

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Aug. 31st, 1892.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average.
Montreal.....	2254	2254	56	935	2242	2274
Ontario.....	124	123	31	130	122	1104
People's rd.....	177	174	125	.....	106	157
Toronto.....	177	174	125	.....	106	157
J. Cartier.....	118	118	87	120	118	153
Merchants.....	160	160	63	161	149	133
Molson's.....	145	144	70	14	95	85
Union.....	147	146	127	148	145	108
M. Teleg.....	70	69	200	69	68	88
Rich. & Ont.....	280	229	60	231	229	184
Street Ry.....	270	205	550	207	205	208
do. new stock.....	270	205	550	207	205	208
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C. Pacific.....	89	88	1390	82	88	88
C. P. land b'ds.....				77	108	77
N. W. Land.....	162	161	255	162	161	137
Bell Tele.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montreal 4%.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

—In a letter written by Insurance Commissioner Merrill of Massachusetts, to the superintendent of the New York department, strong language is used relative to assessment-endowment concerns, thus: "There is a strange atmosphere of corruption surrounding these concerns. Nearly every one, as it reached its maturing period, was sold out by its officers for a large sum of money—in one case \$76,000—to a new gang of fellows to wreck it. Nearly a score of the old officers are now fugitives from Massachusetts; five are in the Suffolk County jail; a dozen more are under indictment by the grand jury, and the whole proceeding from top to bottom are tainted with the most outrageous fraud and rascality.

—Postal Telegraph Company's stock has advanced to 83, says the N. Y. Bulletin of Monday last, on orders from Toronto and Montreal, said to be for parties interested in the Northwestern Telegraph Company. The stock has advanced from 50 in a comparatively short time. No explanation is given, but there is a rumor of a deal with the Commercial Cable Company.

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ASHES.—Very few are coming forward, and these arrivals are not being offered. First quality pots are steady at \$3.95 to 4.00, with a slightly upward tendency owing to scarcity. Seconds, \$3.55 to 3.60. A good lot would readily bring the latter figure. Pearls still dull at \$5.25 to 5.30, being a tumble of a dollar from figures of a month ago. The stock in store at the beginning of the week was only about 150 brls. of all kinds.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICK, ETC.—There is little or no variation in values, nor any recent transactions of any account in these goods. There is, however, some question if the cholera scare may not affect prices of Belgian cement. Last week's quotations may be repeated.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—A temporary quietude in cheese is reported. Shippers consider present prices of August make too high in view of the state of the English market, and are not buying to any great extent. We quote 94 to 98c. per lb. Butter is also on the dull side, with some little accumulation of creamery in buyers' hands. Creamery is still quoted at 21 to 22c. per lb., but these are outside figures. Townships, 18 to 19c.; Morrisburg, 17 to 19c. Eggs are quoted at 11 to 12c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—It would seem that "tween season" quietude is still ruling. Some travelers will probably get away from the city again this week. The turn in remittances has not yet come, they are still backward. A few buyers have just reached England, but the bulk of them have yet to go. In domestic textiles we can hear of nothing new. Letters from European buyers will probably be to hand in a week or so.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The summer business has been up to the average, and fall orders are now beginning to come in. Citric acid is easier. Canary seed has made a strong advance, and has nearly doubled in value. Qui-

nine touched in August the lowest figures ever known, the price reaching 16c. per oz. in New York, and eight pence half-penny in London for German, but prices have recovered some-what. Opium is very much firmer in the principal centres. Old-fashioned sorts of gum arabic are again coming in pretty freely from the Sudan, and the tendency is to easier prices. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 24 to 25c.; do. ground, 25 to 28c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 38 to 40c.; do. powder, 43 to 45c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.75; 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, \$4.25 to 7.75; epsom salts, \$1.50 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.50 to 8.50; American quinine, 30 to 35c.; German quinine, 30 to 35c.; Howard's quinine, 38 to 42c.; opium, \$3.60 to 3.75; morphia, \$1.35 to 1.60; gum arabic, sorts, 35 to 50c.; white, 65c. to 85c.; carbolic acid crystals, 30 to 40c. per lb.; crude, 80 to 90c. per gallon; iodide potassium, \$3.75 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$5.50 to 6.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.75 to 3.75; oil bergamot, \$4.50 to 4.75; orange, \$3.75 to 4.25; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 17 to 20c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 60 to 65c.; American do., 55 to 60c.; insect powder, 25 to 35c.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

The stocks of grain in Montreal elevators were as under on dates mentioned:—

	Aug. 29, '92.	Aug. 31, '92.
Wheat, bushels.....	503,415	519,089
Corn ".....	18,930	14,295
Oats ".....	370,821	501,309
Rye ".....	2,369	2,259
Peas ".....	108,156	140,335
Barley ".....	65,668	89,434
Total.....	1,069,359	1,266,721

The quantity of flour in Montreal elevators on Monday last was 47,958 barrels, compared with 48,115 barrels on the previous Monday.

