

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, July 4th, 1876.

Two holidays during the week has tended to curtail business very much, but notwithstanding, any slight improvement which has taken place lately has been maintained, and in the boot and shoe trade the fall business has opened with a good deal of activity, and with fair prospects of a satisfactory seasons business being done. Dry Goods have been quiet, but some improvement in remittances has to be noted. Drugs and Chemicals; business has slightly improved but prices are still unsatisfactory. In ashes a large business has been done during the week, prices keeping steady. Breadstuffs have not been largely dealt in, and prices upon the whole favour buyers. The stocks of Flour and Wheat in store on the 1st inst., are considerably under that held on the 15th ult, and in excess of the stocks on the 1st, July 1875.

The weather during the week has been very warm, and a good deal of rain has fallen, dry weather is anxiously looked for by gardeners and Farmers.

**ASHES.**—*Pots.*—With a good demand and large arrivals an extensive business has been done during the past week, prices have kept very steady at \$4.00 to \$4.05, for firsts, a few choice tares bringing 2½c, over our outside quotation, seconds are nominal at \$3.10. No thirds offering. *Pearls.*—The demand for this description of ash is light only a few sales transpiring of firsts at \$5.00. The stocks at present in store are Pots 4833 brls; Pearls 1110 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—The spring trade is now over, and the fall trade has opened with much more animation than was expected. Prices continue much the same as last reported. Men's kip boots \$2.50 to 3.00; do. French calf \$3.00 to 3.75; do. Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do. split Brogans 90c to \$1.25; do. kip; do. \$1.30 to 1.50; Boy's split Brogans 75c to \$1.00; do. Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to 1.50; Womens Buff and pebbled Balmorals \$1.15 to 1.80 do.; prunella Bals. 75c to \$1.75 do. do. Congress 75c to 1.75; Misses Buff and Pebbled Balmorals 90c to \$1.15; do. prunella Bals. and Congress 70c to \$1.25.

**CATTLE.**—The market yesterday was well supplied with distillery fed cattle, but the demand was very moderate and prices were the turn easier than last week the sales reported arranged from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per 100 lbs. live weight. Some bulls sold at \$4.37½ per 100 live weight. *Hogs.*—There were very few offering those sold brought \$6.50 per 100 lbs. No Sheep or Lambs in the market.

**DRY GOODS.**—The only feature of any interest to report this week is some slight improvement in remittances, but as usual at this season the business doing is very small and quietness reigns all over. Canadian woollens are asked for, and a moderate business has been done in them. Clothing has been more active and fair sales have been made for shipment, especially to the lower provinces.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—If anything the demand during the week has slightly improved, but it is still difficult to place large lots of any article on our list at prices satisfactory to importers. We make a few slight changes on some of our quotations. *Bi Carb* is firm \$3.40 to 3.60. *Sal Soda* \$1.20 to \$1.50; *Soda Ash* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Caustic Soda* \$3.00 to 3.12½; *Bleaching Powder* 2 to 2½c *Alum2* to 2½c; *Copperas* 1½ to 2c; *Blue Vitrol* 7 to 8c; *Epsom Salts* 2; *Saltpetre* \$7.00 to 7.50. *Sulphur* \$3.00 to \$3.50 *Cream Tartar Crystals* 27c, to 28c do. *Ground* 28c to 29c; *Madder* 10c to 12c; *Borax*, 14½c.

**RAW FURS.**—Business just now in this trade is quite at a stand still, few if any skins have been coming in, but dealers are still disposed to pay our present quotations. We quote *Beaver* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Black Bear* \$6.00 to 10.00; do. cubs \$3.00 to \$6.00; *Fisher*, \$6.00 to 8.00; *Silver Fox* \$25.00; *Cross Fox* \$2.00 to 5.00; *Red Fox* \$1.40 to 1.50; *Lynx* \$1.50 to 1.75; *Labrador Dark Martin* \$7 to 8; *Pale Martin* \$1.25 to 1.50; *Prime Dark Mink* \$2.00 to 0.00; *Dark 2nd Mink*, \$1.00 to 0.00; *Fine Dark Otter* \$6 to 8; *Fall Muskrat* 12 to 15c; *Winter do.* 18 to 20c; *Spring do* 25 to 00c *Raccoon* 25 to 00c; *Skunk* 20 to 50c.

