

its income was £38,000, nearly double the capital of the Glasgow company, £4,000 paid its own proper pensions and charities, and £5,000 went in other annual charities, including £1,000 to the widows of clergymen. Large sums went to education in all its forms, and there were large special grants, such as £20,000 to build a wing of the London Hospital, and £5,000 to furnish it. The social element was not neglected. There were not many published accounts on the subject, but in 1876 their cooks and purveyors cost them £4,055, wines £1,754, and cigars £149.

## Commercial.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, April 10th, 1895.

**ASHES.**—There were shipments last Saturday of 49 barrels of pots, and the stock stands at 117 of pots and 26 of pearls. Receipts are not any more liberal, and the figures for the month so far are considerably behind last year. Values are, perhaps, inclined to stiffen a little, but quotations are about the same, namely, \$4 to 4.10 for first pots; \$3.70 to 3.75 for seconds; pearls, \$6 to 6.10.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—In this line sorting business has been only moderate, due doubtless very largely to the backward spring. A good many manufacturers are preparing fall samples, and travellers for Pacific coast points will get away with the same about the 1st of May. It is understood that Quebec manufacturers for the jobbing trade have made a 10 per cent. advance in prices, and though no advance has yet been announced by Montreal manufacturers a revision of prices is very probable.

**CEMENTS AND FIRE BRICKS.**—A good deal of cement is moving out of store, and the business of the next two weeks will well reduce stocks in store. Quotations are for British, \$2 to 2.10; Belgian, \$1.85 to 1.95. Fire bricks are in steady demand at \$16.50 to 22 per thousand.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—There is a quiet shipping movement in cheese, some 11,500 boxes having gone forward by Canadian steamers last week. Local business is very quiet, and best grades are quoted nominally at 9½ to 10c. In butter there is a steady jobbing demand for fresh made goods, which keeps the market pretty well cleaned up; we quote new creamery 21 to 22c.; Townships dairy, 18 to 20c., and fresh western 14 to 15c. per lb.; old sorts dull and neglected. Eggs fairly steady at 14c. per doz. for new laid.

**DRY GOODS.**—Retail payments on the fourth of the month were not so well met as they were on the 4th of February and March respectively, and in several cases reported to us were rather below an average. General remittances also continue poor. The heavy rains of the early part of the week have rather interfered with the active business city retailers look for just before Easter, by keeping shoppers at home. There seems to be a firming up in values in Europe. We have already noted an advance in some lines of silks and a tendency to stiffness in woollens, and a letter by last European mail reports an advance of ten to fifteen per cent. in Swiss embroideries.

#### MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

	April 1, '95.	April 8, '95.
Wheat, bushels.....	496,914	482,932
Corn, ".....	545	2,412
Oats, ".....	199,119	199,016
Rye, ".....	5,076	5,076
Peas, ".....	106,731	104,623
Barley, ".....	1,622	1,438

Total grain.....	810,007	795,497
Flour.....	19,043	19,380
Buckwheat.....	14,686	16,679

**GROCERIES.**—While there is a fair distribution to rail points, travellers' letters show that traffic with interior districts is very difficult, owing to breaking up of the roads. On the whole, therefore, the aggregate of business is just moderate. In prices we have nothing new whatever. There is a steady outgo of sugars at the continued low prices, 3½ cents per pound being the regular refinery quotation for granulated, though large lots are shaded one-sixteenth; yellows range from 2½ to 2¾c. per lb. Ceylon and Indian teas are cabled a little easier in London. On spot Japans rule steady.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—There is continued scarcity of hide stock, and light and heavy are

both being bought at 6 to 6½c. per lb., while some dealers are not apparently anxious sellers, even at 7½c. Heavy hides, which were rather dull, are in better demand. Calfskins are steady at 6c., and lambskins at 10c. per lb. Sheepskins 65c. each. Tallow continues dull and weak, and 5c. per lb. is now about the highest figure obtainable.

