

**BY THUNDER.**—The Canadian Pacific Railroad seems to have a man who understands the art of bill-board advertising in a striking way. He has big bills on the walls and on them the phrase "By thunder" strikes the eye in big letters. The bill goes on to say, "By Thunder Bay runs the C. P. R." Also "Go to Thunder" in big letters and in smaller ones "Bay by the C. P. R." Recent bills have the "big four" prominently displayed. The big four cities, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Quebec, are referred to. As the Canadian Pacific Railway is undoubtedly coming to Detroit, let us hope this genial bill-board humorist will take up his residence among us. —*Detroit Free Press.*

**REGARDLESS OF COST.**—Clerk (to employer)—"What shall I mark the new lot of black silk at?"

Employer—"Mark the selling price \$3 a yard."

Clerk—"But it cost \$1 a yard."

Employer—"I don't care what it cost. I am selling off regardless of cost."—*New York Sun.*

—One of our banks received not long ago, on deposit, a check for \$3 on a bank in Dakota. It was forwarded for collection in due course, and after some time came back protested, with \$3.06 fees. It was afterwards ascertained that the man who drew the check was also the notary public of the Dakota bank on which it was drawn, and so pocketed \$3.06 fees for protesting his own three-dollar check.—*Hartford Courant.*

—Experiments in the use of petroleum as fuel on locomotives are being made upon the London and Brighton Railway. The principle, it seems, is somewhat similar to the petroleum furnace recently used with considerable effect on board H. M. S. "Caspian." The oil is injected by steam into the furnace, and it gives a white heat, generating steam very rapidly. The experiment is not absolutely free from objections, as the petroleum gives off a pungent vapor which the ordinary steam blower has not yet conquered.

—From the opening of navigation to August 31st, the arrivals at Montreal of sea-going craft were 452, with a total tonnage of 528,709 tons, against 386 with a total of 440,702 tons in 1885, or an increase of 88,007 tons. The inland arrivals were also in excess of last year, being 3,528 vessels in 1886 and 3,167 vessels in 1885, an increase of 361.

### Commercial.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, September 8th, 1886.

**ASHES.**—There have been no receipts worth talking of this month, the total having been only about 35 brls to date. The little business doing in No. 1 pots has been at \$3.25 to \$3.30, with a few brls. at \$3.35. The market is firmer, and a sharp advance is looked for shortly. There are not more than 50 brls. in first hands, and these are held for an advance. Seconds, not much doing in them at \$3 to \$3.05. A few brls. of pearls have changed hands at about 10c. over last quotation.

**CEMENTS, FIRECLAY, &c.**—London freights are advancing, and cements are held more firmly. It is also considered that there will be a scarcity this fall, owing to the large consumption now going on in connection with railroad and bridge works. We quote:—Portland Cement \$2.40 to \$2.76 as to lot; Roman \$2.76; Canadian \$1.75; fireclay \$1.50 per bag; firebricks \$22.50 to \$24.00 per thousand.

**Dry Goods.**—The fall millinery openings taking place this week have attracted a certain number of buyers from that part of Ontario east of Toronto and from the Province of Quebec generally, and some fair bills of dry goods have been sold. The city retail men report a very satisfactory business and are sorting up freely. Nearly all our leading importing houses have travellers in Toronto to catch all the trade possible from merchants visiting the Exhibition there, and hope to secure some fair orders from this quarter. All the buyers spoken to here, speak in a confident strain and anticipate a good fall trade. Stocks generally are in good shape, and business on a healthy basis. In woollens, cash-meres continue to "firm up," and wholesale dealers are buying freely at the advance,

anticipating a further rise. Nothing new to report in cottons. Collections are still on the slow side, but this is not unlooked for at the season.

**FISH.**—A few small lots of Cape Breton herrings have been received, and sell at \$5.25 to \$5.50. No definite reports of Labrador catch as yet. Dry cod is selling at \$2.75 to \$3.00; there is some green cod in the market at \$2.75 to \$3.25 as to quality per bri. Salmon very scarce and \$15 asking for No. 1.

**GROCERIES.**—Business continues to improve in this line, and a fair, all-round demand is reported. The outlook is encouraging for the fall trade. Payments are fair for the season. Sugars are steady at 6½c. for granulated at refinery, bright yellows not to be had. In syrups, there is a great scarcity of all grades outside V. B. molasses has stiffened in price, and is held at 32c. in lots. Japan teas are materially stronger in all markets but this; teas lying here on New York account have been ordered back, as from 1 to 2c. per lb. more can be got for them there than here. Both greens and blacks are firmer in London, and low grade blacks are in very light supply. Some lots of finer grade, new Valencia raisins are expected here next week, and will probably sell about 9½c. Direct vessel are not expected to sail till about the 15th or 20th. Old fruit in very limited supply. Rice firm at advance, pepper and cloves steady. In canned goods, salmon is still on the up grade, and it has been reported that B. C. packers are now asking \$1.50 a dozen; mackerel, too, are much stronger, packers asking \$3.45 a case; tomatoes \$1.20 solid in lots.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The last week has developed rather more enquiry for iron and other metals, but the resulting business has not shown any very material increase over former weeks. There is some talk of higher freights but local prices are not altered, and the home market remains without change; warrants are cabled at 39/6d. Siemens iron is still sold at \$16.50 to \$17 as to lot, but may strengthen as the Londonderry works are to be shut down for good it is said. There is an advance of 2/6d. in the S. & H. crown brand of bar iron, owing to makers being short of stock, but other lines are unchanged. There is a great scarcity of Canada Plates on spot,

but there are plenty ordered which are later coming out than usual. As indicated last week, there is in Britain some weakness in tinplates, cokes and cheap charcoals being sixpence lower "at home" owing to a fall in the price of Siemens's steel from which the plates are made; the better grades are not affected, and locally there is not enough doing to create any change in price. We quote:—Summerlee, \$16.50 to \$17; Gartsherrie, \$16.50; Langloan and Coltness, \$16.50 to \$17; Shott, \$16.50; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$15 to \$15.50; Calder, \$16.50 to \$17; Carnbroe, \$16; Hematite, \$18 to \$19; Siemens, No. 1, \$16.50 to \$17; Bar Iron, \$16 to \$16.5; Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, \$2.25 to \$2.35; Penne, etc., \$2.35 to \$2.40. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I. X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½c to 7c, according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c; No. 26, 7c, the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs., —; Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10c to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$4 to \$4.25; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3c to 3½c per lb. — Ingot tin, 24c to 25c; Bar Tin, 26c; Ingot Copper, 12c to 13c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos 0 to 6, \$2.40, per 100 lbs.

**LEATHER HOUSES.**—Shoe manufacturers are all pretty well employed manufacturing and shipping, and are buying more freely since the opening of the month. Prices rule steady in all lines, and the English market continues favorable to shipping splits and buffs. Considerable quantities of which are going forward. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do. No. 2, B. A., 20 to

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