

Commercial.

ENGLISH MARKETS.

LONDON, Dec. 13, 1882.

Beerbohm's report says Mark Lane steady on wheat. Good cargoes red winter off coast, which was 44s. 6d., is now 45s.; ditto No. 2 spring which was 42s. is now 43s. Prices of to-day for fair average red winter are offered for January. Maize.—No floating cargoes offering; passage cargoes weaker; fair average mixed American, now 28s. 6d., is 29s. for December and January. Imports into U. K. for week: Wheat, 190,000 to 195,000 quarters; Flour, 165,000 to 170,000 bbls.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13.

Cheese, which was steady at 60s. 6d. for three days beginning with the 7th, went to 61s. on Monday and to 62s. on yesterday, at which it remains. Bacon, short clear, 55s. Cotton, which was yesterday firm with quiet features, is easier to-day, and futures dull. Uplands quoted 5. 15/16d.; Orleans, 6 3/4d. At 5 p.m. futures were steadier, April and May quoted up to 5. 59-64d. Spot wheat quiet and steady at 8s. 11d. for red winter; 8s. 10d., Spring; 9s. 5d., Club; 9s., White.

CHICAGO MARKET.

Dec. 13, 1882.

Wheat, a shade lower, with limited transactions. On the Kerb market 93 3/4c. for December; 94c. for January; 95c. for February; \$1.00 to 1.00 3/4 for May. Flour, unchanged. Corn, lively; receipts being large owing to fine weather, and sellers free, the market growing weaker. On the Kerb, 52 3/4c. cash, 52c. February, 54 3/4c. May. Oats, steady; Barley, unchanged; Pork, active, at \$17.15 to 17.20 cash; \$17.30 to 17.32 1/2 for January; \$17.42 1/2 to 17.45 for February. Receipts of hogs, unusually large; but smaller receipts and better prices are predicted next week. Lard, active. Bulk meats, easier; shoulders, 6.70; short ribs, \$9.00; clear, \$9.50.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL 12th Dec. 1882.

Business has not been "rushing" this week in any branch of trade. The lasters have again begun work in Cochrane, Cassils & Co's. shoe factory, and other factories will probably open Monday next, which will be welcome news to the leather trade, as stocks of that article are beginning to accumulate. The weather is cold and seasonable with good sleighing.

APPLES.—The demand is steady; sales are reported of car-lots on Monday and Tuesday of good winter assortment at \$3.60 and 3.65 per bbl. A lot of 200 bbls changed hands on p.t. supposed to be near these figures. Old country markets are firm, an advance of 1s. per bbl. was cabled on 6th, from Liverpool, while Glasgow quotations of same date stated that sales ranged from 21s to 25s 6d. The exports of apples from States and Canada for the season are 262,086 bbls., of which 172,000 went to Liverpool; 60,556 to Glasgow; 17,642 to London, the rest Hamburg, Bristol, Hull, Copenhagen, Bremen Swansea &c. Montreal shipped 60,003 bbls. Halifax; 5,083 bbls.; Boston 78,492 bbls.; the remaining 118,000 bbls. went from New York.

ASHES.—We have had a very dull week with an easier market, the extreme range of prices for pots being \$5.10 to \$5.20; and very extra tares alone would command the outside quotation. Pearls are also easier; a sale was reported yesterday on p.t. but understood to be a shade under \$9.20. Receipts for the week have been 75 brls. pots and 13 brls. pearls; deliveries for the same time, pots 86 brls., pearls 6 brls; stock at present in store, pots 232 brls., pearls 38 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The lasters in the factory of Cochrane, Cassils & Co resumed work on trial on Tuesday morning on condition that the manufacturers are free to employ apprentices or any labor which meets their approval. If these men work satisfactorily the other manufacturers are expected to resume operations by Monday. Trade is quiet, orders for spring are now coming in fairly at prices firm as below. Men's French calf boots \$3.75 to \$4.00; do Kip Boots \$2.50 to \$3.25; do Cowhide Boots \$2.50 to \$3.00; do Split Stogas \$1.75 to \$2.40; do Buff Congress \$2.00 to \$2.50; do Split Congress \$1.75 to \$1.90; do Split Brogans \$1.00 to \$1.10; Boys' and Youths' Brogans 85 to 95c.;

Womens' Buff and Pebbled Balmorals \$1.20 to \$1.50; do Split Balmorals 85c. to \$1.10; Misses Buff and Pebbled Balmorals \$1.00 to \$1.15; do Split Balmorals 85c. to \$1.00.

DRY GOODS.—An extremely dull week in business must be reported, and at the present time most houses are stock-taking. The cold weather which has set in may yet help the demand for heavy and warm goods, and as soon as the winter roads are well formed it is expected that a good deal will yet be done in winter sorting orders. Collections are improving compared with former weeks.