**FISH.**—The market is very bare of all kinds of fish, and until the arrival of the new catch very little activity is looked for. Meantime there is hardly any inquiry. *Dry Cod* is quiet at \$5. *Green Cod* is out of stock, as is also the case with *Labrador Herring*. *Salmon* has been asked for to a limited extent at \$13, \$12 and 11, for No. 1, 2 and 3 respectively.

**FREIGHTS.**—Engagements have been few and rates show very little change. Heavy grain per steamers to Liverpool 6s. to 6s. 3d. and 6s. for oats; to Glasgow by steamship, heavy grain 6s. 3d. to 6s. 6d.; for orders small vessels command 6s. 6d. to 7s.

**FLOUR.**—The stocks in store and in millers' hands on the morning of the 1st instant were 68,032 brls., against 77,079 brls. on the 15th ultimo, and 60,523 brls. on the 1st of July, 1875. Receipts during the past week 27,055 brls. Total receipts from Jan. 1 to date, 366,122 brls., being a decrease of 35,499 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875; shipments during the week 21,021 brls: total shipments from 1st January to date 222,882 barrels, being an increase of 5285 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1875. The two holidays during the past week has rather interfered with this branch of trade, which has been quiet with a tendency to weakness, especially in extra flour. The quantity which changed hands did not exceed much over 5000 barrels. The market to-day was rather more active, prices keeping steady at our quotations, about 5,000 brls. changing hands. *Superior Extra* \$5.25 to 5.30; *Extra Superfine* \$5.07½ to 5.10; *Fancy* \$5.00 to 0.00; nominal *Spring Extra* \$4.65 to 4.70; *Superfine* \$4.25 to 4.55; *Strong Baker's flour* \$4.80 to 5.00; *Fine* \$3.75 to 3.85; *Middlings* \$3.35 to 3.50 *Pollards* \$2.75 to 3.00; *City Bags* \$2.45 to 2.50; *Oatmeal* dull at \$4.40 to 4.60; *Cornmeal* 3.00 per b.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 440,067 bushels, against 530,836 bushels on the 15th ult. and 251,116 bushels on the 1st of July, 1875. Receipts during the past week, \$269,951 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date, 2,799,332 bushels, being an increase of 429,893 bushels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875. Shipments during the week 397,399 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date 2,064,778, being an increase of 228,037 bushels. During the past week our grain market has been dull and inactive. In the early part Canada spring was sold at \$1 12; market closing nominal at \$1 10 to 1 12. *Peas.*—The demand is improving, and a good deal has changed hands at 90c, market closing steady at that figure. *Oats.*—There has been little done during the week, and at the close of the market our quotation of 35c for mixed was nominal. *Barley.*—Nominal at 55 to 66c for Lower Canada.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—Trade is if anything slightly better, but still sales are small and only of the best grades of Japans, which are now very scarce, but the first importations of the new crop are now close at hand; the prices of Japans are still very unsettled; for the finest grades from 40 to 50c is asked, but to move a large lot considerably less would have to be accepted.

