

not serve on the case if another man—then being sworn—was allowed to form one of the jury. On being asked their reasons they had served with him on the "church case," (in which they dissented from the verdict rendered) and he acted so strangely, they did not believe he was in his right mind; that in proof of it they were certain he could not tell upon which side he had given his verdict. "Yes," I can," said he. "I gave my verdict for the widow." "The widow!" exclaimed one of the counsel sitting by, "there was no widow in the case, why the plaintiff is a young man who was never even married." "Oh!" replied the intelligent juror, "if I'd known that I'd have gone for a verdict for the church." His services were dispensed with.

—Four hundred and thirty barrels (3 car loads) of the luscious *fameuses* apples, for which the Eastern Townships are famous have been shipped to Boston by a firm in Abbotsford, Que., at good prices.

—The Three Rivers City Council have given out contracts for bridges over the St. Maurice River at that place, to be completed by 15th September next; contract price \$30,000.

## Commercial.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Montreal 27th Nov., 1877.

The fall trade may now be said to be over for the season, and merchants are preparing to review the work of the year by taking stock, which will be the order of the day for some little time. Navigation, so far as sea-going vessels are concerned, is now about closed, but the Quebec and market steamers are still running; the water is to be let out of the canal on Monday which will close that traffic.

The weather has been dull and wet all week, much too mild for the season, and the country roads are in a very bad state. Dry goods people are hopeful as soon as frost sets in that there will be some demand for heavy goods, as it is they are doing nothing to speak of. Groceries are dull and prices generally favor buyers, but there has been little wholesale demand this week. Drugs and chemicals are firm and in some instances a little dearer. The grain trade may be said to be over for the season and the demand for flour is confined to local wants. Provisions and ashes dull.

**ASHES.**—*Pots.*—Receipts are now very light and the demand this week has been moderate, prices of first have kept pretty steady at \$3.72½ to 3.75; seconds were sold to a small extent at \$3.00 to 3.10; thirds, \$2.50. *Pearls* are not much enquired, a few small sales of firsts reported during the week at \$4.50, market closing steady, nothing doing in seconds or thirds. Stocks in store are pots 1709 brls., Pearls 698 brls.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—We have very little to report in this line of business. Orders now coming to hand are very few, and manufacturers are resting for a time. Meanwhile quotations are without change.

**CATTLE.**—Arrivals during the week have been few and the market yesterday was decidedly firmer and a shade dearer, the range of prices obtained being from 3 to 4½c per lb. *Hogs* were in fair supply, but owners are asking higher prices than last week, which has to some extent checked the demand. Owners ask \$4.75, but buyers are only offering \$4.65. *Lambs* and *sheep* were in fair supply, the former selling at \$3.15 to 3.75; the latter at \$3.50 to 5.00.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—The tendency of prices in this branch of trade is upward. Epsom salts are scarce, and rather higher prices are obtainable. Stocks are not heavy and prices of most articles are likely to remain steady. We quote *Bi Carb Soda* \$3.25 to 3.50 per 112 lb. keg; *Soda Ash* 1½c. per lb.; *Cudbear* 12 to 15c per lb.; *Arrow root* 15 to 50c per lb.; *Borax* 10 to 12½c per lb.; *Cream Tartar Crystals* 25 to 60c per lb.; do *Ground* 29 to 30; *Caustic Soda* \$3.12½ per 100 lbs; *East India Senna* 12½ to 15c per lb.; *Sugar of Lead* 14 to 15c per lb.; *Bleaching Powder* 1½ to 18c per lb.; *Madder* 8 to 12c per lb.; *Alum* 1½ to 2c per lb.; *Copperas* 1 to 1½c per lb.; *Sulphur* 3½ to 3¾c per lb.; *Brimstone* 2½c; per lb.; *Epsom Salts* \$1.75 to 2.00 per 100 lbs; *Sal Soda* \$1.15 to 1.25 per 100 lbs; *Saltpetre* \$8.00 to 9.00 per 12 lb kegs; *Blue Vitrol* 5½ to 6½c per lb.

**DRY GOODS.**—Travellers generally have returned from their fall trip, but complain of a difficulty in obtaining orders as the mild weather has prevented any demand for heavy goods and stocks as yet are very little broken in upon. The long continued wet weather has rendered the roads unfit for travelling in the country, and until cold weather sets in there is little prospect of much activity. Remittances are good, which helps to keep up the spirits of the wholesale trade.

**FISH.**—There has been very little wholesale demand this week, and sales have been chiefly confined to small lots, prices for which are firm but without any very material change on those of last week. *Dry Cod* \$4.75; *Green Cod* \$5.00 to 6.00; *Labrador Herrings* \$5.25; *Salmon* \$12. \$11 and \$10 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

