

*Prices of Second and Third Pot Ashes during the Year 1865.*

DATE.	SECONDS.		THIRDS.		DATE.	SECONDS.		THIRDS.	
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.		\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
January, 6	5.45 @	....	5.45 @	5.50	July.... 7	5.30 @	5.35	5.62½ @	....
13	5.40	.. 5.42½	5.40	.. ....	14	5.27½	.. 5.30	5.40	.. ....
20	5.45	.. 5.50	5.45	.. 5.55	21	5.27½	.. ....	5.35	.. ....
27	5.45	.. 5.50	5.50	.. ....	28	5.25	.. 5.30	5.32½	.. 5.35
February 3	5.60	.. 5.70	5.55	.. ....	August.. 4	5.30	.. 5.35	5.30	.. 5.35
10	5.50	.. 5.55	5.60	.. ....	11	5.12½	.. 5.30	5.12½	.. 5.20
17	5.57½	.. 5.60	5.60	.. ....	18	5.05	.. 5.07½	5.05	.. 5.10
24	5.65	.. 5.70	5.60	.. ....	25	5.07½	.. 5.10	5.05	.. 5.07½
March.. 3	5.70	.. 5.75	5.70	.. 5.75	Septem'r. 1	5.12½	.. 5.17½	5.12½	.. 5.15
10	5.50	.. 5.55	5.55	.. ....	8	5.30	.. 5.35	5.30	.. 5.35
17	5.57½	.. 5.60	5.60	.. 5.65	15	5.35	.. ....	5.30	.. 5.37½
24	5.65	.. 5.70	5.65	.. 5.70	22	5.35	.. 5.40	5.35	.. 5.40
31	5.65	.. 5.70	5.65	.. 5.70	29	5.75	.. 5.92½	5.55	.. 5.75
April... 7	5.65	.. 5.70	5.70	.. 5.75	October, 6	5.82½	.. 5.87½	5.82½	.. 5.85
14	5.72½	.. 5.75	5.70	.. 5.75	13	6.00	.. 6.05	5.95	.. 6.05
21	5.72½	.. 5.75	5.70	.. 5.75	20	5.85	.. 5.90	5.85	.. 5.92½
28	5.50	.. 5.70	5.70	.. 5.75	27	5.75	.. 5.80	5.30	.. 5.50
May.... 5	5.45	.. ....	5.60	.. ....	Novem'r, 3	5.90	.. 6.00	5.90	.. 6.00
12	5.45	.. ....	5.60	.. ....	10	8.05	.. ....	8.02½	.. 8.15
19	5.50	.. 5.55	5.62½	.. ....	17	8.40	.. 6.00	8.40	.. 6.00
26	5.60	.. ....	5.65	.. ....	24	6.00	.. 6.10	6.00	.. ....
June.... 2	5.60	.. ....	5.70	.. ....	Decem'r, 1	6.50	.. 7.00	6.50	.. 7.00
9	5.60	.. 5.65	5.70	.. ....	8	6.25	.. 6.35	5.00	.. 5.40
16	5.60	.. ....	5.75	.. ....	15	5.95	.. 6.00	5.55	.. 5.60
23	5.60	.. ....	5.75	.. ....	22	5.90	.. 6.00	5.50	.. ....
30	5.50	.. 5.60	5.45	.. 5.60	29	5.35	.. 5.40	5.10	.. 5.15

It will be observed, from the foregoing tables, that there was a wide range in prices in 1865. First Pots touched \$5.00 per 100 lbs. in August, and \$9.00 in November;—Pearls also attained high rates during the last month or two of the year.

The Montreal brand of Ashes has long been in good repute in Great Britain. The inspection appears to have been more rigid during 1865, than in years previous; the preceding statements show the proportions of different grades.

Reference was made in the report for 1864, to the circumstance that Pearl-ash was being produced on the Continent of Europe from the refuse of Beet-root collected from sugar-manufactories, and had found purchasers in England;—also, that muriate of Potash had to some extent been supplanting the lower grades of Potash. The opinion gains ground that the Ashes trade of Canada has to some extent been affected by the introduction of these articles into certain branches of manufacture, in which Inferior Pots had formerly been used.

*Stocks in Store at close of past Four Years were:—*

DATE.	POTS.	PEARLS.	TOTALS.
	Brls.	Brls.	Brls.
On 1st January, 1866.....	2 410	1,008	3,418
On 1st January, 1865.....	1,412	1,020	2,432
On 1st January, 1864.....	720	212	932
On 1st January, 1863.....	254	252	506