There has been rather more doing in Black Teas from 25 to 50c. *Coffee.*—This market has been slightly firmer but the demand continues to be very light, the improvement in New York has caused holders here to advance their views, who are now asking for Java 30 to 32c, at which sales have taken place. Maracaibo 21 to 23c; Singapore 26 to 28c; Jamaica 20 to 22c, sales at 21c. *Sugar.*—American granulated is scarce and only small lots have been selling at an advance of ¼ to ½c on last weeks prices; Scotch refined is coming to hand more liberally and fair sales from 7 to 8c have been made according to quantity; Raw is quiet at 6½ to 7c. *Molasses.*—A little more demand has been experienced this week, but there is no change to note in the quotations of last week. *Syrups.*—Golden 44 to 46c; Amber 62 to 65c. *Rice.*—In fair demand at \$3.55 to 3.75 according to quality. *Spices* are still dull of sale and the movement during the week has been very small. *Black Pepper* 10½c; *Cloves* \$37½c; cloves 70c to \$1.00 according to sample; *Mace* \$1.10 to 1.20; *Ginger* 19 to 20c; *Fruit.*—The stock of Fruit is now well run down and prices generally rule firm; *Layer Raisins* \$2.20 to 2.30; *Sultanas* are in good demand at 13 to 14c; and *Valencias* at 7½ to 8c; *Currents* are firm at 6½ to 7c; *Turkey Figs* 12½ to 13c; *Walnuts* 7½c; *Almonds* 10½ to 12½c.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—Nothing of any consequence doing; prices generally unchanged, except Lambskins, on which we note the usual monthly advance. We quote No. 1 *Hides* \$6.00; No. 2 ditto \$5.00; No. 3 ditto \$4.00; *Lambskins* are taken at 45 to 50c each; *Calfskins* 8c per lb.

**LEATHER.**—Demand for the week has been but small; receipts moderate, and stocks are well assorted. *Spanish sole* remains about the same, and prices still favour buyers. *Upper* has very little call, and prices are nominally unchanged. *Measured Leather* is in a little better demand, mainly for prime stock. We quote *Hemlock Spanish sole* No. 1 B. A. 21 to 22c; do. No. 2 18 to 19c; No. 1 *Orinoco* 21 to 22c, nominal; No. 2 ditto 18 to 19, nominal; *Zanibar Spanish sole* No. 1 20 to 00c; do. No. 2 16 to 17c; *Buffalo sole* No. 1, 18 to 20c; do. No. 2, 16 to 18c; *Hemlock slaughter* 22 to 23c; waxed upper light and medium 30 to 35c; do. heavy 28 to 32c; grained upper 32 to 35c; splits large 23 to 28c; do. small 12½ to 20c; *Calfskins* 30 to 36 lbs, 55 to 75c; do 20 to 29 lbs 50 to 65c; *sheepskin linings* 20 to 30c; *harness* 21 to 26c; *buffed cow* 13 to 16c per ft.; *enamelled cow* 17 to 18c; *patent cow* 17 to 19c; *pebbled cow* 12c to 15c; *rough leather* 22 to 23c.

**NAVAL STORES.**—The tone of the market is unchanged. *Spirits of Turpentine* continue to move at 42½ to 45c, according to size of lot; *Rosins* are inactive at \$3.00 for strained; \$3.25 for No. 2; \$3.50 for No. 1; and \$4.00 to 6.00 for pale to extra. *Pine Tar* and *Pitch* are purely nominal at \$3.50 to 4.00. *Roofing Pitch* \$2.75 and *Coal Tar* \$2.75.

**OILS.**—The market just now is pretty well stocked with with most kinds of oil, and there has been a good demand for *Cod* and *steam refined Seal* at our quotations:—*Cod oil* 65c. *Seal*, pale, 52½c; ditto, straw, 47½ to 50c; do. *Steam refined* 55c; *Manhadden oil* 35c; *Crude Whale* 50c; *Linsseed Boiled* 56 to 58c; do. *Raw* 51 to 53c, market firmer. *Olive oil* 90c \$1.00; *Petroleum* is quiet. *Carloads* 26½c; *Part cars* and single barrels 27½ to 30c. *Palm oil* 8½c to 9c.

**PROVISIONS BUTTER.**—Receipts during the week 1418 kegs; Shipments 369 kegs—holidays have caused a diminished trade while the tendency of the market since the date of our last report has been towards easier prices 16½ to 20c being now the range market closing steady. *Cheese.*—Receipts during the week 11,146 boxes; Shipments 12,110 boxes, very little doing just