

The grocery store of Girvan & Co. also took fire but was checked before much damage was done. Insured for \$2,000.

BARRE, Ont., April 10.—A dwelling-house occupied by Thomas Bailey was destroyed by fire, also Warner's saddlery, and Powell & Co.'s provision store; all the property was owned by Mrs. Ross; insured in the Lancaster for \$1,500. Loss on stock of Warner, \$1,500, insured in Western for \$1,000; Powell & Co., \$1,500, insured in Provincial for \$1,500, and in Western for \$500.

Quebec, April 11.—The dry goods store of Glover, Fry & Co. was, with the contents, damaged by fire to the extent of about \$2,000; fully covered by insurance.

Chatham, Ont., April 11.—The residence of H. Smyth, Esq., was badly damaged by fire.

Quebec, April 12.—A newly-constructed house owned by C. Jobin was damaged by fire. Insured in the Commercial Union.

St. John, N.B., April 12.—The house of G. Whitcomb was set on fire and badly damaged.

Millbrook, Ont., April 10.—The furnace room of the tannery of J. Morrow was damaged by fire.

St. John, Que., April 12.—The store houses and outbuildings in rear of E. & D. McDonald's and J. E. Mollen's store were totally consumed by fire, also several wooden residences. Mollen's stock was valued at about \$55,000, very little saved. The following Insurance Companies are interested: Royal of England, \$15,000; Phoenix of England, \$8,000; Royal Canadian, \$8,000; Sincrona, \$8,000.

Florence, Ont., April 18th.—The store of Messrs. Young & Unsworth was consumed by fire, with a considerable quantity of goods. Loss about \$1,200. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

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MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, APRIL 13th, 1876.

There is little of change to note in the general aspect of trade since our last review. Quietness characterizes many departments. This is especially the case with the Leather market, and with Wines and Liquors. In Dry Goods a fair business is being done. Buyers are still flocking in, latterly more from the Eastern Townships and the Eastern Counties of Ontario, but all are buying with caution, preferring to order again for future requirements. There is no doubt that the lessons in economy kept before the country for some time have had their effect in lessening somewhat the volume of business, the cry of "hard times," deterring people from buying any but absolute necessities. In the fancy dry goods and millinery departments, business is likely to be quite up to that of last year. The facilities for travel afforded by our numerous lines of railroads give opportunities, to the fair ones of the land of seeing "fashions," and the female heart will grieve for what the female eye perceives, and as almost every farmer's wife or daughter controls a special reserve of exchangeable commodities in the shape of eggs, butter, &c., it accounts for the fact that the millinery trade is continually improving notwithstanding the general depression in other lines. The fact too that milliners are not as a rule possessed of much means, makes their suppliers more careful as to credit, which is naturally to the advantage of this branch of the dry goods trade. Remittances may be set down as fair; some merchants are complaining while others say they are satisfactory. Money at the banks continues easy. Gilt-edged paper is discounted at usual rates. Stocks have been quiet during the week, nothing occurring to excite, either bulls or bears beyond a few foundationless rumors as to Telegraph. The fine Spring like weather is having a beneficial effect on the retail trade.

ASHES.—The receipts of Pot Ashes for the past week have been fair, and the demand has been moderately active. Sales are about 150 brls. First sort mainly, at \$4.42½ to \$4.45 for light

tares, and \$4.50 for good. A choice parcel of 30 brls. brought \$4.62½. In Seconds very little done at \$3.50. Thirds are nominal. In Pearls there is nothing to report; no receipts or sales; they continue to be a drug on the market. The receipts for the year have been 2,804 brls. Pots and 25 brls. Pearls. The deliveries 1,163 brls. Pots, and 54 brls. Pearls; and the stock in store this evening is 3,722 brls. Pots, and 1,202 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business for the week has been quiet; little doing except finishing orders in hand. The sorting-up trade is expected to show up pretty well, as stocks in the country are unusually light. Prices remain unchanged. We quote as in *Prices Current*.

