

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, June 1st, 1875.  
We cannot report much improvement in business although merchants seem to be more hopeful of the immediate future; the heavy failures here, in Quebec, and as reported this morning in the Iron trade from England no doubt cause a feeling of uncertainty, but as produce has now begun to move more freely, this uncertainty it is expected will soon pass over, and trade, though done within narrower limits, will then be placed on a surer footing than it has been for some time past. The Retail trade of the city consequent on the fine weather has revived considerably of late.

The stocks in store of Flour and Grain this morning will be found under the respective paragraphs.

Freights are advancing, Tonnage in good demand and in fair supply.

Weather splendid for farm and garden work, a heavy shower fell on Saturday night which did a great deal of good.

**ASHES.**—*Pots.*—There has been more inclination to buy this week, and business has steadily improved, prices however have shown very little variation and our closing quotations of last report, have been the ruling prices since, viz \$5.25 to 5.30 for firsts, market closing \$5.20 to 5.25. In interiors there has been nothing doing and prices are nominal. *Pearls* are very quiet; some sales took place early in the week of firsts at \$6.20, they are now nominal at \$6.10 to 6.20. Seconds are nominal. The stocks at present in store are *Pots* 2344 brls; *Pearls* 1107 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—This business continues to be very dull, demand is light and the manufacturers are not disposed to get up heavy stocks in the present state of trade. Quotations remain as before: Men's kid boots \$2.75 to 3.30; do. French calf \$3 to \$3.75; do. Buff Congress, \$1.75 to 2.25; do. split Brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; Boys' do. 90c to \$1.00; do Buff and Pebbled Congress \$1.40 to \$1.50; Womens' Buff and pebbled Balmorals \$1.20 to 1.40; do prunella boots 75c to \$1.75; Men's Buff and Pebbled Balmorals 90c to \$1.15; do prunella bals 70c to \$1.25.

**CATTLE.**—The demand just now is not very brisk, owing no doubt to the warm weather. The market is well supplied with distillery fed cattle, which were selling yesterday at \$5.50 to 5.75 per 100 lbs., live weight. *Hogs* have declined in price; two lots of live hogs sold at \$7.50 to 8 per 100 lbs., live weight. Slaughtered hogs are worth \$10.50 per 100 lbs. *Sheep*—There was a good demand, but there were none in the market.

**DRY GOODS.**—Business for the season may be said to be over; still a few orders continue to come in from the country, and as the fine weather with which we are now favoured has given an impetus to the retail trade, a good many orders are shortly looked for. Fancy dry goods have been in moderate demand. Clothing is improving. Remittances are improving both in regularity and amount.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—For heavy chemicals there has been an improved demand. *Sal Soda* has been bought a shade under our last quotation, and is now quoted at \$1.37½ to 1.40; *Bi Carb.*—Very little moving; holders are still firm at \$4.25, but this appears to be beyond the views of buyers; *Soda Ash* is quiet at 2c.; *Caustic Soda* is steady at 3 2-8c.; a round lot could probably be purchased a shade less; *Bleaching Powder*, sales at 2½c.; *Alum* unchanged at 2½c.; *Epsoms* 2c., nominal; *Copperas* 1½c.

**RAW FURS.**—We have advanced the price of

beaver, for although there are no skins coming in, the quotation would be readily paid; spring muskrats have again declined in price. Skins are not coming in as freely as usual. We quote: Beaver \$1.75 to 2.25; Black Bear \$6.00 to 12.00 according to size; Fisher, \$5.00 to 7.50 Silver Fox \$25.00 to 60.00; Cross Fox; \$2.00 to 5.00; Red Fox \$1.25 to 1.50; Lynx \$1.50 to 1.75; Dark Labrador Martin \$7 to 8; Pale Martin \$1.25 to 1.50; Prime Dark Mink \$2.50 to 0. Dark Mink, 2nd, \$1.50 to 2.00; Fine Dark Otter \$8. to 10.; Fall Muskrat 12 to 15c; Winter do 20 to 23c; Spring do 27 to 30c Raccoon 25 to 60c; Skunk 20 to 50c.

