

### III.—THE PROVISION TRADE.

#### PORK, BEEF, &c.

The stock of Pork and Beef on hand at beginning of 1865 was 4,425 barrels, against 5,600 barrels in 1864, and 17,000 barrels in 1863. Receipts by Grand Trunk Railway in 1865, amounted to 8,904 barrels; by Lachine Canal, 13,339 barrels; by other channels, 491 barrels;—total, 22,734 barrels. The receipts in 1864 amounted to 39,204 barrels; decrease last year, 16,470 barrels, or 42 per cent.

Shipments by River St. Lawrence, in river trade, 6,234 barrels; in sea-going vessels, 1,834 barrels; by Grand Trunk Railway, 6,132 barrels; by Lachine Canal, 4,424 brls.;—total, 18,624 barrels. The receipts, shipments, &c., of 1865, may be thus summarized:—

Stock of Pork and Beef on hand at beginning of 1865.....	4,425 barrels,
Receipts by all channels during the year.....	22,734 "
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>27,159 "</b>
Deduct stock on hand 31st Decr., 1865.....	2,325 brls.
Deduct reported shipments.....	18,624 "
	<b>20,949 "</b>
Leaving unaccounted for.....	6,210 "

The weight of Pork, in carcase, brought into Montreal by Grand Trunk Railway in 1865, was 2,146,201 lbs., or about 10,731 carcasses; in 1864, 2,021,115 lbs., or 10,150 carcasses; and in 1863, 2,715,421 lbs., or 13,580 carcasses.

#### Comparative Prices of Pork in 1865 and 1864.

DATE OF QUOTATIONS.	1865						1864					
	MESS.		PRIME MESS.		PRIME.		MESS.		PRIME MESS.		PRIME.	
	\$ c.	@ \$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	@ \$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
January...13	18.50	.. 19.00	...	...	...	...	13.75	@ 14.00	...	...	...	...
.....27	19.00	.. 19.50	...	...	...	...	14.50	.. 15.00	...	...	...	...
February..17	19.75	.. 20.00	15.00	...	14.00	...	15.25	.. 15.50	...	...	...	...
.....24	19.75	.. 20.00	15.00	...	14.50	...	16.00	..	13.00	...	12.00	...
March.....17	20.75	.. 21.00	15.00	...	14.50	...	16.00	..	13.00	...	12.00	...
.....31	20.25	.. 20.75	15.00	...	14.50	...	16.00	.. 16.25	13.00	...	12.00	...
April.....13	20.00	.. 20.50	15.00	...	14.50	...	16.00	.. 17.00	14.00	...	13.00	...
.....28	20.00	.. 20.50	16.25	...	15.50 @ 15.75	...	17.00	.. 18.00	...	15.50 @ 16.00	...	...
May.....12	22.25	.. 22.50	17.00 @ 17.25	...	16.00 .. 16.50	...	17.00	.. 18.00	16.00	...	16.00	...
.....26	21.50	..	17.25 .. 17.75	...	16.00 .. 16.50	...	18.00	..	16.00 @ 16.50	...	16.00	...
June.....16	20.00	.. 20.50	17.25 .. 17.50	...	16.25 .. 16.50	...	18.00	.. 18.25	16.75	...	16.00	...
.....30	20.00	.. 20.50	17.25 .. 17.50	...	16.25 .. 16.50	...	18.50	.. 19.00	16.75	...	16.00	...
July.....14	20.00	..	17.00 .. 17.25	...	16.00 .. 16.25	...	18.50	.. 19.00	16.50	...	16.00	...
.....28	21.00	.. 22.00	17.00 .. 17.25	...	16.00 .. 16.25	...	18.00	.. 18.50	16.75	...	15.75	...
August.....18	23.00	..	...	...	...	...	18.00	.. 18.25	...	15.75 .. 16.00	...	...
.....25	23.00	..	...	...	...	...	17.50	.. 18.00	...	15.75 .. 16.00	...	...
September..15	23.00	..	18.50	...	...	...	17.00	.. 17.50	...	15.75 .. 16.00	...	...
.....29	24.50	..	...	...	...	...	17.35	.. 17.75	...	...	16.00	...
October...13	26.50	..	...	...	...	...	19.50	.. 20.00	...	...	16.37½	...
.....27	27.00	..	22.50 .. 23.00	...	...	...	20.00	.. 20.50	...	...	...	...
November..17	26.60	.. 27.00	21.00 .. 22.00	...	21.00 .. 22.00	...	20.00	.. 20.50	...	...	...	...
.....24	26.50	.. 27.00	21.00 .. 22.00	...	21.00 .. 22.00	...	18.00	.. 20.00	13.00	...	12.00	...
December..15	24.00	.. 25.00	16.00 .. 17.00	...	16.00	...	17.00	.. 18.00	12.00	...	11.00	...
.....29	24.00	.. 25.00	16.00 .. 17.00	...	16.00	...	17.00	.. 18.00	...	...	...	...

These are strictly wholesale prices.