

pany, as the representative of the Reserve Mutual Life Insurance Company, was recently in court, asking for an injunction to restrain three parties, who fraudulently, it is stated, insured the life of a man suffering from consumption, from suing out the amount of the policies. The Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., has recently been mulcted in \$10,000 and costs, in the case of Grace Hoole, who sued for the amount of her husband's policy.

COSMO.

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, April, 22, 1873.

The state of the River has been the absorbing topic during a great part of the week, and up till Friday night fears were entertained of our having one of the heaviest floods which has occurred for a long time, but fortunately the ice opened below the city causing the water to fall sufficiently to prevent any damage in the lower parts of the city. The river above the bridge is quite open and opposite the city there is a wide channel clear of ice, and all the floating ice is going away gradually there will however to all appearance be a heavy deposit of ice left on the wharves. The water has been let out of the canal for repairs, and all the river crafts which wintered there are busy preparing to commence operations as soon as the water is again allowed into the canal which is expected early next week.

Business has been very dull most part of the week, many of the wholesale houses having been kept anxiously looking after goods to get them in a safe place in the event of a flood, but now that all fears on this score are over, an active trade in all branches of business is looked for. Weather clear but cool.

**ASHES.—Pots.**—Receipts of ashes have been very liberal and the demand for the season has been good, prices realized have been rather under last weeks quotations. For firsts the highest price paid was \$6.85 declining to \$6.65 to 6.70, at which prices the market closes; seconds sell from \$5.90 to 6.00 and thirds \$5.30. **Pearls.** Receipts continue very limited sales reported were at \$9.25 for firsts; second are nominal at \$8.25. The stocks at present in store are pots 946 brls; pearls 254 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Manufacturers are now devoting their attention to getting orders made up and ready for shipment by the first vessels. Nothing doing for the local trade at present which is pretty well supplied. A heavy business is looked for within the next week or two, when possibly there may be some change to note in quotations, which at present are unaltered, we do not repeat them next week.

**CATTLE.**—The large demand for first quality cattle noted last week cleared the market of this class of stock, but there was a good demand this week although prices realized were considerably under last weeks quotations, but as the quality was inferior the price is considered fair. Sales are mostly made at \$6. to 7.50 per 100 lbs. dressed weight. **Sheep and Lambs** are in limited supply, sales at \$4.50 to 6.00—higher prices for single extra good animals.

**DRY GOODS.**—On the whole business this week has been quiet, very few buyers being at present in town, and spring trade is pretty well over, the opening of navigation will cause a reaction in trade to places not reached by the Railways. Clothing is in good demand especially for light fabrics for summer wear.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Orders for shipment on the opening of navigation are coming in and a brisk trade is expected, meanwhile business is

rather dull and quotations are to a great extent nominal. **Alum** 2½c. **Sal Soda** is firmer, holders now asking 2½c; **Soda Ash** unchanged at 3½c; **Bi Carb** is scarce and dearer \$5.80 to 6.00. **Epsom Salts** 1½ to 2c; **Sulphur** 3½ to 3¾c; **Bleaching Powder** on the spot is obtainable at 3¾c; and for the same to arrive 3½ to 3¾c is asked. **Saltpetre** \$10.50 to 11.50; **Borax** 28 to 30c; **Blue Vitriol** 7 to 8½c; **Cream Tartar.**—Crystals 28 to 30c; **Arrowroot** 13 to 15c; **Sago** 5½ to 6c. **Indigo** 60 to 72½c.

**FISH.**—Very little demand at present in this branch of trade. **Dry Cod** has been sold in round lots at \$4.75, smaller parcels sold at \$5.00; no green cod in the market, salmon in light request at \$15 to 15.50. Not much doing in Labrador herrings which are scarce and firm at \$3.50 to 3.75. Canso split herrings and Mackerel are out market at present. Very little animation is looked for in this market till the arrival of some vessels from the lower ports.

**FURS.**—There is no business of any consequence doing here at present and prices generally are quiet, and it is possible ere long lower prices will rule, as the high prices in England, have checked consumption there, and consequently lower prices are looked for, meantime we continue to quote:—Beaver \$2.00 to 2.50 per lb; black bear, \$10.00 to 12.00; fisher, \$6 to 7; silver fox, \$25 to 50; cross fox, \$2 to 5; red fox, \$1.50 to 1.60; lynx, \$1.75 to 2; dark marten, \$5 to 7; pale marten \$2 to 2.50; dark mink, \$3 to 4; mink, dark, 2d \$1.50 to 2; fall muskrat, 8c. to 10c winter do., 13 to 15c; spring do., 20c; racoon, 40c to 50c; skunk, 25c; otter, \$10 to 12.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts for the past week 5000 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date, 136,028 brls, being an increase of 18,539 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1872. This market has been very dull and inactive all week, and business has been confined almost entirely to the wants of city dealers, no transactions for future delivery are transpiring. Prices have had a slight downward tendency, although quotations do not as yet exhibit much change, but as stocks at distributing points are large and the demand for England and the continent is not expected to be heavy, while a light money market may render it impracticable to carry over large stocks, we anticipate a very decided reduction in prices soon. To-day there was rather more enquiry for flour, and the market closes steady as follows:—Extra \$6.90 to 7.20; Fancy \$6.50 to 6.60; Ordinary supers from Canada wheat \$5.85 to 5.90; Strong Bakers Flour \$6.00 to 6.20; Canada super No. 2 \$5.60 to 5.70; Fine \$4.90 to 5.00; Middlings \$4 to 4.25; Pollards \$2.75 to 2.85; Upper Canada Baggas \$2.80; Oatmeal in good demand at \$5 to 5.25 according to quality; Cornmeal \$3 to 3.15.