FURS.—Skins are now coming in prime. Otter for immediate use are worth about \$12.00. We remark that Otter, Beaver and Skunk are wanted and higher prices than our quotations would be paid up to say Christmas, after which prices will again fall to European rates. We quote Mink \$1.00 to \$1.25; Otter \$8.00 to 10.00; Beaver 2.00 to \$2.50; Skunk 50 to 60c. each; Lynx \$2.00 to 2.50; Bear large, 8.00 to \$12.00; ditto small 3.00 \$6.00.

LOUR.—Receipts for the week, 13,413 brls.; total receipts from 1st January to date, 810,175 bbls., an increase of 19,511 bbls. on the receipts for the same period of 1881. Shipments for the past week: total shipments from 1st January 745,692 bbls., an increase of 130,061 bbls. on the shipments for the same period of 1881. Business has been quiet as is usual at this period of the year, only small sales for local wants transpiring within our range of quotations, which are steady as under: We quote Superior Extra \$4.90 to \$4.95; Extra Superfine, \$4.82 1/2 to \$4.85; Fancy, nominal; Spring Extra, \$4.80 to \$4.85; Strong Bakers' Flour, American, \$6.50 to \$7.00; ditto, Canadian, \$5.40 to \$5.60; Superfine, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Fine, \$4.00 to \$4.15; Middlings, \$3.75 to \$3.85; Pollards, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Ontario Bags, new medium, \$2.40 to \$2.50; do. do., Spring extra, \$2.30 to \$2.35; do. do., Superfine, \$2.15 to \$2.20; City Bags, delivered, \$3.25 to \$4.00; Oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.10 for Ontario, Cornmeal, \$4.25.

GRAIN.—Wheat—Receipts for the past week 42,838 bush. total receipts from 1st January to date 8,024,311 bushels, being an increase of 628,710 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1881. Shipments during the week 27,486 bush. total shipments from 1st January to date 6,695,621 bush., being an increase of 312,275 bushels on the shipments for the same period of 1881. There is nothing doing in this grain and local quotations are nominal as follows: Canada Red Winter \$1.06 to 1.08; White Winter \$1.04 to 1.05; Canada Spring \$1.06 to 1.07. Peas—A few small sales on the spot are reported at 90c. Oats are steady at 34 to 35c. Barley—Very dull at 60 to 70c. Rye is not asked for.

GROCERIES.—Teas—A good deal of tea has moved this week, but only in small lots, buyers and sellers are about 2c. apart in their views and as the New York market is very firm holders here are not willing to make concessions believing as they do that tea is a good article to hold. Japans have been bringing 14 1/2 to 31c. for low grade to fine. Coffee market quiet; Mocha has been selling at 28c. to 28 1/2c.; Jamaica is easier at 9 1/2 to 11 1/2c.; Ceylon 18 to 20c.; Maracaibo 11 to 15c. Sugar—the demand for refined sugar is slack and only small parcels are reported as changing hands; price of Granulated is steady at 8 1/2 to 9c. and not to be bought under these figures as the stock of beet root is now sold out, an advance in refinery prices may be looked for, yellows are steady at 7 1/2 to 8 1/2c. Raw Sugar is dull and no transactions are reported, Molasses are dull and without animation; Barbadoes are held at 52c.; Antigua 48 to 49c.; Trinidad 47c. Rice is unchanged. Spices are steady, black pepper is held at 15 1/2 to 16 1/2c.; white pepper 26 1/2c.; cloves are scarce and are held at 25 to 26c.; pimento is steady at 11c.; nutmegs firm at 40 to 90c. Fruit—There has been more movement in fruit, large sales of Valencia raisins are reported at 7 1/2 to 8c.; London layers \$2.40 to \$2.55; loose Muscatels are offered at \$1.90 to \$2.00; Sultana have been moved at 10c. to 11c. per lb. Currants are duller than usual at this season, although holders are firm at 6 to 6 1/2c.; Figs are scarce and firm, Eleme 15 1/2 to 16 1/2c.; mats 4 1/2 to 5c. Sales of Persian dates have been made at 10c. net. Filberts are worth 8c.; Walnuts to arrive are offered at 12 1/2c.; Tarragona almonds 12 1/2 to 13c.; Ivica almonds 12 to 12 1/2c.

HIDES.—The decline in price of hides noted last week has caused an increased demand, and has lent considerable firmness to the market but prices remain \$8, \$7 and \$6. Lambskins are steady at a slight advance, being now quoted at \$1 to \$1.10.

HARDWARE.—Very little business beyond actual requirements is being transacted. The Tin Plate market, which has for some short time been rather dull in England, has reacted and is now higher, and likely still to advance. Other lines remain unchanged. Our quotations of Pig Iron for last week were unfortunately inaccurate in some particulars (as may be seen by a reference to those of previous week) owing to the accidental use of a wrong sheet. Gartsherrie Pig we quote, \$25.00 to \$25.50; Summerlee, \$25.00 to \$25.50; Langloan, \$25.00 to \$26.00; Eglington, \$22.50.

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