GROCERIES.—We quote the following extract from a letter just received from a leading New York tea house: "We have to report continued activity in Japan, with considerable transactions in the better grades. It is many years since we have seen the like of it, and in spite of strengthening prices, everything points to increased consumption. Oolong is in only fair demand, but are likely to have their turn later." We have also had communication of a letter received from a Canadian buyer at present in Yokohama, which says: "The market here keeps very firm, while quality is rapidly deteriorating. My idea is that medium and low grade goods will be wanted in the United States and Canada, and old teas will be good stock." These letters very fully confirm our remarks regarding teas of several weeks past, and very firm prices for Japan may be expected to rule. Stocks of molasses in first hands are light, and one dealer is indifferent about disposing of Barbadoes at less than 34c. per gal., though several houses in the French trade continue jebbing out single puncheons at from 31½ to 32c. per gal. Two small cargoes constitute all supplies yet to be received, and are now past due. Sugars are just as quoted a week ago. A few small lots of new Valencia raisins will be here in course of a week or so, and will cost from 6½ to 7c. in a jobbing way.

HIDES.—Business in hides is dull, not a great many offering, while there is only a moderate demand for light stock. We quote 4½ to 5c. per lb. for No. 1 green, and tanners are charged 5½c. for cured; lambskins, 5c.; sheepskins, 45 to 50c. each.

LEATHER.—The end of the month, as usual, brings a certain degree of quietness in buying, and only a few moderate sales are reported. Stocks in England are also moving slowly, and don't warrant much shipment in that direction. Locally stocks of sole are in healthy shape; there is not much movement, as some shoe houses laid in good supplies before the late stiffening in prices. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 21c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 18c.; 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 29c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 28 to 30c.; splits, large, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 38c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 16c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10 to 12c.; glove grain, 11 to 13c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Scotch warrants, which advanced to 42½d. subsequent to last report, have dropped to 42/ at last cable. Carnbroe has, however, advanced unaccountably one and sixpence, and \$18 is asked on spot; Summerlee is also firmer at \$19 to 19.50 ex-wharf, while \$20 is asked for small lots from yard. There is no Middlesboro here, nor likely to be this season. Tin is very quiet, with tendency to weakness, but quotations remain. Tin plates also dull. Enquiries have been made with view of buying some large lots, but no business has resulted, holders not being willing to meet views of enquirers as to shading of prices. A sale of a 5-ton lot of copper is reported at \$11.90. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, \$19.50; Calder, No. 1, \$19; Calder, No. 3, \$18; Summerlee, \$19 to 19.50; Eglington, \$18.50; Gartsherrie, \$19.00; Carnbroe, \$18; Shotts, \$19; Middlesboro, No. 3, none offering; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$18.75 to \$19; machinery scrap, \$15 to 16; common do., \$12; bar iron, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Canada Plates—Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.55 to 2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.00 to 7.50. Merchants' roofing, 20x28, \$13.50. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.00; charcoal I. O., \$4.00; P.D. Crown, \$4.25; do. I.X., \$5 to 5.25; coke I. O., \$3.30 to 3.50; coke wasters, \$3.15; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brand, 5c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6¾c.; tinned sheets, 5c.; No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; 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, \$2.50 to 2.80 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3 to 3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 23c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 12 to 12½c.; sheet zinc, \$6 to 6.25; spelter, \$5.25 to 5.75; American do. \$5.50. Antimony 12½ to 15c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$5.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ¼ inch, 5c.; ½ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; ¾ in., 3½ to 4c.; 1 in., 4c.; 1½ in., 3½c. ½ in., and upwards, 3c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Trading in these lines is good for the season. Lined oil is still being sold at the low figures quoted, also turpentine, but neither of these lines can well get much lower. Steam refined oil has been a little more asked for. We quote:—Turpentine 45 to 46c. per gal.; Lined oil, raw, 54c. per gal.; boiled, 57c.; olive oil, 96c. to \$1; ester, 7½ to 8c. in cases; smaller lots, 8½c.; Newfoundland cod, 48 to 45c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 45 to 47c. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.25 to \$5.50; No. 1, \$5; No. 2, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; genuine red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whitening, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.30 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.40 for second break; third break, \$3.

WOOL.—We cannot find much new in this line. Capes are quoted at 14 to 16c. per lb.; not a bale of Australian here; B.A. scoured, 32 to 37c.; domestic fleece, 17½ to 19c. A cargo of Cape is due here in a few weeks.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Sept. 1st, 1892.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The manufacturers are generally well occupied on fall goods, and in a few weeks the demand will likely be large. There is a very good average movement now going on, but at this transition period not