

\$3,000 in Commercial Union. Peters & Sutherland, \$2,000 in Western, and \$2,000 in Sovereign. W. Logan, stock and machinery, \$5,000 in Royal Canadian and Quebec, and his interest in building, \$2,500 in Commercial Union. T. S. Simms & Co., \$5,000 on stock in Commercial Union, and \$5,000 equally divided between London & Lancashire and Liverpool, London & Globe. Kelly & Green, carpenters, in next building, \$150 in Western. Oct. 22.—Four wooden buildings, the property of J. R. Smith and Dr. Hamilton, partly destroyed. Insurances are as follows: J. R. Smith, \$3,000, \$1,500 in Quebec and \$1,500 in North British on stock; also \$1,000 in Royal and \$2,000 in Guardian on his building. Dr. Hamilton has \$2,000 on his buildings in Hartford; Mr. Paddock, druggist, insured for \$2,000 in Commercial Union; P. C. Redmond, milliner, has \$5,000 on his stock in the Etina; and Dr. Hannah, dentist, has \$800 on his office furniture and dental instruments in Commercial Union; George Smith has \$350 on his stock and stores in Northern; Miss Worrall, dress-maker, no insurance.

QUEBEC.

Montreal, Oct. 22.—The flour mill and warehouses of Messrs. Macdougall & Co. burnt, one of the warehouses being completely destroyed. The total loss is estimated at about \$40,000. Insurances are as follows: Mr. Macdougall on stock, Norwich Union \$11,000, Imperial \$11,000, Royal \$6,000, Liverpool, London & Globe \$4,000. Magor Bros. on stock in same buildings, Liverpool, London & Globe \$7,000, Royal \$5,500, and Citizens \$6,000. During the progress of the fire two firemen were injured, and the Hayes ladder was damaged to the extent of \$1,000.

Market Reports.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 25th, 1882.

The atmosphere has cleared up and recovered from the excitement of last week, and business has resumed its normal condition at this season. Nearly all departments are fairly busy on repeat or sorting-up orders, but the bulk of the year's business is probably over. Wholesale houses, while maintaining well assorted stocks, have evidently observed due caution and not over imported; this is seen in the lighter demand for sterling exchange. The weather continues favorable to shopping. Farmers are not selling their grain, and the demand for money to move crops is consequently light. The rate of discount, which is a matter of private arrangement between banks and their customers, is not likely to change. The weaker customers of the Exchange Bank are not improving their condition, and the pledging of goods in stock for advances at high rates is merely postponing the evil day. Sterling Exchange 108½ for 60 days between banks; 108½ for demand, with ½ to 1-16 higher for counter rates. Dividends declared: Bank of Montreal 5 per cent; Toronto 4, Merchants 3½, Federal 5.

ASRES.—Receipts have been fair. There has been a good demand for First Pots at \$4.55 to \$4.65; very light tares in some cases going at a lower figure. For Seconds \$4 has been accepted. There has not been a barrel of Third Sort offered for some time. Pearls nominal, a sale of a small lot reported at \$7.25 for First Sort. The stock is light. Receipt since 1st January 6,800 barrels Pots, 447

barrels Pearls. Deliveries, 6,049 barrels Pots 519 barrels Pearls. Stock in store 6 p.m. 24th October, 1,021 barrels Pots, 20 barrels Pearls.

BOOT AND SHOES.—Business is reported quiet, the trade being still occupied on the assorting orders. Payments are fair, and the prospects for the ensuing season are good.

CATTLE.—At the local markets last Monday, the demand for export cattle was fair, and prices were quoted at from 5c to 5½c per lb., sheep at from 4½c to 5c, and hogs at from \$5.50 to \$6 per 100 lbs. About 400 head of butchers' cattle were offered, the best quality bringing 4½c per lb.; ordinary fair sold at from 3c to 4c. About 600 sheep and lambs were on the market and met with a fair demand, the former selling at from \$4 to \$8, and the latter from \$2.50 to \$4.50 each. A few calves sold at from \$3 to \$15 each, according to size and quality.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Butter is dull and unchanged. A sale of 200 packages was made yesterday at 16½c per lb. Cheese is a little higher on account of a rise of 2s 6d in English quotations. Fair to choice grades have risen to 10c to 11½c; Septembers are quoted at 10½c to 11½c, and medium grades remain unchanged. The demand is in favor of white cheese. A lot of 50 boxes of the latter sold yesterday at 11½c; and another lot of 200 boxes of fine quality brought 11c per lb.

