

Prices at Montreal.

Hides—Last week we referred to the attempt of one dealer to buy up most of the hides on this market and it appears that he was successful. This action has had quite a strengthening effect, prices being quoted firm at 6c to 6½c to tanners for No. 1, a car load having been purchased by a Quebec tanner at 6½c. Dealers are paying 5c, 4c and 3c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, although in a few instances it is said that these figures have been exceeded. There has also been a firmer market in Chicago hides, which are ½c to ¾c higher. Sheepskins are quoted at 85c to 90c. each

Fruits, &c.—Apples. The sale was reported of a good sized lot of choice winter varieties at \$3.80, it being pretty difficult to get \$4.00 for a round lot, and we quote \$3.50 to \$3.80 for good to choice, and \$3.10 to \$3.25 for ordinary to fair. A poor lot of Fameuse was sold at \$2.00 per bbl. Good do. are quoted at \$3.50 to \$4.00 in jobbing lots.

Evaporated Apples—There is scarcely enough business to establish quotations, but 13c would probably be paid by needy traders. The market is almost bare of dried apples and prices are firm at 7c to 9c as to quantity and quality.

Dry Goods—The principal topic of discussion in wholesale circles is the suspension of Russell, Seybold & Co., of Ottawa. Business in wholesale circles is quiet, but the recent collapse has caused quite an influx of sorting orders for heavy goods, such as flannels, blankets and men's woollen underwear. The cotton mills are still diversifying their products in order to compete with English goods. One of the latest new lines turned out by the Montreal Cotton Company is red sateen, which is acknowledged by foreign agents to equal the imported article. In colored cotton goods there has been an advance in livings in addition to the increase quoted by us.

Dressed Poultry.—Turkeys have been bought up pretty lively at 9c per pound for choice good size birds, and fancy large have realized 10c per pound, and for choice stock the market closes firm at 9c. Chickens have received a good deal of attention from buyers and sales have transpired at 6 to 7c per lb for good to choice. Geese are in fair supply and have sold all the way from 5c to 7c per lb as to quality. A fine lot of 60 lbs of geese was sold at 6½c per lb. Ducks are scarce with business at 9c to 9c per lb. One lot of 40 lbs was placed at 8c. Several sales of poor mixed lots of turkeys, chickens and geese were made at 6c per lb.

Flour.—In straight rollers a few sales have transpired at \$1.65 to \$1.70 for broken lots delivered but car lots on track could be had at \$1.60. Choice rollers of ninety per cents are quoted at \$1.75 to \$1.85. Winter wheat patents are slow of sale, and prices are quoted at \$5.10 to \$5.25. Spring patents have met with a fair local and country demand at about former quotations. Strong bakers have been sold at irregular prices, city brands being offered at \$5.40, while Manitoba millers have placed their strong bakers in this market at \$5.25, but the quality, it is said, is not up to that of city strong. Most of the old flour have been at last cleared off this market, and this, together with the fact that stocks here are about 26,000 less than those of a year ago imparts a steady feeling, and will help holders to resist any further modification of values.

Cheese.—The market evinced a better tone at the close of last week and sales of about 4,000 boxes were made on this market, finest white and colored bringing 9½ to 9½c, a fancy lot being placed at 9½c.—Trade Bulletin, Dec. 5.

It is reported that "Jim" Hall of the Great Northern has shown his business shrewdness by stepping in and making a clean \$3,000,000 out of Wall street kings. He completed favorable negotiations of a loan of \$30,000,000 a short time ago with which to complete his coast extension. This money had nearly all been paid over when the financial crisis came and Hill at once offered his money on good security at the ruling rate of interest. This brought him in a handsome sum, exceeding \$3,000,000 it is said.

A telegram from Montreal dated Dec. 9 says: "At the regular meeting of the Canadian Pacific board to-day a supplementary dividend of one per cent. was declared for the half year, to be paid with the guaranteed half yearly payment of one and one half per cent., making a total payment of two and one half per cent. for the half year. It is estimated that the surplus earnings for the year after paying the two supplementary dividends, will leave a balance of \$925,000 to be added to the dividend reserve account."



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24 25	Purple Springs.....	22 48
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1 48.	Cherry Coulee.....	21 22
2 25	Winnifred.....	20 57
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