

consider the proposed grant of \$400,000 to secure the continuation of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway to that town. A deputation was present from the Railway Company, and also one from the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway Company of Hamilton. In compliance with a petition signed by the reeves, a by-law was introduced and read a first and second time, authorizing the following municipalities to issue debentures to that amount, payable in twenty years—Egremont, Normanby, Glenelg, Bentinck, Holland, Sullivan, Derby, Sydenham, Owen Sound, Sarawak and Keppel. The by-law is subject to a number of conditions, one of which is that the railway company shall be bound in a penalty of \$400,000 to construct the road from Mount Forest to the waters of the Owen Sound Bay within two years from the time the debentures are delivered over to the Company's trustees, and that the Company shall pay \$5,000 a month as liquidated damages for every month over the specified time that the railway remains uncompleted. The by-law has yet to be submitted to the people for their sanction. It is understood that the whole county is liable for the debentures, but that the municipalities other than those named have recourse against those municipalities who make the grant for the ultimate payment of it. These proceedings look as if Grey is to have a railway at last.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.—Traffic for week ending, Oct. 28th, 1876.

Passengers.....	\$30,102 61
Freight and Live Stock.....	48,934 59
Mails and Sundries.....	1,960 53
Total receipts for week.....	\$80,997 73
Corresponding week, 1869.....	89,445 20
Decrease.....	\$8,447 47

—Mr. Richardson, President of the Brockville and Ottawa Railway, has resigned his office, and Mr. H. A. Abbott appointed to the vacant post, for which he is said to be thoroughly competent.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, November 15, 1870.

Since last Tuesday till yesterday, the weather has been clear and mild, and we have been enjoying "Indian Summer." A change took place yesterday afternoon the sky became overcast and in the evening snow fell for an hour or two, to-day has been cold with heavy snow-clouds about.

The Harbour at the present time is well filled with sea-going vessels, no less than five of the Allan's Steamers being in Port; the greatest activity is apparent to get the vessels loaded and off to sea before a severe snap comes. The animated aspect of things just now must soon give way to the black and dreary dullness of winter. Tonnage has been in pretty good demand.

Business has been pretty brisk during the week in all departments, and many of our large houses have been working night and day filling orders. Breadstuffs have met a fair enquiry, but market closes rather lower than last week. Ashes are steady but lower. Provisions steady. Stocks are quiet but steady, and all kinds of desirable securities are readily taken up. Sterling exchange is firm at 109½ to 109¼.

ASHES.—*Pots*—In the early part of the week, \$6.40 was obtainable for desirable Tares; but lately prices fell to \$6.15, at which price only small lots were disposed of. Yesterday, however, the market again advanced, and to-day closes firm at \$6.20 to \$6.25. *Seconds* have not much enquiry, but some have changed hands at \$5.25 to \$5.30. *Thirds*, at \$4.50 to \$4.60. *Pearls*—Market has been very quiet sales have been made as low as \$6.50, in some cases where the lots were forced on the market; to-day, quotation is \$6.50. to \$6.60. Stocks now in store are

Pots, 729 brls.; *Pearls*, 336 brls.; being a decrease of 334 brls. *Pots*, and 91 brls. *Pearls* on the stock in store on the same period of 1869.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The firmness in the leather market, causes a firmer feeling in this branch of business, prices have been well sustained but with no material change, and no alteration is looked for at present; the following are the prices of some of the leading articles: Men's No. 1 stogas, \$2.40 to \$2.50; No. 2 do., \$2.20 to \$2.30; Calf clump, \$3.50; Calf double, \$3.25; Boys boots, \$1.80 to \$2; Women's calf boots, \$1.30; Buff do., \$1.25; do. buff congress D. S., \$1.30; Balmorals, \$1.35 to \$1.50.

COALS.—The price in this market has been rather well sustained, and a brisk business has been done during the week. As may be expected at this season of the year the receipts are getting less. The yard prices are Scotch steam, \$5.25 to \$5.50; Welsh Anthracite, \$7.50 to \$7.75; Smiths coal, \$6.50 to \$6.75; American Anthracite, \$8 to \$8.25; Picton steam, \$4.75 to \$5.25.

CATTLE.—The market has been rather poorly supplied. Lambs are in demand. Dressed Hogs are in request but the receipts are limited. The prices in day's market were: Cattle 1st quality, 5½c. to 7c. per lb.; 2nd and 3rd quality, 3c. to 4c. per lb.; Milk cows, \$30 to \$50; Sheep 3c. to 5c. per lb.; Lambs, 2½c. to 3½c.; Hogs, 5½c. to 6½c.; Dressed hogs, \$7.25 to \$8.25 per 100 lbs., according to condition.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—This market has been more active this week, and some large transactions have been reported. Alum in limited demand, at \$2.15 to \$2.20 per cwt.; Copperas, 95c. to \$1.05; Soda Ash steady, at 2c. to 2½c.; Bi Carb steady, at \$3.15 to \$3.20; Sal Soda has been sold in large lots, at \$1.35 to \$1.40, the outside price being chiefly for small parcels; Caustic Soda is firm, and is held for 3½c. to 3¾c., the stock being in few hands; Bleaching Powder, 2½c. to 2¾c.; Saltpetre has declined in price, some lots having changed hands, at \$9.50 to \$10.50; Cream Tartar Crystals, 20c. to 22c.; Epsom Salts, \$2 to \$2.25. No change worth of note in other articles.