**FISH.**—As is usual at this season there is little business doing, and transactions are only in small lots within our range of quotations. *Dry Cod* \$4.75 to 5; *Labrador Herrings* are nominal at 5; *Salmon* \$13 to 15; *Mackerel* \$6 to 8.

**FREIGHTS.**—There has been a good and improving demand all week for tonnage; engagements have been numerous. Heavy grain by steamship to Liverpool and Glasgow, 58; ditto by ditto to London, 6s. Sailing vessels to Cork for 6s. 3d. to 6s. 6d. Sailing vessels not in much demand for direct ports. Lumber to the River Platte has been taken at \$18, but \$17 is now offered. Ashes by steamers to Liverpool and Glasgow—*Pots* 25s., pearls 30s. per gross ton. Butter and cheese 40s.

**FLOUR.**—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning were 83,081 brls. against 96,070 brls. on the 15th ult., and 131,567 brls. on 1st June 1874. Receipts during the past week 18,595 brls.; total receipts from 1st January to date 294,238 brls. being a decrease of 30,152 brls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. Shipments during the week 23,863 brls.; total shipments from 1st January to date 107,280 brls. being a decrease of 45,846 brls. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1874. In the early part of the week there was a moderate business done in Superfine, Strong bakers and Middlings at about our last weeks closing quotations, since Friday the demand has fallen off and prices have receded somewhat. The market to-day closes with a fair demand as follows. *Superior Extra* \$4.80 to 0.00; *Extra Superfine* \$4.70 to 0.00 nominal; *Fancy* \$4.65 to 0.00; *Spring Extra* \$4.25 to 4.35; *Superfine* \$4.05 to 0.00; *Strong Bakers Flour* \$4.40 to 4.60; *Fine* \$3.85; *Middlings* \$3.50 to 3.55; *Pollards* \$3.35; *U. C. Bag flour* \$2.20 to 0.00; *Oatmeal* firm but quiet at \$5.55 to 5 65; *Cornmeal* \$4.00.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—Stocks in store and in the hands of millers this morning were 202,354 bush. against 149,178 bush. on the 15th ult., and 741,516 bush. on 1st June 1874. Receipts for the past week 310,605 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 722,992 bush. being a decrease of 787,059 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1874. Shipments during the week 250,203 bush.; total shipments from 1st January to date 643,912 bush. being a decrease of 289,292 bush. on the shipment for the corresponding period of 1874. The fall in prices in the west has caused a few more transactions here; freight have advanced considerably and the prices here have dropped. We quote Canada spring \$1.04 to 1.05. *Maise.*—Stocks in store 27,612 bush.; market inactive, cargoes are offering at 68 to 70c. *Peas.*—Stock in store 114,964 bush. Car lots in store sold at \$1.05½ per 66 lbs. A lot of "black eyes" sold yesterday at \$1.20 being 12½c under the quotations of the early part of the week. *Oats.*—We have no "spot" transactions to report, a cargo sold at an outside point brought equal to 55c here. *Barley* nominal at 80 to 85c; *Pot Barley* \$8.00; *Pearl Barley* \$14.00; *Clover seed* 10½ to 11½; *Timothy seed* 2.25 to 2.35.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—Large lots of Japans are difficult to move, especially of those grades which are in largest supply; to effect sales

holders would require to sell at unremunerative prices. Common grades of Japans would find buyers, but stocks are small. There is still some demand for Oolongs and Young Hysons at last week's quotations. *Coffee.*—The market is moderately well supplied, and there has been a good deal of enquiry, but high prices keep back business. We quote Java 27½ to 30c; Maracaibo is scarce and holds for 23 to 25c; Singapore, small sales at 26 to 27c; Jamaica, 22c.

