

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE RETURNS.

CITY.	Sept., '85	Sept., '84	Inc or Dec
Montreal customs..	\$500,699	\$642,881	\$92,182D
do. excise ..	131,863	127,304	4,559 I
Toronto customs..	296,769	319,610	22,841D
do. excise ..	27,873	77,734	49,861D
Halifax customs..	181,124	146,652	34,472 I
do. excise ..	14,585	13,614	971 I
St. John customs..	106,571	95,597	10,974 I
do. excise ..	22,379	20,051	2,328 I
Hamilton customs..	61,780	82,419	20,639D
do. excise ..	20,367	24,792	4,425D
Quebec customs..	54,601	81,199	25,598D
do. excise ..	34,938	36,595	1,657D
Winnipeg customs..	.....	.....	.....
do. excise ..	.....	.....	.....
London customs..	46,884	47,921	1,037D
do. excise ..	20,166	22,949	2,783D
Kingston customs..	.....	.....	.....
do. excise ..	.....	.....	.....
Ottawa customs..	31,147	38,509	7,262 I
do. excise ..	18,050	15,097	2,953 I
Brantford customs..	.....	.....	.....
do. excise ..	.....	.....	.....
Guelph customs..	9,064	7,513	1,551 I
do. excise ..	.....	.....	.....
Belleville customs..	9,343	9,523	190D
do. excise ..	.....	.....	.....

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 7th, 1885.

On the Stock market, transactions have been very limited for the last several days; only 31 shares of bank stocks changed hands to-day, being two merchants at 114½, four Molsons, 117½ and 25 Commerce at 72½, last sales of Montreal were at 199½ and 199½. Miscellaneous stocks shew a little more activity. Money at unchanged rates. In general trade there is perhaps a little less doing than a week ago, and payments as a whole are not altogether satisfactory. Fourth of October, dry goods bills were not very well met, and probably fifty per cent would be an outside estimate of the proportion paid. In groceries and one or two other lines, collections are better spoken of, and failures in this section continue to be few and unimportant.

ASHES.—The market is again a little weaker at \$3.65 to \$3.70 for No. 1 pots; seconds \$3.20 with few offering; pearls, \$4.75, and little doing in them also. Shipping has been light. Receipts of pots since January have been 4,019, pearls, 316 brls.; against 4,815 pots and 727 pearls for same period last year. Stocks in store at date 1,011 pots, and 148 pearls.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is a good general sorting business doing, with a continued demand for disinfectants. Quinine, both English and foreign has advanced and will likely go higher; other lines show little change. We quote: Sal Soda, \$1 to \$1.10 per 100 lbs., Bi-Carb Soda, \$2.50 to \$2.60; Soda Ash, \$1.65 to \$1.75. Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8.00 to \$9.00; Borax, refined, 11 to 12½c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 32 to 35c.; do., ground, 37 to 38c.; Tartaric Acid crystals, 52½ to 55c.; do., powder, 55 to 58c. per lb.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.25 to \$2.75 according to lot; Alum 1.65c. to \$1.80; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to \$3.00; Roll Sulphur, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.00 to \$5.75; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to \$9.50; German Quinine, 95c. to \$1.05; American do., 95c. to \$1.05 Howard's quinine, \$1.10 to 1.20; opium, \$3.75 to \$4.25; Morphia, \$1.80 to \$1.90; Gum Arabic sorts, 40 to 45c.; White, 55 to 70c.; Carbolic acid, 40 to 60c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Iodoform, \$7.50 to \$8.00.

DRY GOODS.—Fourth October payments were poorly met, and from reports received in various quarters, we are led to believe that not fifty per cent. of the paper falling due that day was provided for. Letters from the West attribute this in some degree to the unusually fine weather which prevailed up to last week, and which kept farmers at home working in the fields, and colder weather is needed to in-

duce active trading. The cooler weather of this week has benefitted city retail trade which was before very quiet. Some travellers out are doing fairly; others report fall stocks as little broken into yet, but they expect to do moderately well later.

