

in prices. The market opened a week ago with extra offering at \$5.90 to \$6.00, and sales at these figures; fancy selling at \$5.50 and No. 1 at \$5.50 at points west of Toronto. The market advanced to 20c. on No. 1 with a corresponding improvement in other goods, the market closing with a rather easier feeling at \$5.70 for No. 1, \$5.80 for fancy and \$6.00 for extra, the two latter rates are for points west of Toronto.

**FUR GOODS.**—In manufactured fur goods a good trade is being done; the manufacturers have heavy orders on their books. Cloth caps, and every article in this trade into which wool enters are higher. Payments from the retail trade are rather slow.

**GRAIN.**—There were 118,958 bush. of wheat in store on the 16th inst. A good deal has been done in car loads and small lots of fall. The demand for spring is not so good, and there is less offering. No. 1 white went off at the beginning of the week at \$1.34 to \$1.35, advancing from \$1.35 to \$1.36 for car loads on the track, or free of charges in store. No. 2 white sold at \$1.32 on the track, or \$1.33 f. o. b. No. 1 Treadwell brought \$1.34; No. 2 ditto, \$1.30 to \$1.32; spring sold at \$1.23 to \$1.25 f. o. c. To-day there was a sale of 1,400 bush. of No. 2 white and Treadwell at \$1.33 *Barley*.—There was a fairly active demand in the beginning of the week, but the general course of the week has been dull with a downward tendency in prices. Sales were made last Thursday at 60c. for No. 1 Northern; 50c. for No. 1 Nipissing on the track and 54 for No. 2 f. o. c. On Wednesday last the best bid for No. 2 was 56c. f. o. c., which was refused. 58c. was all that could be had for No. 1 Nipissing on the track, although 60c. was obtained for a car of No. 1 Northern f. o. c. Other 4 cars of the same brought 60c. to-day f. o. c., but a car of No. 1 Nipissing brought only 57c. delivered. Street receipts have been liberal, but prices have fallen off since Monday. The quotations on Wednesday were 55c. to 57c. for No. 1, against 59c. to 60c. on Monday. *Peas*.—Small lots have been offered at 74c. without sales; street sales 70c. to 72c. *Oats*.—Quiet and nominal, with sellers of car loads on the track at 38c. and buyers at 37½c. *Rye*.—The distillery would pay 65c.

**GROCERIES.**—*Coffee*.—An advance of 2 to 4c. in fine Java coffees is reported, all kinds are firmer and nothing can now be had under 18c. Stocks are very light. *Fruit*.—The stock is light yet, but the market is very active. Valencia raisins have advanced in Denia equal to ¼c. per lb., and it is expected that the finer qualities will at least continue firm. *Currants*.—Late advices say that currants have touched the lowest. Some new Valencia have arrived, and sell at 7½ to 8c.; they are of very fine quality at Patras, and the expectation is for an improvement. *Fish*.—Cod are lower, and the stock is large. Herrings are active and in light supply, prices ruling about the same as last season. Mackerel are plenty and prices are very low, at least 50 per cent. below the average of the past ten years. Whitefish and trout in fair supply and selling at full prices. *Sugars*.—The market is, if anything, rather easier, but without any quotable change. *Tea*.—The market is firm, and medium goods are quoted at 2 to 3c. higher. The latest reports from Shanghai indicate a very firm market, and the prospect is that importers will have to pay considerably higher prices on future purchases. There has been some enquiry lately for medium greens for the United States, showing that a class of goods for a good while in excessive supply there, is now scarce. The stock of these teas in first brands in New York has about disappeared, and the assortment of new amounts to very little. Last advices say that good Japan teas are scarce and dearer, while common goods are in full supply. Blacks

are unchanged with a good demand, and a rather upward tendency. *Tobacco*.—There is a good enquiry, and the market is fair, with no change to note in prices.

**WOOL.**—Continues firm, but there is not much doing.

**LEATHER.**—There is a good demand for all descriptions of stock. Upper is a little firmer; harness is also looking up.

**LIVE STOCK.**—Supplies of 2nd and 3rd class cattle continue abundant, and as the weather is now favorable, buyers are not afraid to operate beyond their immediate wants, so that the demand is very good both for local use and shipment. Choice 1st class or extra are still scarce, and command full prices, say 4½c. per lb. live weight. Ordinary 1st class, 4c. to 4½c.; 2nd class, 3½c. to 3¾c.; 3rd class, 3c. to 4½c. Sheep and lambs continue in very good demand, with none too many offering, and prices fully up to those of last week. Calves are scarce and not in much demand. Current rates are, Sheep, 1st class, \$4.50 to 5; 2nd class, \$3.50 to 4; third class, \$3 to 3.25. Lambs—1st class, \$3 to 3.50; 2nd class, \$2.50 to 2.75; 3rd class, \$2 to 2.25. Calves—1st class, \$7 to 8; 2nd class, \$5 to 6; 3rd class, \$3 to 4.

**OATMEAL.**—100 lbs. sold at \$5.00 f. o. c. here, an outside figure; the demand is rather limited. *Cornmeal* is worth \$3.25 to \$3.50 for small lots. Bran is worth \$16 per ton delivered here.

**PROVISIONS.**—Butter has been more active at steady prices; there are large quantities of medium and inferior offering, but choice is very scarce, and it is that quality which is enquired for. There were, however, sales this week of one lot of 92 packages of inferior at 14c, and a lot of 103 packages of good store at 15c, but these qualities are very slow of sale. Choice is very firm and in good demand. A lot of 60 packages sold at 16½c. *Cheese*.—A lot of 300 boxes sold at 9½c. here. *Eggs*.—Are scarce and wanted; good lots would sell at 18c to 20c. *Lard*.—Quiet, small lots unchanged at 10c to 11c. *Pork*.—Has been active during the week, several sales having been reported at \$15.50. *Dressed Hogs*.—Are offering freely, and in good demand at \$5 to 5.75. *Hops*.—Quiet and firm. New choice lots held at 45c. to 50c.; olds at 15c. to 25c.

## MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, Oct. 17, '71.

**ASHES.**—*Pots*.—The market has been much firmer this week, and sales of firsts have been made from \$6.75 to 6.87½, closing at \$7; seconds, \$6.10 to 6.15. The stock of pots are not sufficient to meet the demand. *Pearls*.—This ash is also very scarce, and sales have been made during the week at \$7.70 to 7.75, but at the close no sales were reported under our outside figure. The stocks at present in store are—Pots, 248 brls; pearls, 162 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—As may now be expected after the busy season which has been experienced, sales are beginning to fall off, but there is still a fair movement, and manufacturers are kept busily employed. We quote men's No. 1 stogas, \$2.40 to 2.50; No. 2 ditto, \$2.20 to 2.25; kid clump, \$3; ditto D S \$2.75; calf clump, \$3.75; calf congress, \$2.50 to 3.00; boys' boots, \$1.80 to 2; women's calf boots, D S \$1.30; buff ditto D S \$1.25; splits ditto D S \$1.10; buff congress D S \$1.30; balmorals, D S \$1.35 to 1.50.

**DRY GOODS.**—Business during the week has been quiet, and there is not much animation looked for for a few weeks. Country dealers were well supplied early in the fall, and it is hardly time yet for them to send in for second supplies. Fancy goods are reported to be very scarce in the country, and large orders for them

are arriving. A large business has been done in clothing, and stocks here are pretty well reduced, and manufacturers are kept busy making up stock. The prices of all kinds of dry goods are higher, and stocks are well assorted.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—There has been a good deal of firmness exhibited in this market during the past week, and some descriptions have advanced in value. Cream tartar crystals are now quoted at 2½c to 2¾c—the principal sales were at our outside quotations; borax is in demand at 22c, with some few sales at 20c; blue vitriol, 7½c to 8½c; brimstone, 2½c to 2¾c; sulphur, 3½c to 4c; alum is now placed at 2½c to 2¾c; bleaching powder is steady at 3½ to 4; copperas, \$1 to 1.05; Bi Carb is active, and large lots are being disposed of at \$4.10 to 4.50; soda ash—a fair business doing at 2½c to 2¾c; sal. soda sales have been made chiefly at 1½c but some parcels have been placed at 1½c. In other articles a fair trade is doing, but at last quotations.

**FREIGHTS.**—Our harbor is now full of ships, and tonnage is abundant. The latest engagements to Liverpool and Glasgow, by steamships, were for heavy grain, 8½ to 9s, and by sailing vessels, 6s 6d to 7s 3d. Flour by sailing vessels, 3s 3d to 3s 6d. For outports of the United Kingdom, heavy grain, 8s to 8s 6d. Steamers' rates are for ashes—pots, 50s; pearls, 60s; butter, 50s; cheese, 55s. For the Maritime Provinces there is a demand for tonnage for flour at 50c per brl.

**FISH.**—This market continues very quiet, and there is only a limited business doing. Dry Cod is nominal, at \$4.12½ to 4.50; salmon is placed at \$14.50 to 15; Labrador herrings, \$4.50 to 5; Mackerel No. 3, \$3.50 to 4.50.

**FURS.**—There is an active demand for the manufactured article, and manufacturers are kept fully employed. The raw fur market is very quiet, very few fresh skins are yet offering. The following are as near as possible the market values:—Cross fox, \$4; red fox, \$1.25 to 1.50; pale marten, \$1.50 to 2; mink, \$3 to 4; bear, \$7 to 10; lynx, \$1; Canadian wolf, \$1.50 to 2; fisher, \$4 to 6; beaver, \$1.20 to 1.40; winter musks at 12½c, spring ditto, 20c; fall ditto, 10c; racoon, 30c to 40c; skunk, 12½c to 20c; otter, \$6 to 8.

**FLOUR.**—The receipts for the past week were 25,977 barrels; total receipts from 1st January to date, 683,825 brls., being a decrease of 93,227 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1870. Shipments during the past week, 13,317 brls.; total shipments from 1st January to date, 522,034 brls., being a decrease of 82,671 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1870. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 16th inst. were 41,165 brls., against 52,911 brls. on the 2nd inst. and 109,688 brls. on 15th October, 1870. In the early part of the week, owing, in a great measure to the news from Chicago, the market was inactive, lately, however, owing to a good shipping demand, more business has been done, and prices have advanced. The market closes firm as follows:—Superior extra, \$7; extra, \$6.50 to 6.60; fancy, \$6.35 to 6.40; ordinary superiors from Canada wheat, \$6.20 to 6.30; strong baker's flour, \$6.40 to 6.50; Welland canal flour, \$6.25 to 6.30; Canada super No. 2, \$5.90 to 6; fine, \$5.45 to 5.55; middlings, \$4.25 to 4.50; Pollard's, \$3.50 to 3.75; Upper Canada bag flour, \$2.75 to 2.85; oatmeal, \$5.50 to 5.60.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat*.—Receipts during the past week, 347,210 bush.; total receipts from 1st of January to date, 5,992,053 bush., being an increase of 962,859 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1870. Shipments for the past week, 359,555 bush.; total shipments from 1st January to date, 5,437,188 bush., being an increase of 1,162,242 bush. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1870. The