*Sugar.*—There is no changes to make in quotations given last week for Raw Sugar, demand being very small. A large business has been done in American Granulated Sugar at 8½ to 8½c; Scotch Refined has been in fair demand at 7½ to 8½c; Local Refined is quiet but steady at unchanged prices. *Molasses.*—Stocks of all kinds of molasses are still very low, although supplies are now daily looked for—prices keep very high and retard business; Sugar House has been sold at 32½ to 38c, and Centrifugal at 42½c. *Syrups.*—Quiet; Amber, 70c; Golden and extra qualities, 52 to 56c. *Spices.*—There has been a fair jobbing demand. Black Pepper is firm and sales are made at 15c; White Pepper, 23 to 25c; Nutmegs, 85c to \$1.00, according to quality; Cloves, steady at 45c; Cassia is in good supply with light demand at 16 to 20c; Mace, \$1.30 to 1.50; Jamaica Ginger, 24 to 30c, former for unbleached. *Rice.*—Active demand and large sales have been made from the ships' side at \$3.80 to \$3.90; small parcels are sold at \$4.10 to 4.25. *Fruit.*—The only demand has been for small parcels within our range of quotations; Sugar Raisins, \$2.20; Valencia, 8c; Currants 5 to 6c; Figs, 14 to 15c; Filberts, 8 to 9c; Tarragona Almonds, 14 to 14½c.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—There has been a downward tendency in this trade and prices of hides have declined \$1.00; business is very dull. The recent failures in Quebec has made quite a stagnation. We now quote: No. 1 inspected, \$6.00; No. 2 ditto \$5.00; No. 3 ditto \$4.00; Sheepskins, \$1.00 to 1.50; Lambskins, 15 to 20c; Calfskins, 10c per lb.

**HARDWARE.**—There is a fair demand for both heavy and shelf goods, the former is being sold at slightly reduced prices, while the latter is moving off at about the figures which have prevailed for some weeks back. Stocks are comparatively light, and there is a growing disposition only to sell at a fair profit and to first-class markets. Remittances are still very unsatisfactory. Very few changes to make in our price list. We quote *Pig Iron* per 2240 lbs. Eglinton \$22 to 23.00; Carnbroe \$23 to 23.50; Summerlie and Calder \$23.50 to 24.00; Langloan & Gartsherrie \$23.50 to 24.00; American \$26 to 28; Hematite \$41.50 to 42. *Bar*, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.50 to 2.60; best do., \$2.65 to 2.75, Swedes and Norway \$5.00 to 5.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.50 to 7.00. *Canada Plates* per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$5.25 to 5.50; Arrow, & Garth \$5.25 to 5.50; Hatton & Penn \$5.00 to 5.25. *Tin Plate* per box—Charcoal IC, \$9.75 to 10.00; ditto, IX, \$11.75 to 12.00; DC, \$8.75 to 9.00; Coke IC, \$8.00 to 8.25; 14 x 20, 25c extra. *Tinned sheets* Charcoal best No. 26 14c. *Galvanized sheets* best brands No. 28, 9½ to 10c. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to 3.25; *Sheets* best brands, \$3.50 to 3.75; *Boiler Plates* ordinary brands \$3.25 to 3.50; Best brands \$3.50 to 3.75; *Russian Sheet Iron* per lb. 16 to 17c; *Cut Nails* 2 D Lath, \$4.80; ditto, 2½d to 4d shingle \$4.05; ditto, 5d to 10d, \$3.55; ditto 12d and larger \$3.30; over 100 kegs 15c per keg less; ditto patent Chisel points 25c extra. *Pressed Spikes* \$5.00 to 5.25; *Shot Canadian* \$7 to 7.25; *Lead*—Pig, per 100 lbs \$6.50; do sheets \$6.50; do Bar, \$6.50; *Steel cast*, per lb. 12½ to 13½; Spring per 100 lbs. \$5.00 to 5.50; Sleigh Shoe \$4.25 to 4.50; Tire ditto, \$4.75 to 5. *Ingot Tin*, 23 to 24c; *Ingot Copper*, \$22 to 23. *Horse Shoes*