, up to 1st June, inclusive:—**

1875—176 vessels.....126,762 tons.  
1876—205 " .....157,410 "

More 29 " 30,648 more this year.

**NUMBER of Ocean Steamers** which arrived here up to this date, and to the corresponding date last year:—

1875—28 steamers.....33,040 tons.  
1876—24 " .....31,451 "

Less 4 " 1,599 less this year.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT of Arrivals and Tonnage from the Lower Provinces up to date, and to corresponding date last year:—**

1875—31 vessels.....5,638 tons.  
1876—11 " .....4,718 "

Less 20 " 920 tons less this year.

\*The Quebec and Gulf Ports Steamship Company's steamers are included in the above.

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