

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, April 7, 1874.

Since our last report the Eastern holidays have to some extent interfered with business, and quietness has been the rule in most branches of business, hardware and groceries being excepted; trade in both of these departments having been pretty active. In Breadstuffs there has been rather more speculative enquiry. Provisions quiet but steady. Ashes quiet with limited receipts.

During all the week till Sunday night, the weather has been very cold, the thermometer having touched zero several times during that period. On Sunday night and early yesterday morning snow fell to the depth of two or three inches, but melted during the day. This morning is more spring like, with a rapid thaw.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—The lightness of receipts has contracted business, but the demand has been moderately good, since our last the market had a downward tendency and sales reported of firsts was from \$6.15 to 6.12½, toward the close prices recovered a little, and we heard of no sales under \$6.15; seconds \$5.30 to 5.40; and thirds \$5. *Pearls.*—We have had no receipts for sometime past, and no transactions have taken place, under these circumstance it is impossible to give quotations based upon actual transactions. We understand that holders are very firm in their views, and demand very high prices. The stocks at present in store are pots 2,135 barrels; pearls 536 barrels. Deliveries from the Inspection stores from 1st January to 1st April have been pots 1,898 barrels; pearls 399 barrels.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business has been moderately active, and matters look to a busy time before opening of navigation. In the meantime we have no change to report in values:—Men's kip boots 2.75 to 3.00; do calf do \$3 to 3.75; do do congress, \$2.50 to 3.50; do buff do \$1.75 to 2.25; do split brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; do kip do \$1.40 to 1.50; do prunella congress \$1.25 to 2.00; womens heavy boots, 90c to \$1.25; do pebbled grain balmorals, \$1.20 to 1.50; do prunella do 75c to \$1.75; misses heavy boots 75c to \$1.00; do pebbled buff balmorals \$1 to 1.20; child's do 60c to \$1.00; Infants shoes \$3.50 to 10 per doz.

CATTLE.—The market is well supplied with cattle, but as butchers are at present well supplied with Easter beef the demand at the moment is light. Extra beef \$9 to 11; 1st quality \$8 to 9; 2nd ditto \$7 to 8 per 100 lbs dressed weight. *Dressed hogs.*—\$7.50 to 8.00. *Live hogs.*—\$6 to 6.25. *Sheep and lambs.*—Scarce and unchanged.

DRY GOODS.—The unseasonable weather which has been prevailing has had an effect on this business, and quietness has ruled all week. A few small buyers have been in town, the general feeling however, is that that before the season is over, the amount of business done will be a fair average of previous years, and that the stocks left to carry over will not be heavy. In fancy dry goods a fair business has been done, which undoubtedly would have been larger had the weather been favorable. There has been a good demand for Canadian Woollen goods. Clothing quiet.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—In heavy goods the movement at present is very light and will continue so till opening of navigation, when it is expected much lower prices will prevail. *Sal soda.*—Is a shade easier and sales reported are from \$2.25 to 2.37½. *Bi carb.*—Is in very light supply, and has been selling at \$5 87½, and for a large parcel probably less would be accepted. *Caustic soda.*—Is a trifle lower than last week

\$5 to 5.12½. *Alum.*—Steady at 2 to 2½c. *Cop. peras* 1 to 1½c; *Epsom salts* \$2; *Saltpetre* \$10 to 10.50; *Bleaching powder* 2½ to 3c; *Cream tartar crystals* 29c; *Sulphur* \$3.50 to 3.75.

RAW FURS.—There is a pretty fair demand, and manufacturers buy up any few lots that are coming to hand within our range of quotations:—Beaver, \$1.75 to 2.25 per lb; black bear large \$8.00 to 10.00; ditto small \$6 to 8; fisher \$8 to 9.00; silver fox \$25 to 50; cross fox \$5.00; red fox \$1.50; lynx \$2.50; marten, dark Labrador, \$7 to 8; pale marten \$1.50; prime dark mink \$2.50 to 3.00; mink dark 2nds \$1.50 to 2; otter \$9 to 10; winter muskrat 15 to 17; spring muskrat 25c; racoon 25 to 50c; skunk 20c to 30c.

