

either directly or indirectly for their services or influence in obtaining insurance risks. If a bank agent or clerk may engage in the insurance business, why not in any other commercial enterprise? No doubt the banks pay their agents and clerks liberally for their services, and can very properly insist upon their devoting their undivided attention to their legitimate duties.

A BANK SHAREHOLDER.

10th June, 1881.

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, June 8, 1881.

STOCKS.	Lowest Point in Week.	Highest Point in Week.	Total Transac'n in Week.	Buyers.	Sellers.	Average Price, like Date 1880.
Montreal x.d.	194	203	5404	195	195	136½
Ontario Consolidated	100	100½	650	100	100	77½
People's	10	10	2	10	12½	
Molson's	95	95	50	94½	95	71
Toronto	156	156	25	112	114½	84
Jac. Cartier	101	102½	81	101	102½	72½
Merchants	123	126½	1362	125½	126	93½
Commerce	149½	153	1490	151	151½	123
Eastern T'ps.				119	124	
Union	97	97	5	95	96½	
Hamilton Exchange				138	138½	
Mon. Tel.	130½	133½	8235	131	131½	95½
Dom. Tel.				100	100	64
Rich. & O. Nav.	61½	63	303	61½	62	40
City Pass.		128½	100	130	130½	95½
Gas	139	141	1225	140	140½	122½
R. C. Ins. Co.				50	55	48½
Merchants x.d.						

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, May 31, 1881.

Since the date of our last the weather has been very cool, and on Sunday night there was sharp frost, which has been destructive of crops in this region, and farmers are hard at work replanting potatoes which had been killed. Business the past week has upon the whole not been encouraging, although in some lines a very fair trade for this season has been done. Sugar continues very active and we have again to note an advance in refined. The refineries are selling only for future delivery; the demand is to a great extent speculative, owing to advices regarding the crops in the West Indies. The following shows the stock of flour and grain in store here on the respective dates.

	June 1. 1881.	May 15. 1881.	June 1. 1880.
Wheat, bush	87,168	46,493	99,369
Corn "	14,981	3,629	140,300
Peas "	31,197	23,701	145,518
Oats "	65,816	17,836	38,173
Barley "			2,611
Rye "	41,598	43,421	11,322
Flour, bbls.	49,778	52,390	32,491
Oatmeal, bbls.	297	225	749

ASHES—Pots.—The demand has not been active, but receipts are not large, the market is slightly firmer and sales of firsts have been made from \$4.10 up to \$4.17½; seconds being worth about \$3.75; Pearls, there have been no transactions reported since that noted in our last report at \$6.10 to 6.12½ which is still the nominal price. Stocks at present in store are Pots 736 bbls; Pearls 69 bbls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade has meantime assumed a very quiet aspect, although the prospect for the future is considered very satisfactory prices will be maintained as all kinds of stock keep firm in price. We quote, Men's Split Boots, \$2.00 to 2.25; ditto Split Brogans \$1.00 to \$1.10; ditto Buff Congress, \$2 to 2.25, ditto Kip Boots, \$2.50 to 3.25; ditto Cowhide boots \$2.50

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CATTLE.—There was a pretty active demand yesterday for shipping cattle and a large number changed hands at \$5.50 to 5.75 per 100 lbs, while a number more were sold for the same purpose at 5½ to 5½ per lb, although drovers were asking higher prices, Calves were scarce good ones brought from \$6 to 10 each, small \$3 to 5, Sheep were scarce and only of middling quality sales reported from \$5 to 7 each. Lambs \$2.50 to 5.50 according to size, Hogs were selling at 7 to 7½ per lb.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Heavy chemicals are firmer and prices have advanced in Newcastle. A good business has been done here at our quotations which are unchanged with the exception of Quinine and Opium which are lower. We quote Bicarb soda \$3.25 to 3.50; Soda Ash \$1.70 to 1.90; Bichromate of Potash, 14 to 15c; Borax, refined, 17 to 18c; Cream Tartar Crystals, 29 to 30, ditto ground 31½ to 34c; Caustic Soda, \$2.60 to 2.45; Sugar of Lead, 13 to 14c; Bleaching Powder, \$1.60 to 1.75; Alum, \$2.25; Copperas, 90c to \$1.00 per cwt.; Flour Sulphur, \$3 to 3.25; Roll Sulphur, \$2.25 to 2.50; Epsom Salts, per 100 lbs., \$1.25 to 1.50; Sal Soda, per 100 lbs., \$1.05 to 1.15; Saltpetre, per keg, \$9.50 to 10.00; Sulphate of Copper, 6 to 7c; Whiting, 55 to 65c; Sulphate of Quinine, \$3.50 to 3.75; Opium \$7.50 to 8.00; Castor Oil, 10c per lb.

DRY GOODS.—Business this week shows a falling off as compared with last week, but it is ahead of the same time last year, most of the orders on hand have been filled, and the greater part of the travellers have returned; There is a pretty fair demand for Canadian tweeds but orders are small, buyers preferring to order as their wants are apparent, instead of buying ahead. There is no complaint about remittances. The retail traders have been doing a rushing business.

FREIGHTS.—The market for tonnage is quiet, although rather better rates are now obtainable. The latest engagements made for heavy grain to Liverpool were at 2/- to 2/6; to Glasgow 3/- to 3/3; Flour 2/- per brl. Ashes to Liverpool and Glasgow Pots 20/- Pearls 27/6; Butter and cheese 30/- per gross ton.

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