

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, Nov. 30, 1875.

"St. Andrews Day" generally brings winter with it and this year has been no exception. Snow begun to fall on Sunday evening continuing till Monday forenoon, the wind at the same time was very high drifting up the roads in many places but making the roads good for sleighing, last night the temperature fell to zero and to-day the thermometer registered 18° below zero.

There is nothing of any importance to notice in commercial matters this week, the close of navigation is causing the usual quietness in the wholesale trade and merchants are now setting themselves to the taking of stock. The state of the weather during the past week has interfered a good deal with the retail trade of the city but now with fine winter weather and good roads some activity is expected more especially as the holiday season is close at hand. Almost the only improved demand in any line of business has been for Japan teas, the market for which is decidedly stronger. For flour and wheat there has been no speculative demand and prices are nearly nominal. Provisions are easier and the market tends downward; ashes are firm and a turn dearer than last week.

We have heard of nothing being done here in freights per the mail steamers from Portland, it is understood that the first two or three cargoes will be sent direct from the West.

ASHES.—*Pots*.—With the close of navigation the receipts of ashes have fallen off the demand has been active and we have had an advancing market since the date of our last report considerable sales of firsts have been made at \$4.70 to 4.80 according to tares market closing at that price seconds \$3.85: thirds \$2.90. *Pearls* has been very little enquired for a considerable sale of firsts was made on private terms, the nominal price is \$5.00 to 5.10. There has been nothing doing in inferiors; the stocks at present in store are *Pots* 1745 brls: *Pearls* 1015 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business is very quiet and there is no change to note in prices. Manufacturers are again working short time and will not likely resume until the spring demand continues after the New Year. We quote Men's kip boots \$2.75 to 3.00; do. French calf \$3.00 to 3.75; do. Buff Congress \$1.75 to 2.25; do split Brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; 90. kip Brogans \$1.40 to 1.50; Boys' split Brogans doc to \$1.50; do. Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to \$0.00; Womens' Buff and pebbled Balmorals \$1.20 to 1.80; do. prunella Bals. 75c to \$1.75; do. do. Congress 75c to \$1.75; Misses Buff and Pebble Balmorals 90c to \$1.15; do. prunella Balmorals and Congress 70c to \$1.25; Childrens do. do. 60c to \$1.00.

CATTLE. The number of animals on the market was smaller than for sometime past but were of superior quality, and were nearly all sold at from \$3.50 to 4.00 per 100 lbs live weight. Three or four very choice cattle fatted for Christmas were sold at \$5.25 per 100 lbs live weight; *Live Hogs* were in small demand sales realizing from \$6.25 to 6.30 per 100 lbs; *Dressed Hogs* \$8.50 per 100 lbs. A number of sheep offered did not find purchasers \$4.50 being only offered which the owner would not accept.

DRY GOODS.—As is usual with this branch of business the close of navigation has increased the dullness and the bad state of the roads and streets during the most of the week has caused great quietness in the retail trade of the city, but as the winter roads are now good a reaction is confidently looked for more especially as the holiday season is approaching. Clothing has been in very fair demand, but remittances are not improving.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—We cannot report any improvement in this branch of business which is as dull as it can well be and in the meantime little prospect of any amelioration. Sales are small and for large quantities our quotations would possibly be somewhat shaded. *Bi Carb.*—Job lots have been selling from \$4.00 to 4.25; *Sal Soda* \$1.40 to 1.50; *Caustic Soda* \$3.25; *Bleaching Powder* 2½ to 2¾; *Cream Tartar Crystals* 28½c; ditto ground 30c; *Epsom Salts* \$1.80 to 2.00; *Alum* 2c; *Blue Vitriol* 6½ to 7c; *Madder* 8 to 9c; *Copperas* 1½c.

FISH.—The demand for herrings has continued good, stocks are being very considerably reduced, and holders are speaking of advancing prices, meantime we quote, the market for *Labrador Herrings* firmer at \$4.50 to 4.74c; *Dry Cod* is worth \$5.00 to 5.25 per qtl.; *Green Cod* in barrels \$5.00 to 5.50; *Draughts* \$6.50 to 7.00; *Salmon* is in good supply at \$14.50, \$13.50 and \$12.50 for No. 1, 2, and 3, respectively and for large lots probably less would be accepted *Mackerel*.—None in market.

FURS AND SKINS.—This trade has been very dull all week; owing to the state of the roads no skins have been coming in, now that the roads are good large supplies are looked for, and some activity as the result. We do not change quotations.

FREIGHTS.—There is nothing doing here in freights via Portland, most of the cargo for the first steamers is coming from the West.

FLOUR.—Now that shipments by sea and river are over, we give the result of receipts and shipments of flour from 1st January to date as follows. Total receipts 978,019 brls., being a decrease of 3,665 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. Total shipments from 1st January to date 831,891 brls., being an increase of 17,714 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1874. With the close of navigation the wholesale demand has ceased, and business now is almost entirely confined to the wants of the local trade for consumption. Sales foot up to a very small amount, and were within our range of quotations. *Superior Extra*, \$5.10 to 5.20; *Extra superfine* \$4.90 to 5.00; *Fancy* \$4.80 to 0.00; *Spring extra* \$4.75 to 0.00; *Superfine*, \$4.60 to 4.65; *Strong bakers flour* \$5.10 to 5.25; *Fine* \$4.00 to 4.10; middlings \$3.20 to 3.25; *Pollards* \$2.50 to 2.60; *Upper Canada bag flour* \$2.30; *Oatmeal* is steady at \$5.00.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*.—The receipts of wheat from the 1st. January to date were 8,475,248 bush., being an increase of 814,957 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. Total shipments from 1st January to date were 7,020,762 bushels, being a decrease of 462,764 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1874. Since the date of our last report here have been no sales transpiring of this grain, and prices are entirely nominal. *Maize*.—Is dull and inactive at about 65c. *Peas*.—Very little doing; a small sale in the early part of the week was reported at 85c per 66 lbs. *Oats* are quiet at 32 to 33c; and *Barley* is nominal; Lower Canada samples 60c, and Ontario 85c.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*.—Telegrams from Yokohama via Europe of date 17th November, received on Saturday, which had been delayed by the break in the Indian cable, quote good medium Tea at \$27 per picul. The demand for Tea has been rather better during the past week and very fair quantities have been changing hands from 35 to 50c for Black Tea; there has been some little enquiry for common grades. *Coffee*.—The market for this article keeps firm, as the stock is very limited; but there has been very little demand, and quotations are nominally unchanged. *Sugars*.—As we noticed lately, the importations of Scotch Refined are over, and the stock held here now is by no means heavy, and last week's quotation of 8½ to 8½c continues