FISH.—Prices of all kinds of fish are well maintained owing to the lightness of the supply. *Dry cod.*—Continues to sell at \$5 to 5.25. *Salmon.*—\$14 to 15. *Labrador herrings* \$6.50 to 7.50. Scaled herrings 30c.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week 6,900 barrels; total receipts from 1st January to date 114,095 barrels, being a decrease of 9,233 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1873. The stocks in store and in the hand of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. shows a decrease since the 15th ultimo being 99,727 barrels, against 107,843 brls on the 15th March, and 68,286 brls on the 1st April, 1873. The market has been pretty steady and the enquiry for lots for delivery is improving. A number of round lots both on the spot, and for future delivery have been placed, among the latter was spring extra at \$5.75; and Welland Canal flour at about \$5.80. The advance in the English market has not had much effect on prices here, but if anything they are rather higher. The market to-day closed quiet, but with better enquiry at the following range of quotations:—Superior extra \$6.20 to 6.40; Extra superfine \$6.00 to 6.15; Superfine \$5.25 to 5.40; Spring extra \$5.60 to 5.65; Strong Bakers flour \$5.70 to 5.90; fine \$4.70 to 4.75; Middlings \$4.30 to 4.40; Pollards \$3.90 to 4.00 nominal; Upper Canada bags \$2.60 to 2.80; City bags (delivered) \$2.90 to 2.95; Oatmeal 5.25 at which price it is held. Cornmeal \$3.30.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 7500 bush; total receipts from 1st January to date 96,927 bush; being a decrease 14,803 bush on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1873; the stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst were 594,772 bush; against 602,490 bush on the 15th ult, and 137,137 bush on the 1st April 1873. No movement whatever in this grain and quotations would be nominal. On change to-day \$1.32 was offered for May delivery of U C Spring but was not accepted. *Maize.*—Stock in store on the 1st inst 139,382 bush, market steady car loads changing hands at 72½c. *Peas.*—Stock in store 18,385 bush; for future delivery the demand has been good, and some large transactions are reported at 91½ to 92½c per 66 lbs, on the spot 85 to 86c is paid. *Oats* are scarce and held for 42 to 43c, ex store. *Barley.*—Stock in store 433 bush; very little offering, market quiet, sales at \$1.10 to 1.20; early in the week some light samples were placed at \$1.30. *Pot and Pearl Barley.*—Unchanged. *Clover seed* 10 to 10½c per lb. *Timothy seed.*—\$3.10 to 3.25 per bushel.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—Demand has been pretty well sustained for low grade Japans, and prices are rather stiffer owing to lowness of stocks, and from 2 to 4c can be obtained over last weeks quotations. *Coffee.*—The unsettled state of this market both in Europe and the United States, has had a depressing effect on this market, and hindered sales—to effect sales holders would have to submit to reduction in late prices, meantime quotations are nominal. *Sugar.*—Market is firm with upward tendency, but the amount of business done in Raw sugars has been light,

and our quotations of last week are unchanged, Canada refined is also without change. *Molasses.* Market firm stock small. We quote Barbadoes 40 to 42c; Sugar House 22 to 24½c; Demerara 30 to 33c; and Cuba 25 to 30c; Sprups are unchanged. *Fruit.*—Market has been dull and inactive but prices are well maintained, stocks however are small. Layer raisins bring \$2.50 for new and \$2.10 for old; Sultanias are steady at 7½ to 7¾c, but the demand at present is very light, and only small lots changing hands. Currants are more enquired for and sales are reported at 5½ to 6c for new, old bring about 1c less; Nuts of all kinds are scarce and nominally unchanged. *Spices.*—Pepper is still weak, and difficult to place at 18½ to 19c. prices in the producing countries are declining and it is thought that lower prices may possibly rule here. Nutmegs maintain their value at \$1.00 to 1.15; Cloves are a shade easier this week 46 to 47c being paid; Cassia is also weaker at 19 to 21c. Pimento 7 to 8c; Jamaica Ginger 20 to 21c. *Rice.*—We have again to note an advance on the price of this article. Sales are reported at \$5.40, stock small and in few hands, and is held at our quotation.