CATTLE.—At the St. Gabriel Market on Monday there were 44 car-loads of cattle offered for sale. Business was more active than that of the previous week. The following were the places of shipment, the sales effected, and the selling rates:—Kingston, 3 cars, sold 20 head, averaging 1,400 lbs. each, at prices ranging from \$5 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs., live weight. Guelph, 3 cars, sold 9 steers, averaging 1,257 lbs. each, at \$5.62 per 100 lbs.; also 2 oxen for \$215, and 5 head at the rate of 5c. per lb., live weight, to the Bonsecours Market. Brampton, 2 cars, no sales. Shakespeare, 1 car, sold 2 steers for \$145, 2 for \$114, and another pair weighing 4,430 lbs., for \$245. Everton, 1 car, sold the entire lot at an average price of \$68 each. Lambton, 1 car, sold 4 steers at 5c. per lb. Guelph, 2 cars. Forest, 1 car. City, 5 cars, of which 3 were shipped from Toronto, and 2 from Whitby, sold 8 steers averaging 1,400 lbs. each for \$580 the lot; he also sold 8 steers for \$525 for the lot. Toronto, 6 cars, sold 14 head, averaging 1,400 lbs. each, to St. Ann's Market, at 5c. per lb., and sold 5 cattle to another party, at the rate of 5½c. per lb. A butcher, St. Ann's Market, bought 7 steers, averaging 1,350 lbs. each, at \$5.50 per 100 lbs. On Friday last, 1 car-load was shipped to Quebec, which was received from Oshawa. A dealer sold a four-year-old bull weighing 2,420 lbs., which he claimed was the best on the market, for \$141. On Friday last, a dealer from Port Perry had 2 cars on the market, sold a heifer for the round sum of \$100; he sold 3 steers to another butcher for \$160; and one for \$75 to a dealer from Quebec. The balance he sold to the Meat Packing Company.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There is little or nothing doing, and we do not expect matters to show any improvement before opening of navigation and arrival of spring fleet. Soda bicarb. could be bought in lots at \$3.60 to \$3.75, but buyers are holding off and prefer to pay \$4.00, as required, until new arrivals. Prices remain unchanged and nominal, and we quote:—Soda Ash at \$1.90 to 2.25; Sal Soda, \$1.50 to 1.75, according to quantity; Soda bicarb., \$4 to 4.25; Caustic Soda, 3½c. to 3½c.; Alum, 2c. 2½c. Extract Logwood continues scarce and firm at 12c. to 12½c. for bulk, and for packages in proportion. Bleaching Powder, 2½c. to 2½c.

DRY GOODS.—The City trade this week has been well engaged. The fine weather, no doubt, contributes largely toward this cheerful state of affairs. A good many Western and Eastern Townships buyers have been in the market. In money matters, we can only say that complaints are still made by some, while others speak more cheerfully and are quite hopeful as to prospects both as regard money and increased sales as the season advances.

FISH.—Codfish in brls. and Cwts. is the only kind of Fish selling to any extent and that is only in a retail way. The market for fish may be said to be "over." Easter brings so near. Prices unchanged. We quote:—Codfish No. 2, \$5 to 5.25. Dry Cod, cwt., \$5.25 to \$5.50; Mackerel, No. 1, \$3.50; Salmon steady, No. 1, \$15; No. 2, \$14; No. 3 \$13. White Fish, \$4.50. Trout, \$4.25.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the week 8633 barrels. Beyond a very limited retail trade there have been few transactions during the week. Prices are unchanged, and dealers are only buying enough to meet their daily wants. There is no pressure to sell, and both holders and Shippers seem to be waiting for the opening of navigation.

