

foundland, 13 per cent. to 20 per cent.; British Columbia and Vancouver's Island, 15 per cent., boots and shoes 20 per cent. Bermuda, 5 per cent.; Honduras, 6 per cent. West India Islands—Bahamas, 15 per cent.; Turk's Island 10 per cent.; Jamaica, 12½ per cent.; Virgin Islands, 7½ per cent.; St. Christopher, 8 per cent.; Nevis 8 per cent.; Antigua, 6 per cent.; Montserrat, 10 per cent.; Dominica, 10 per cent.; St. Lucia, 5 per cent.; St. Vincent, 7 per cent.; Barbadoes, 3 per cent.; Grenada, 10 per cent.; Tobago, 7½ per cent.; Trinidad, 5 per cent.; gloves, 10 per cent.; British Guinea, 10 per cent.; Gibraltar, free; Malta, free.

Commercial.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, Oct. 2, '71.

There is a report that the Crude Oil Company have put oil for export down 10c. per barrel, but there is no official confirmation of it. The production for the last week has been about the same, and if anything, slightly better. A number of wells are shut down for want of water to supply the boilers. The Mammoth still is getting on, and it is expected it will be in operation in about a couple of weeks. The export trade is brisk while the home market is dull, its supplies coming chiefly from the residuum of the Export Refiners.

The shipments about the same, with business firm but not brisk. The derrick and engine house of the Old Lindsay well, owned by Mr. J. H. Fairbank, together with 1,000 barrels crude oil was burned last week, loss about \$3,000. A bakery and some adjoining houses were also burnt in the village, this loss was not very serious, and had no connection with the Lindsay well fire.

Crude.....\$1.50 Export.
..... 2.50 Home Con.
Refined..... 24cts per gal.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, Oct. 3, '71.

Trade has been very satisfactory all week, and the demand for all the leading articles has been active, but we have very little change to note in prices. The mercantile houses have not for many years past enjoyed such a large and profitable amount of business, although in some cases the great competition may have had the effect of reducing profits. Still that loss has been amply made up by the large trade which has been done. In dry goods the rush of the fall business is over, but there is still sufficient to keep the wholesale houses busy. Groceries are fairly active, and the market has a decided upward tendency. Breadstuffs have advanced, and the market is now firm. Provisions are steady. Ashes are steady and in good demand. Hardware continues firm, and the advance noted last week has been well sustained.

The amount of tonnage now in port is by no means large, but there is very little change to note in rates of freight. Large vessels coming to Montreal have been put to great inconvenience, owing to the lowness of the water in the river St. Lawrence. We understand that the Harbor Commissioners are about to have the channel surveyed, with the object of having it deepened, so as to enable all the large steamers to come into port.

The weather has been cool, with pretty sharp frosts some mornings, but, upon the whole, seasonable, and good for farming work.

ASHES—Pots—There has been very little alteration in this market, and quotations continue at \$6.55 to 6.65. The bulk of the sales have been at \$6.60. Seconds are still scarce, and meet a ready sale at \$6 to 6.05, and Thirds \$5.25 to 5.27½. The stock of Pots at present on hand is nearly all held for shipment to England. **Pearls**—All good tares are taken up at \$7.60. Towards the close of the market there was not so much demand, owing to the want of freight, but as soon as the vessels which are reported at hand arrive a brisk trade is again looked for. The stocks at present in store are—Pots, 746 bbls; Pearls, 109 bbls.

BOOTS AND SHOES—We do not repeat quotations this week, as there is no change in any article, but the fact of sole leather being scarce has caused a very firm feeling in the market. Stocks are generally much reduced, and large orders for winter goods are coming in.

COALS—The advance of 50c per ton in New York, on American anthracite has caused a rise of 25c in this market, and a further advance is looked for towards the end of the week. Scotch steam is still in small supply, and there is not much chance of any large quantity coming to hand this season. The demand has been large, but no change is noted in any kind with the exception of American.

CATTLE—The demand for beef has not been large, owing to the excessive supply of fruit and vegetables. Still there is a marked improvement since last week, and prices are firm but unchanged. *Sheep and Lambs* are in fair request; sheep at \$3 to 5.00, and lambs at \$2 to 3.00 per 100 lbs. *Hogs*—The enquiry for hogs has been very limited, and prices are easy. Sales, according to quality, at \$4.75 to 5.25 per 100 lbs.

DRY GOODS—The demand for the fall goods has somewhat slackened, still there is a larger quantity of goods selling than is usually expected at this season. The woollen trade has been brisk, and cottons have changed hands in heavy lots. Canadian woollens are not quite so much enquired for, and the demand appears to be chiefly for sorting up stocks. For clothing there is a good demand, especially from western buyers, who have made heavy purchases lately.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS—This market has been steady, but the amount of business done has not been very large. Saltpetre is somewhat easier, and is now quoted at \$9 to \$9.50; bleaching powder 3½c to 3½c, with some considerable sales at 3½c; Epsom salts are dull of sale, but price is steady at \$2; blue vitriol has been changing hands at 6c to 6½c; caustic soda is firm at 3½c to 3½c; bi carb is firm with an upward tendency at \$3.90 to 4, no sales reported under our inside figure; sal soda is moved at \$1.47½ to 1.50; soda ash is in light supply, and is firm at 2½c to 2½c; cream tartar is firm but unchanged. In other articles we have no change to report.