HIDES.—Market is now well supplied with hides for which there is a fair demand, and our quotations are readily obtained. We quote No 1 inspected \$8.00 to 8.25; No 2 ditto \$7.00 to 7.25; No 3 ditto \$6.00 to 6.25; *Sheep and Lambs Pelts* \$1.50 to 2.25; *Calfskins* 15c per lb.

HARDWARE.—At the last meeting of the hardware Exchange and up to the time of closing our report no great change has taken place to materially alter quotations. There is an increasing demand for bar iron, but buyers are shy of operating at present prices. Some hundreds of tons of pig iron have changed hands lately on private terms. Tin plates are firmer and a shade dearer. Canada plates steady. We now quote:—*Pig Iron* per ton—Gartsherrie \$34.50 to 35.00; Glengarnock, \$32.25 to 32.50; Carnbroe, \$31.50 to 32; Clyde \$30.50 to 31; Hematite, \$41.50 to 42. *Bar Iron* per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staffordshire, \$3.10 to 3.25; best ditto, \$3.25 to 3.50; Swedes and Norway, \$5.50 to 6.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$7 to 7.50. *Canada Plates* per box—Glamorgan and Budd, \$6.25 to 6.50; Arrow and Garth, \$6.25 to 6.50; F. and W. Crown, \$6.50 to 6.75; Hatton and Penn., \$6.25 to 6.50; Squares and 14 x 20, 25c extra. *Tin Plates* per box—Charcoal IC, \$9.75 to 11; ditto IX, \$12.50 to 13.00; ditto DC, \$9.50 to 10; Coke IX, \$8.50 to 9.00. *Tinned sheets* No. 26 Charcoal best 15c; *Galvanized sheets* 10½c. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs, \$3.75 to 4.00; *Sheets*, best brands, \$4.00 to 4.25; Boiler plate per 100 lbs, \$4.00 to 5.50; Russia Sheet Iron, per lb, 16c to 17c. *Cut Nails* per 100 lbs, \$4.25 to 5. *Wrought Spikes* per 100 lbs, \$6 to 6.50. *Pressed Spikes* per 100 lbs, \$5.50 to 6. *Shot*, Canadian, per 100 lbs, \$7; ditto, English, \$7.50. *Lead* per 100 lbs—Pig, \$6.50; Sheets, \$6.50; Bar, \$7.00. *Steel* per lb—Cast, 13 to 14c; Spring per 100 lbs, \$5.50 to 6; best ditto, warranted, \$6 to 6.50; Tire ditto, \$6 to 6.50. *Ingot Tin*, \$28 to 30; *Ingot Copper*, \$22.50 to 23. *Horse Shoes* per 100 lbs, \$5.75 to 6. *Proved Coil Chain*, 8 in., \$7.00 to 7.50. *Anchors* 7 to 8c; *Anvils* 10 to 12c; *Iron wire* 6 per bdl \$3.00; *Boiler tubes* 2 inch 18c, 2½ 21c, 2½ 23c, 3 25c, 3½ 35c, 4 inch 45c per foot.

LEATHER.—The business done this week is very light compared with what is generally looked for at this season. Light Upper, Prime, Buff and Buffalo sole leather are wanted, the receipts of other kinds have been moderate. Meantime we have no change to note on last weeks quotations:—Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 25 to 26c; ditto No. 2 23 to 24c; Buffalo sole No. 1 22 to 23c; ditto No. 2 18 to 20c; Hemlock slaughter 28 to 31c; waxed upper