**LEATHER.**—Cheap lots of leather are all picked up and an all-round advance may now be said to be fairly established, though said advance is not at all in proportion to the advance in price of hides. Letters from tanners to their agents here are daily being received with instructions to hold stock. For light upper 30 cents per lb. is now being asked, and 28 to 30c. for Scotch grained. Best western splits are held at 18 to 20c.; harness, 20 to 25c.; heavy buff, 14c.; and rough, 18 to 20c. For No. 1 slaughter sole as high as 23 cents is quoted, in small lots.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—A moderate trade is being done in shelf hardware, but in iron and heavy metals generally the demand shows no turn for the better. Prices of Scotch pig iron have been amended owing to the approach of the opening of navigation, though apparently no stocks of any consequence are expected by first boats. Summerlee is now quoted lower at \$20.50, Carnbroe \$18.50, and Eglinton \$18.50 per ton. Domestic pig is quoted at old rate. Bars are selling at \$1.55 to 1.60. The nail men have had several recent meetings, and have apparently patched matters up again, quotations now being \$2.10 in ten-keg lots; car-lots ten cents less, freight paid up to 25c. a hundred. Tin plates continue easy in price; ingot tin continues to stiffen in England according to the cable, but stocks are large and with little demand; the local price does not advance, 16 to 16½c. being about the quotation. Lead and copper are without change.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—A material advance in the prices of window glass is not improbable, as advices from Belgium are rather serious in tone. No glass is being made in the Charleroi district, 4,000 men having gone out on strike on the 1st inst., and a cable reply received on Monday to an enquiry for quotations, shows an advance of 20 per cent. Sales are still being made by the trade generally at \$1.20 and \$1.30 for first and second break, with a concession for moderate lots, but it is said that some hardware dealers have been quoting at \$1.10 and \$1.20. Turpentine has eased off some 5 or 6 cents per gal. in the South, but all the stock here has been bought at the high prices, and local quotations are still unchanged. Linseed oil is steady, and scarce on spot. Dry lead, both white and red, is reported firmer in Europe. We quote:—Turpentine 54 to 55c. per gallon for single brls; two to four barrels, 53 to 54c. Linseed oil, raw, 56c. per gallon; boiled, 59c.; 5-barrel lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6c.; single cases, 6½c.; tins, 6½c.; Nfd. cod, 38 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 38c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 38 to 40c. per gal. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 1, \$4.25 to 4.50; No. 2, \$4 to 4.25; No. 3, \$3.75 to \$4; dry white lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; genuine red do., 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, \$1.75 in bulk, \$1.90 in bladders, \$2 in

tins; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; Paris green, 12½ to 13c. in bulk, 13½ to 14c. in small packages; window glass, \$1.20 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.30 for second break; third break, \$2.80.

### TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, April 11th, 1895.

**DRY GOODS.**—We have made a careful canvass of the leading dry goods jobbers and conclude that the volume of trade during the spring season has been fully 5 per cent. in advance of the movement in the spring of 1894. When we take into account the fact that prices average probably 10 per cent. less than they did last spring, this is a very satisfactory showing. Orders, however, have it is thought not been filled in excess of requirements, and a good, steady sorting-up trade is expected.

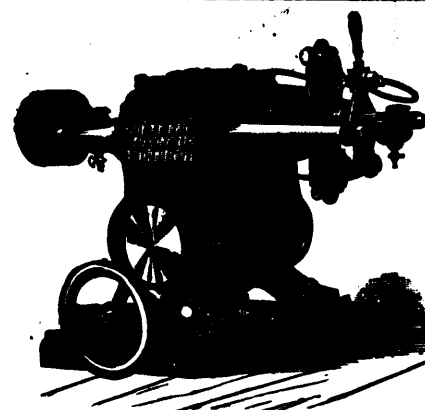
**GRAIN.**—The wheat market is very firm. Last week we reported an advance of several cents per bushel, and while the same degree of strength has not characterized trade this week, an advance of 2c. has been made in Ontario

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