FISH.—Receipts of Labrador herrings now aggregate over 20,000 brls. with further cargoes to arrive: some vessels have gone back for second cargoes. Prices are easier, present quotations are \$3.75. Cape Bretons steady at \$4; Nova Scotia Shore, about \$3.75; Gaspe Cod, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Green No. 1, \$4.00 to \$4.25; North Shore Salmon \$11, \$10, and \$8.50; British Columbia \$9.00 to \$9.25.

GROCERIES.—There is a fair business doing, the principal demand being for teas, especially Japans ranging from 22½ to 27½, for which there is very active enquiry. Advices from Japan show that all grades below good medium are very firm. Stocks coming forward are light, and are taken up as rapidly as marketed. Blacks and greens show a moderate movement at unchanged prices. Sugars have eased off, probably on account of a weaker market in New York, where granulated is quoted at 6½c., local refinery price, 7c.; yellows are correspondingly lower with 5½c. as the cheapest grade. Molasses is also weaker at 28½ to 31c. for Barbadoes; sugarhouse 18 to 19c., and present stocks low, bulk having been sold to go west. Syrups also in small supply. All the Valencia raisins arrived so far have gone into consumption at about 8½c.; further supplies are expected by this week's steamers, and the "Avlona," direct, is expected about the 20th. New Eleme figs in pounds and 10 lbs. have sold at 12 to 12½c.; new currants, 5½ to 6½c. in brls.; Patras in cases, 7½c.; Vostizza, 8½ to 9c. No new Malagas yet; they will open about same price, or higher, than last year. Very few new tomatoes offering at \$1.15 to \$1.20; sardines 10 to 11½c.; lobsters, \$5.90 to \$6.00.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Boot and shoe travellers are about going out on their fall sorting trips, and how they will do remains to be seen. Leather men are far from being busy, matters leaving quieted down very materially. Still stocks are not large and prices are steadily maintained. There is no shipping being done. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 24 to 27c.; ditto, No. 2 B. A. 21 to 24c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 22 to 23c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; oak sole, 45 to 50c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 39c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.; Splits, large, 22 to 28c.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 12½ to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—In hardware there is a moderate business doing, but heavy metals, &c., are rather quieter. English advices show a pretty steady market for pig iron, though warrants have declined to 42/5d.; bar iron is unaltered as to price, though makers are more hopeful owing to a better demand from the Continent; in tin plates an improving demand is reported, and the market is firm. Some consignments of Blaina Canada Plates have been forced off here at prices under \$2.40. Ingot tin is exceedingly scarce locally and firm at 23 to 24c.; copper and lead as before. We quote:—Cartsherrie and Summerlee \$16.50 to \$17; Langloan, and Colless, \$17 to \$17.50; Shott, \$17 to \$20.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$16.00; Calder, \$16.50 to \$17; Hematite, \$17 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$17.50 to \$20; Bar Iron, \$1.62½ to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.90; Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina \$2.40; Penn &c. \$2.50. Tin Plates Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.35 to \$4.75; do I.X., \$6 to \$6.25; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½c to 7c, according to brand: Tinned Sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c. No. 26, 7c, the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.90 to \$2; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$3.00; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10½ to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.50 to \$4; Sheet, \$4 to \$4.25; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 8½ to 8¾c. per lb.; Ingot tin, 23c.

to 24c; Bar Tin, 26c; Ingot Copper, 12½ to 14c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Linseed which receded a little after last report is recovering its strong position and still quotes at 62 and 65 cents for raw and boiled respectively; turpentine continues firm in the South, we quote 54c.; castor,

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NOTICE.

TO OUR NUMEROUS CONSUMERS.

On account of the tobacco crop of 1883 being so poor, we did not buy much, and selected only the best of it, as we always wish to keep our "T. & B. Myrtle" brand up to the standard; and therefore there may be a scarcity of "T. & B. Myrtle" Plug for a short time. If such is the case there will be a full supply on the market by the end of October.

The tobacco we are now about to manufacture is the finest we have ever had, and we know it will please our numerous consumers.

Yours respectfully,

GEO. E. TUCKETT & SON.