FREIGHTS—Tonnage is not in large supply, and very few engagements are reported. The rates by steamships to Liverpool and Glasgow for wheat and maize is unchanged; by sailing vessels, 7s; to London, 7s 6d, and to outports of the United Kingdom, 8s, 8s 6d; flour to Liverpool and Glasgow by sailing vessels, 3s 3d to 3s 6d per bbl.

FISH—Reports from the fishing grounds are favorable to low markets here this fall. The market at present is quiet; dry cod has been sold in lots, according to quality, at \$3.75 to 4.75; green cod is scarce and in demand at \$3.25; salmon meets a ready sale at \$14.50 to 15.50; mackerel (No. 3), \$4.75 to 5.50; herring in light demand, round at \$2.75 to 3; cans, \$4 to 4.25.

FURS—Raw furs have not as yet been coming to hand in large quantities. The September sales in London are reported as being very sat-

isfactory, and the competition for the skins offered was very brisk. The following are the prices in this market: fox, cross, \$4; red fox, \$1.25 to 1.50; pale martin, \$1.50 to 2; mink, \$3 to 4; bear, \$7 to 10; lynx, \$1; Canadian wolf, \$1.50 to 2; fisher, \$4 to 6; beaver, \$1.20 to 1.40 per lb; fall muskrat, 10c; winter ditto, 12½c; spring ditto, 20c; raccoon, 30c to 40c; skunk, 12½c to 20c; otter, \$6 to 8.

FLOUR—Receipts for the past week, 27,937 bbls; total receipts from 1st January to date, 628,362 bbls, being a decrease of 85,587 bbls on the corresponding period of 1870; shipments for the past week, 15,214 bbls; total shipments from 1st January to date, 470,866 bbls, being a decrease of 81,407 bbls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1870. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 2nd inst. were 52,911 bbls, against 41,763 bbls on the 15th ult., and 102,107 bbls on 1st October, 1870. Market has been characterized by a good deal of activity all the week, and a considerable rise on last weeks prices is now noted. Superfines are scarce and wanted; market closes to-day quiet but firm as follows: superior extra, \$7; extra, \$6.50 to 6.60; fancy, \$6.40 to 6.45; ordinary supers from Canada wheat, \$6.15 to 6.25; strong bakers' flour, \$6.25 to 6.50; Welland Canal flour, \$6 to 6.25; Canada super, No. 2, \$5.70 to 6; fine, \$5.25 to 5.35; middlings, \$4 to 4.50; Pollard's, \$3.75; Upper Canada bag flour, \$2.80; oatmeal, \$5.50 to 5.75.

GRAIN—Wheat—Receipts during the past week, 427,157 bush.; total receipts from 1st of January to date, 5,288,511 bush., being an increase of 503,442 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1870. Shipments for the past week, 174,168 bush.; total shipments from 1st January to date, 4,709,320 bush., being an increase of 670,740 bush. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1870. The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 2nd inst., were 328,243 bush., against 190,384 bush. on the 15th ult., and 531,069 bush. on the 1st of October, 1870. There has been an active movement in wheat during the past week at advanced rates; the market closes active—N. C. white winter, \$1.40 to 1.42½; No. 2 Chicago spring, \$1.33 to 1.34; Milwaukee No. 1, \$1.35 to 1.37½. **Maize**—Market has been quiet, only a few sales transpiring at 62½c to 63c. **Oats**—Market is steady, no cargo sales to report; car-loads are placed at 32c to 35c. **Barley** dull and nominal, a cargo of this year's crop was sold on p.t. **Peas**—Almost nothing doing in this grain, and price is nominal, at 75c to 80c. **Seeds**—There is nothing doing as yet in seeds, and prices are nominal.

GROCERIES—Teas—All grades of tea move readily, the principal activity however has been in Green and Japans, prices tending upward. The current prices here are, Imperial, 35c to 75c; Gunpowder, 40c to 95c; Old Hyson, 35c to 70c; Young Hyson, 31c to 85c; Congou, 25c to 80c; Souchong, 25c to 80c. **Sugars**—This market has been quiet, the demand being limited to local wants. Scotch refined has been placed at 9c to 9½c for ordinary to choice grades; Barbadoes, 8½c to 9½c, and Cuba 8½ to 8½c. Refinery prices here are for loaves, 13½c to 14½c; dry crushed, 13c to 13½c; extra ground, 13½c to 14½c; crushed A, 11½ to 12½c; yellow refined, 9c to 10½c. **Molasses**—There has been only a limited business done this week—Centrifugal, 20c to 22½c; Trinidad, 31c to 34c; Barbadoes, 35c to 37½c. **Syrups**—Standard, 40c; golden, 48c; amber, 75c. **Fruit**—A good deal of activity has been exhibited in this department. Layer raisins have changed hands in round lots at \$1.70 to 1.75; Valencia are dull; new crop at 7½c to 8c; old are worth 4½c; currants quiet; old, 5c to 6c; new, 6½c to 7½c, only a few of the latter offered. **Coffee** market