

ASSETS.

[illegible]

Pr. Edward L. Langton, Auditor.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, August 25, 1874.

The weather during the week has got very cool and early on Friday morning there was frost in some places round the city, but not sufficient to blacken any tender plants, but for harvest operations it has been most favorable, and the crops around this neighborhood have been housed in fine condition. The quality of the barley crop is said to be finer than for many years past.

In business generally there has been a marked improvement this week, and the demand has led to transactions on a much larger scale than we have had to report for some time past. The favorable reports receiving from the country as to the harvest prospects give every hope that the fall trade will be fully up to that of previous years, if it does not exceed it.

Tonnage is only in moderate supply, market closing dull and rather easier.

ASHES.—Pots.—Receipts of both Pots and Pearls have been more liberal during the past week, and sales of the former kind have been fair at rather higher prices than the closing quotations of our last reports. Firsts ranged from \$6.07½ to 6.17½, closing firm at \$6.10 to 6.20; seconds \$5.20 to 5.25, and thirds at 4.50. **Pearls** have been changing hands in larger quantities than for some time past, at \$7.40 for light and \$7.50 for good tares of firsts, closing about 15 cents under these rates; some seconds changed hands at \$6.05. The stocks in store at present are, Pots, 1,590 brls.; Pearls, 763 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Wholesale houses are fully occupied in filling orders coming in from travellers, but there are only a small number of buyers as yet come to town, prices are generally firmer, but not notably higher. We still quote: Men's stoga boots \$2.25 to 2.50; do. kip do. \$2.75 to 3.25; do French calf do \$3.50 to 3.75; boys stoga boots \$1.75 to 2.00; do. kip do. \$2 to 2.25; women's split boots 90c to \$1.10; do buff do \$1.15 to 1.25; do pebbled grain bals. \$1.20 to \$1.50; do fine sewed do \$1.50 to 1.75; misses heavy split boots 75 to 90c; do buff do 90c to \$1.00.

CATTLE.—There is a steady demand for all stocks for which there has been a fair supply, prices are a little easier than last week, 1st quality brought \$5, and 2nd quality \$3. to 4. per 100 lbs live weight. *Sheep* and *Lambs* none of the former offering, the latter are scarce and bring from \$4 to 5. *Hogs.*— are in small supply and sell at \$7.50.

DRY GOODS.—Our merchants have had a busy week, and orders both from buyers who are in town, and also those from travellers have been numerous. Country buyers are very sanguine of doing a good business this year owing to the prospects of an abundant harvest. Fancy dry goods are also in active demand. Stocks of all kinds are well assorted. Orders for clothing are also satisfactory. The same complaint is made this week as last, that remittances are not what they ought to be at this season.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been a much larger business done this week than for sometime past. Larger sales of *Bi Carb* have been made at \$4.65 to 4.75 being rather under last quotations, the market closing very firm: *Sal soda* has been moving at rather over last weeks prices \$1.50 to 1.65 being the ruling rates; *Cream Tartar Crystals* are scarce and firm at 28c; *Caustic Soda* is firm \$2.62 to 2.75; *Alum* steady and unchanged at 2c; *Salt-petre* in request at unchanged prices.

FISH.—There is a better supply of all kinds of fish now in the market, for which there has