**GRAIN.—Wheat.** Receipts for the past week 1,050 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date 112,780 bush., being an increase of 54,125 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1873. We have heard of nothing doing in this grain until yesterday, when a sale of Toronto spring for May delivery was reported at \$1.37½. Other descriptions of wheat are as yet nominal, but as the opening of navigation is now at hand, some activity is now looked for. **Maize.**—Market is steady, but very little doing at 57½ to 60c per car load. **Pease.**—A good deal of firmness is exhibited in this grain and last weeks quotation of 82½ to 85c is fully maintained. **Oats.**—Rather more doing this week having being sold at 30c. **Barley.**—Quiet and easier at 45 to 55c. **Timothy seed.**—In small supply, market very firm at \$3.25 to \$3.40. **Clover seed** 10c per lb. **Flax seed** unchanged. **Pot Barley** \$5.75. **Pearl Barley** \$10.

**GROCERIES.—Teas.**—We give the following as the quotations of to-day, common to good Japan 20 to 40c; fine to choicest 45 to 60c; Young

Hysons 30 to 85c; Gunpowders 40 to 90c; Imperials 30 to 80c; Twankay 25 to 40c; Congou and Souchong 20 to 27c; Oolong 30 to 50c, the market just now is quiet, and holders are very firm in their demand at the above prices. Stocks at present are large and it is believed that to effect sale a reduction in price will have to be made. **Coffee.**—Very little doing in any kind except Java and Singapore, the former at 22 to 24c and the latter at 19 to 20c; **Spices.**—Market quiet, and sales of some kinds have been made at a reduction on late rates. Pepper is still scarce and held for 17 to 17½c; Pimento 7 to 7½c; white pepper 37½ to 40c; Jamaica ginger 19 to 22c; Cassia 21½ to 23c; Cloves 24 to 26c nutmegs 80c to \$1.00; **Sugars.**—This market just now is very dull no transactions in raw are transpiring, tendency of quotations in sympathy with New York are downward but are in the meantime nominal. Refined sugars are quoted, dry crushed 11 to 11½c; crushed A. 11c; yellow refined 8½ to 9½c; **Molasses.**—Are without activity and quotations are somewhat nominal. Barbadoes 38 to 40c; Muscovado 27½ to 30c clayed 24 to 26c; Centrifugal 22c golden syrup 44c amber syrup 72c; **Rice** is a shade easier ruling prices being from \$4.25 to 4.40. **Fruit.**—There has been a good demand for layer raisins at \$1.57½ at which large quantities could be sold but holders are firm asking \$1.60 to 1.65 according to size of lots. Valencias are dull at 5c for round lots, a shade less would be accepted. Currants 6½ to 6¾c. Some expected to arrive by early ships are offered for 6c; Figs are firm and held at 11½ to 13c; no nuts in the market. Almonds 11 to 13c.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—Market is unchanged in prices but just now there is very little business doing.

**HARDWARE.**—As is usual immediately preceding the opening of navigation the amount of business doing is rather small compared to what it was some little time ago, still there has been a moderate demand for articles in this iron bars are said to be selling just now under the price of importation and stocks are pretty well reduced. Pig iron is still in demand for the American market—from present aspect of the English market it is quite possible that prices of general hardware may decline, and buyers should be careful about laying in heavy stocks for some time to come. Our revised quotations are for **Pig Iron**—Coltness, none in market. Gartsherrie, \$48.00 to 50.00; Summerlee \$48.00 to 49.00; Glengarnock, \$47 to 48; Laug loan, \$47 to 48.00; Eglington, \$44 to 45; Clyde, \$43 to 44; Hematite, \$49 to 50. **Bars.**—Scotch or Staffordshire, \$70 to 75; best refined, \$80 to 85; Swedes, \$100 to 120. **Hoop and Band,** \$5 to 6.00. **Sheets,** \$6 to 7.50. **Plates.**—Best, \$5 to 7; Lowmoor or Bowling, \$9 to 10. **Nails.**—Cut, 12lbs to 7 inch \$5.00; ditto 6 to 10 lbs \$5.25; ditto shingle 2½ to 5 lbs \$5.75; ditto lath 2 lbs \$6.25 to 6.50; pressed, \$7. to 11.00; pressed spikes, \$6.50 to 7; **Canada Plates.**—Hatton, \$7.25 to 7.50; Swansea, \$7.75 to 8; Crown \$8 to 8.25. **Tin Plates.**—Charcoal IC, \$12.50 to 13.00; ditto IX, \$14.50 to 15.00; coke, IC, \$11.50 to 12. **Sheet Lead,** \$7.25 to \$7.50; pig lead, \$6.50 to \$7.00; shot lead, \$7.00 to \$7.25. **Zinc.**—Spelter, \$6.50 to 7; sheet, \$7.75 to 8.25. **Galvanized Iron,** 12c to 13½c. **Cast Steel,** 14c to 16c; spring do., 6c to 7c; sleigh shoe, 6c to 6½c. **Window Glass.**—For good 4th quality, under 25 united inches, \$3; to 40 inches, \$3.20; to 50 inches, \$3.50 nominal.

**LEATHER.**—Some of our wholesale houses have been doing a large business in sole leather during the week, some are also preparing to ship largely to England as soon as ships are ready. Late accounts from that market repeat prices to have a downward tendency stock here at present are ample for the requirements of trade, but they are not accumulating. Our price list exhibits very little change since last week:—Spanish sole, No. 1 26 to 27c