DRESS FEATHERS.—The only wholesale dress feather and plume dealer in Canada, J. H. Leblanc, of this city, announces a change in the method of quoting these goods. Instead of, as hitherto, by the dozen, they will now be quoted by the pound weight as follows: *Ostrich Plumes*.—Mangador, 1st, per lb. \$250; do, 2nd, per lb. \$200; do, 3rd, \$150. *Egypt*, 1st, per lb. \$250; do, 2nd, per lb. \$175; do, 3rd, per lb. \$60. *Cape*, 1st, per lb. \$250 to \$300; do, 2nd, per lb. \$200 to \$250. *Prime Domestic*.—1st, per lb. \$150 to \$200; 2nd, per lb. \$100 to \$125. *Tames*, \$50 to \$100; *Light Femsive*, per lb. \$100 to \$175; *Booss*, \$50 to \$60.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been considerable activity in this line during the past week. Country merchants, who have to get their supplies by water are sending in their orders for Winter stocks, and considerable shipments are being made westward. Prices remain steady. Castor oil is scarce on the spot, and 10½c is price for round lots, 11c for single cases. English markets are steady, with a buoyant feeling prevailing. Caustic soda is a little higher, £9 having been paid for 60 per cent. Exports of chemicals from Liverpool to Canada for September, 1223 tons, against 1014 tons for September, 1882.

FISH.—The market is weak. No. 1 Labrador Herrings are selling at \$6; No. 2 at \$5.25. Cape Breton Herrings at \$5.50; British Columbia Salmon at \$1; dry Cod at \$5.25 to \$5.50, according to quality; green Cod at \$6 for No. 1; \$5.75 for No. 2, and \$5.25 for No. 3. Oysters are quoted at \$2.50 to \$4 as to quality.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—Flour, the demand has been a little better owing to enquiries from Quebec and other Eastern points, but prices have been slightly in buyers' favor, and have receded about 5c a barrel on most grades. Daily receipts have not been large, but are quite equal to the demand. Wheat, this market has continued in the same inactive state reported last week. There is no business doing in either wheat or corn that we hear of. The English markets still keep down for wheat, and no business has been done for export. Peas, several cargoes of peas sold at from 9½c to 9½c afloat, 9½c in store, and 89c on track.

FRUITS.—The market is still brisk for Apples good stock invariably bringing good prices. Good Fall is selling at \$3 to \$3.25, and good Winter at \$3.50 to \$4. A carload of Winter sold yesterday at \$4. Large receipts of Almeria Grapes are arriving and selling at \$4.75 to \$5.25, according to weight and quality. A good business is now being done in grapes, as prices are low and dealers laying in their winter stock. Lemons quiet, and selling at \$5 to \$6.50 for boxes, and \$10 to \$11 for cases. Oranges quoted at \$7 to \$8 for Havans and \$11 to \$12 for stem cut Jamaicans. Dates in skins 6c to 7c per lb. Two carloads California winter Pears arrived yesterday, and sold at \$4.75 to \$5.25, according to quality. Onions steady at \$2 to \$2.25 per barrel. Yellow Bananas bring \$4.50 to \$6 per bunch. California Grapes, \$6.50 to \$7 a case.

GNOCENES.—The S.S. Mossbrow, from Mediterranean ports, has arrived with a large cargo of Raisins, etc. Market will now be pretty fully supplied. Sugars.—The advance is apparently checked, a little easier feeling prevails, although changes are slight. Raw Sugars firm. Molasses dull. Syrups quiet. Teas.—For choice, Japans there is continued steadiness. Some enquiry for fine Young Hyson. Black Teas steady. Coffee.—Moderate business, steady. Rice firm and not plenty at slight advance. Spices.—Pepper firm at previous full figures. Other Spices show little change. Fruits.—Valencia Raisins are rather higher; advance of about half cent reported from New York. 7c is about as low as quantity would now be sold, and 7½c to 8c in ordinary lots. Malaga fruit not yet fully settled for new crop, owing to small arrivals hitherto. Currants.—New crop, 6½c to 7½c. Other fruits, no special change. Auction sale advertised for 31st, will tend to establish prices.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—This department still shows the steady, seasonable movement reported last week, but a better feeling seems to exist generally. There is some advance in the demand for Railway supplies from Lake Superior. Coke wasters are reported very scarce and not to be had in England. A slight change will be found in block and grain tin; also in sheet iron and boiler plates. Other quotations unchanged.

HOPS.—Dull, prices range from 20c to 22c for medium grades, and 24c for the finest. If the foreign demand does not improve, before December, prices will probably fall to a rather low figure, which dealers predict will be about 15c.

LEATHER.—Wholesale houses report a quiet business, with perhaps a slight demand noticeable in some cases, owing to orders from country buyers. Stock on hand said to be comparatively light. There is still a preference for heavy plump sole leather, but dealings in black leather continue flat. Quotations unchanged.

LUMBER.—Retail trade pretty fair; good demand from the country for small lots. Wholesale business very dull; production this winter will be greatly curtailed, and many choppers failing to find employment here are leaving for Western States lumber districts.

PETROLEUM.—Refined oil, steady, at 14½c per Imperial gallon. Petroleum.—The demand for past week has been light, owing to dealers having laid in a stock to last until close of navigation. Prices remains firm as quoted.

PROVISIONS.—A good business is reported in provisions, the enquiry being mostly from the lumbering districts. Quotations remain unchanged. Eggs are firm and in demand; stocks light, and receipts light. Nothing doing in Tallow, and quotations are nominal.