FURS AND SKINS.—In the absence of any arrivals of raw skins prices are nominal. The extreme stagnation in trade will have a depressing effect upon prices in general. Buyers are advised to forward skins as fast as collected, as prices although established for the present, may suffer a marked decline before many weeks. We quote:—Beaver, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Prime Black Bear, \$6.00 to \$12, according to size; Fisher, \$6.00 to \$9.00; Silver Fox, \$25 to \$60; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Red Fox \$1.25 to \$1.75; Lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.25; dark Labrador Martin, \$7 to \$9; male Martin, \$1.50 to \$2.00; prime fresh dark Mink, \$2.00 to \$2.50; fine dark Otter \$7 to \$9; Full Muskrat, 12c. to 17c.; Winter do, 18c. to 22c.; Spring do, 28c. to 30c.; Raccoon 25c to 60c; Skunk, 20c. to 50c.

GROCERY MARKET, WHOLESALE.—Country roads everywhere have effect as usual on business this season. Prospects, however, of earlier navigation are better than a short time since would have been thought probable, and now below Quebec all is reported clear, and arrivals of small craft from below reported. Information is received that no duty will be put on Tea and Coffee by the United States Legislature this Session, so that the trade on both sides the line will only now have to do with the ordinary condition of matters, as they have been on these articles. A better feeling is reported in Green Teas in New York, and bottom prices are generally conceded to have been reached.

TEAS.—With us are quiet and nominally unchanged, while in general imports since 1st January there is reported a falling off here of about three millions in value, in Teas. **COFFEES, MOLASSES AND SUGARS.**—A considerable increase is to be noted in imports since 1st January, specially in Teas, Coffees and Molasses, arising doubtless from anticipated additions to our duties, and this gives us full stocks to deal with; prices show no alteration worth notice. **SUGARS.**—British and United States Refined Sugars are reported advanced. Market with us is firm for good Yellow Refined and fine White Sugars. British Refined are from 7c. to 7½c. United States granulated is 8½c. to 8½c. **MOLASSES.**—Low Sugar House, 25c. Muscovado and good clays, kinds, 35c. to 43c. Syrups unchanged. **COFFEES.**—Java 29c. to 32c. Jamaica 22c. to 24c. **RICE.**—3.70 to \$3.85. **SPICES.**—Pepper 1½ to 12½c. Pimento 9 to 9½c. **GINSENG.**—Jamaica 2½ to 24c. Nutmegs 80c. to \$1. **CLONES.** 47 to 49c. **FRUITS.**—Valencia Raisins 7½ to 8c. **LAYERS.**—Some old sold about \$1. New Crop are 2.25 to \$2.35. Currants, 6½ to 7c.

HARDWARE.—Trade has continued active during the week, we might almost say brisk. There are no changes to note in prices. At the quarterly meeting held in England yesterday the Iron masters refused to declare any reduction, as there were 20,000 miners out on strike in Yorkshire, and a goodly number in Derbyshire, the miners agreed to a 10s. reduction of wage, but the masters insisted on 15s. as there is no great profit to be reaped till wages are materially reduced, and as makers have few orders in hand the masters will most likely insist on the reduction or close their works. Should the men prove obstinate and the strike extend prices will be rather firmer than otherwise. We quote as in *Prices Current*.

HIDES. per 100 lbs. Green, Inspected No. 1, \$7.00; Do. No. 2, \$6.00; Do. No. 3, \$4.00; Cured and inspected, 1c. more.

LEATHER.—The leather market continues remarkably dull; the demand is very light; prices remain unaltered, as will be seen in our *Prices Current*.

LIQUORS.—Business is quiet in this department pending the opening of navigation. The official report of the wine produced in France in 1875 has been published, showing a total of 1,339,912,602 gallons. The yield of 1869 was the largest ever produced in that country, but that of 1875 is fully 15 per cent. greater. We learn from our English exchanges that the customs authorities in London, England, continue to take samples from all Brandy in wood or bottles, and appear determined to stop those which are highly sweetened. The great profit-making scheme which has been carried on by