**RAW FURS.**—The weather affects this trade, skins are not coming in so freely as they did, and little activity is expected till winter fairly sets in. We quote. *Otter* \$4.00 to 7.00; *Fisher* \$5.00 to 7.00; *Mink* dark prime \$1.25 to 2.00; ditto pale \$1.00; *Martin* \$1.00 to 1.10; *Bear*, \$3.00 to 8.00; according to size; *Red Fox* \$1.00 to 1.25; *Cross Fox* \$2.00 to 3.00 *Silver Fox* \$20.00 to 40.00; *Muskrat* fall 12c; ditto kits 5c; *Lynx* \$1.00 to 1.50; *Skunk* 30 to 50c; *Raccoon* 10 to 30c.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts during the past week 21,597 barrels; total receipts from 1st January to date 756,485 barrels. being a decrease of 111,370 barrels on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1876: Shipments during the week 46,361 barrels; total shipments from 1st January to date 699,358 barrels. There has been no shipping demand for flour this week and the demand for local wants has only been moderate but the market has been firm in its tone although in the absence of demand at the close quotations are to some extent nominal. *Superior extra*, \$6.05 to 6.10 *Extra*, \$5.80 to 5.85; *Fancy*, \$5.60 to 5.65; *Strong bakers flour*, \$5.55 to \$5.75; *Spring extra*, \$5.40 to 5.45; *Super*, \$5.10 to 5.20; *Fine*, \$4.60 to 4.70; *Pollards*, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Middlings*, \$3.40 to 3.65; *Oatmeal* \$4.60 to 4.65.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 233,653 bushels; Total receipts from 1st January to date 7,196,102 bushels being an increase of 824,772 bushels; shipments during the week 165,781 bushels; total shipments from 1st January to date 5,691,253 bushels showing an increase of 686,306 bushels on the shipments for the corresponding period of last year. There have been no transactions in wheat since this day week and quotations are nominal. Very little doing in coarse grain. *Maize* has advanced to 22½c; *Peas* 72 to 73c; per 60 lbs. *Barley* 55 to 62½. *Oats* 27 to 29c.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—The demand this week has been very limited and orders coming in are for small lots, we have no change to note in the quotations given last week, but there is no doubt that prices are in buyer's favour. *Coffees* are

only asked for in small lots and prices are nominally unchanged or say Java 27 to 29c; East India coffee 22½ to 25c; Maracaibo 22 to 23c; Mocha 32c. *Sugar.*—This market is still somewhat unsettled and prices are in buyers favour, but holders are rather unwilling to meet their views. Scotch refined 8 to 8½c; American granulated 9½ to 10c; Dry crushed 10½ to 11. Raws very little asked, holders ask from 8½ to 8¾c. *Molasses* are in fair supply but there is very little enquiry. Barbadoes, 46 to 47c; Trinidad, 40 to 41c; very little of other kinds in stock. *Rice.*—Market quiet but firm at \$4.50, at which it is now held. *Spices.*—Market quiet and business confined to small jobbing parcels at our quotations. *Black pepper*, 9½ to 9¾c; white pepper, 18 to 18½c; cloves, 41 to 42c; Cassia, 14½ to 15½c; Nutmegs, 55 to 85c, according to quality; Pimento, 13c; maize, 75 to 90c; Jamaica ginger, 18 to 23c. *Fruit.*—The market for fruit is a little easier but it can hardly be said to be quotably lower, and we repeat our last week's quotations: Layers, \$1.57½ to 1.65; loose Muscatels, \$1.85 to 1.95; London layers, \$2.25 to 2.50; Sultanias, 7½ to 8½c; Valencias, 6½ to 7c; Seedless, 6½ to 7c; Currants, 6½ to 7c. No prunes in market. Figs, 9 to 13c, according to size of box. Tarragona almonds, 13 to 14c; Filberts, 7½ to 8½c.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**—At length the market has given way, and holders have declined \$1.00. We now quote, No. 1 hides, \$8.00; No. 2 ditto, \$7.00; No. 3, \$6.00; but there is very little demand even at the decline. Sheepskins, 90c.

**HARDWARE.**—Business is nominally over for this season; all the ships have left, and the inland fleet laid up in winter quarters, so that there will be little or nothing doing until after the New Year, when some merchants may find themselves a little short in some lines, which may create a slight demand. Prices remain as last quoted.

**LEATHER.**—A good business doing at fairly steady prices. The demand for *Spanish sole* is falling off as the boats have about ceased running, and rail freights have advanced. *Slaughter sole* is in better enquiry and prices are firm. The demand for *Harness* has slackened, and is likely to be light for some months to come. *Light splits* are wanted, and there is a fair enquiry for *Pebble* and *Buff*; *Upper*, quiet; *Hemlock Spanish sole*, No. 1, B. A., 23 to 25c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 21 to 22c; *Zansibar*, ordinary No. 1, 21 to 22c; ditto, No. 2, 19 to 20c; *Buffalo sole*, No. 1, 21 to 22½c; ditto, No. 2, 19 to 21c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 28c; *Waxed upper* light and medium, 34 to 40c; ditto, heavy, 32 to 37c; *Grained*, 34 to 37c; *Splits*, large, 28 to 32c; ditto, small, 21 to 27c; *Calfskins*, 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 70c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 50 to 60c; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 37½c; *Harness*, 23 to 32c; *Buffed cow*, 13½ to 17c; *Enamelled cow*, 17 to 18c; *Patent cow*, 16 to 18c; *Pebbled cow*, 13 to 16c; *Rough do.*, 23 to 27c.

**OILS.**—*Petroleum* is in steady demand at 18 to 21c; according to the size of lot. *Olive oil* is firm and our quotation of \$1.05 to 1.10 is well maintained. *Cod oil* is quiet but steady at 52½ to 55c. *Pale seal* 52½; straw 50c; steam refined 60 to 65c; *Linsed* raws 65 to 67½ ditto boiled 69 to 71½c; Transactions in fish oils have been within narrow limits.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter.*—Receipts during the week 1817 pkgs shipments 1869 kegs. Market inactive and nothing of a wholesale character transpiring, choice brings from 20 to 21c; common to good 12½ to 19c; *Cheese* receipts during the week 6401 boxes; shipments 8816 boxes No shipping and only a few small sales to the retail trade transpiring at 11½ to 12½c. *Pork* receipts 230 brls; shipments 154 brls, very little doing and market easy at \$16.50 to 16.75 per mess and \$15.00 to 15.25 for thin mess. *Lard* has been in fair local demand at 11 to 11½c.

**SALT.**—Coarse is now in one hand, for which