to rule. U. S. Granulated Sugar 9½ to 9½c; for Local Refined there is a fair demand at 8½c for Grocer's A; 8½c for Confectioner's A; 8½c for Ground, and 9½c for Extra Ground. In Raw Sugars there is only a very moderate business doing for 6½ to 7½c, according to sample. *Molasses*.—Business this week has been mostly confined to small parcels within our range of quotations. Barbadoes 40 to 42½c; Sugar house 25 to 30c; Muscovado and Trinidad 35 to 37½c. *Syrups* are in light demand and stocks are increasing. Golden 45 to 47c; Amber 65c; no Standard in market. *Rice*.—Stocks are large and demand very light, we quote \$3.65 to 3.90 according to size of lot. *Spices*.—Sales this week have been of a very meagre kind and quotations are unchanged since our last. Foreign advices quote Black pepper easier with a prospect of a decline in price. *Fruit*.—The demand for most kinds of fruits has been active and the market has had a very decided upward tendency. Layer raisins are now selling at \$2.30 to 2.50; Sultanas 13 to 14½; Valencia 7½ to 8c as to lot; Seedless raisins are scarce and held for 10½c; Currants are also in limited supply at 6½ to 7c; Figs in moderate demand at 10 to 15c in boxes; Almonds 13 to 14½c; Filberts dull of sale at 7½ to 8c; Walnuts 5 to 7c.

HARDWARE.—This line of business has settled down into the usual quiet of winter, and in heavy goods no movement of any account need be looked for until after Christmas. There is a fair enquiry for cutlery, plated goods, &c., for the holiday trade, and as stocks in the country are not by any means heavy, this department is likely to witness a good deal of activity for the next few weeks. Remittances have not been up to expectations during the past week. We quote *Pig Iron*.—Eglinton and Clyde \$21.50; Carnbroe \$22.50; American \$24. to 26.; Summerlie and Calder \$23.00 to 23.50; Langloan & Gartsherrie \$23.00 to 23.50; Coltness \$24.00 to 24.50; Hematit \$30.00 to 31.00. *Bar*, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.30 to 2.40; best do., \$2.55 to 2.65, Swedes and Norway \$5.00 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7.00. *Canada Plates* per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$4.50 to 0.00; Garth and Penn \$4.50 to 0.00; Arrow \$4.75 to 5.00; Hatton \$4.40 to 4.75. *Tin Plates* per box—Charcoal IC, \$8.50 to 0.00; ditto, IX, \$10.50 to 00.00; ditto DC, \$7.50 to 0.00; Coke IC, \$6.75 to 0.00; 14 x 20, 25c extra. *Tinned sheets* Charcoal best No. 26, 15c. *Galvanized sheets* best brands No. 28, 9½ to 10½c. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to 3.25; *Sheets* best brands, \$3.25 to 3.35; *Boiler Plates* ordinary brands \$3.25 to 3.50; Best brands \$3.50 to 3.75; *Russian Sheet Iron* per lb. 14 to 15c; *Cut Nails* 2 D Lath, \$4.75; ditto, 2½d to 4d shingle \$3.95; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$3.45; ditto 12d & larger \$3.15; 100 keg lots 5 per cent. discount. *Cut nails* patent Chisel pointed 25c extra. *Pressed Spikes* \$4.25 to 5.00; *Shot Canadian* \$7 to 7.25. *Lead*.—per 100 lbs Pig, 6.50 to \$7.00; do sheets 6.50 to \$7.00; do Bar, 6.50 to \$7.00; *Steel cast*, per lb. 12½ to 13½c; *Spring* per 100 lbs. \$4.75 to 5.00; *Sleigh Shoe* \$3.75 to 4.00; *Tire ditto*, \$4.00 to 4.25. *Ingot Tin* 23 to 24c; *Ingot Copper*, 22 to 23c. *Horve Shoes* per 100 lbs. \$4.50 to 4.75; *Proved Coil Chain*, 8 in., \$6.00 to 6.25; *Anchors* 7 to 8c; *Anvils* 10 to 12c. *Iron wire* per bdl \$2.50 to 60. *Files*.—"Kinmonds" Brand 10 per cent off English list. *Glass*, 4th quality, 25 united inches \$2.20 to 25; do. 40 to 2.85; do. 40 inches \$2.40 to 2.45; do. 50 inches \$2.80 to 2.85; do. 60 inches \$3.05 to 3.10; do. 70 inches \$3.30 to 3.35.

HIDES AND PELTS.—There is still a very fair demand for hides for the American Market, but there has been very little doing on Canada account, quotations show no change, market closing quiet at \$6.00, \$5.00, and \$4.00, for No. 1, 2, and 3, respectively per 100 lbs. *Sheep and Lambskins* unchanged at 80 to 85c.