FISH.—A large business has been done this week. Labrador Herrings continue scarce, and late arrivals have been rather of superior quality. Canso Herrings are in request at full rates. Salmon is firm. Dry Cod sold to a large extent at an advance on last weeks rates. Round Herring are scarce and held at outside figures. The following are the present market values: Canso Herrings in brls., \$6 to \$6.25; Round Herrings, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Dry Cod, \$5 to \$5.12½; Labrador Herrings, \$6 to \$6.50; Salmon in brls., \$15 to \$15.25; do. in Teires, \$22.50 to \$23.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the week 37,372. Total receipts from 1st January to date 899,116 brls., against 832,027 brls. in corresponding period of 1869, being an increase of 67,089 brls.; Shipments for the past week, 22,532 brls.; Total shipments from 1st January to date 699,814 brls., against 743,091 brls. in the corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 43,187 brls. A moderate business for most kinds has been done this week both for shipping purposes and also for local wants, at rather lower prices than last week. Welland Canal flour has changed hands in large lots, good strong Bakers is rather scarce, buyers are shy about taking the samples at present in market, to-day the market was firm but buyers and sellers are apart in their views, some Western States Super, seller, December, was sold at \$5.10 in bond, and \$5.15 cash. The rates on Change to-day were Superior Extra, \$6.35 to \$6.50; Extra, \$6.15 to \$6.25; Fancy, \$5.85 to \$6; Fresh Super from Canada Wheat, \$5.35 to \$5.40; Western States Super in bond, \$5.10 to \$5.15; Strong Bakers flour \$5.80 to \$6.15; Welland Canal flour, \$5.20 to \$5.25; Canada Super No. 2, \$5.10 to \$5.15; Fine, \$4.75 to \$4.80; Middlings, \$4 to \$4.25; Pollards, \$3 to \$3.60; Upper Canada Bags, \$2.40 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs. Oatmeal is scarce, and wanted at \$4.75 to \$5.

FREIGHTS.—There has been a fair supply of tonnage, and the demand has been good, several engagements for heavy grain at 4s. 6d. to 6s. by sailing vessels including a few "for orders." Steamers rates to Liverpool and Glasgow, 6s. 6d. to 6s. 9d. for heavy grain. Pot Ashes 30s.; Pearl ashes 37s. 6d. to 40s. per gross ton; Provisions 45s.; Butter 60s.; Cheese 65s.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*—Receipts for the past week, 348,959 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date, 5,917,397 bushels against 6,664,391 bush. in the corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 746,994 bush.; shipments during the past week, 318,498 bush.; total shipments from 1st January to date, 4,976,283 bush. against 5,084,294 bushels in the corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 118,011 bushels. The market has been very irregular all week. U. C. Red winter was sold in cargoes at from \$1.12 to \$1.16. No. 1 Western Spring, \$1.15 to \$1.18; No. 2 ditto, \$1.12 to \$1.12½. To-day the market was firmer, holders asking from 2c. to 5c., but buyers would not meet their views. *Peas*—are in good demand at 87½c. to 90c. per 66 lbs, but there are few in market. *Barley*—has changed hands in small lots to some extent at prices varying from 65c. to 67½c. per 48 lbs, the outside figure would be given for fair samples. *Oats*—have been in rather limited supply, prices are firm and demand good at 41c. to 43c. per 32 lbs. *Timothy Seed*—is firm at \$3.10 to \$3.25 per 45 lbs., but not much business doing. *Flax*—is steady at \$1.60 to \$1.65 per 60 lbs.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*—There has been an active demand for small lots of most kinds especially Young Hysons and uncoloured Japans, within range of the following quotations Imperial, 45c. to 90c.; Gunpowder, 50c. to 95c.; Old Hyson, 45c. to 85c.; Young Hyson, 42½c. to \$1.00; Twankay, 32½c. to 40c.; Hyson Twankay, 42½c. to 45c.; Soucheong, 35c. to 80c.; uncoloured Japan, 52c. to 37c. *Sugars*—have been largely dealt in during the week, and an advance in most kinds is noted. Porto Rico 8½c. to 9c.; Cuba grocery 8½c. to 8¾c.; Scotch refined 9c. to 9½c. The local refiners have been kept very busy, and have advanced their prices for Yellow to 9½c. to 10c.; Crushed A, 11½c.; Dry Crushed 12½c.; Ground 12½c.; Standard Syrup 44c.; Golden Syrup 50c.; Amber Syrup 75c. *Molasses*—are dull, and have only been sold in limited quantities for local consumption, the activity in the sugar market has not affected molasses. The following are the nominal prices. Muscovado 33c. to 36c.; Barbadoes 43c. to 45c.; Trinidad 36c. to 37½c. *Spices*—a fair demand for Pepper at 13½c.; Cassia 34c. to 35c.; Nutmegs 50c. to 65c.; Pimento 5½c. to 6c.; Cloves 8½c. to 9c.; Jamaica Ginger 17c. to 20c. *Fruit*—There has been a fair enquiry for all kinds, and some large sales have been effected. Layer Raisins \$1.80 to \$2.00, principally within range although, some are said to have been sold a trifle under inside figure. Loose Muscatels \$2.25 to \$2.50; Valencias 8½c. to 9½c.; Currants in good demand at 6½c. to 6¾c.; considerable quantities to arrive are offered at 6½c.; Almonds 12½c. to 15c.; Walnuts 9c. *Coffee*—Laguayara 17½c. to 17¾c.; Java 21c. to 23½c.; Jamaica 16c. to 18c.; Rio 15½c. to 16½c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There has been a fair demand all week, and a considerable increase in prices over last report is noted. Butcher's hides 9½; Pelts 75c. to 80c, market not overstocked.

HARDWARE.—Pig Iron is held in few hands, prices are firm with upward tendency. Nails continue active and very firm, in other articles a fair business has been done, and prices generally are firm and steady. Gartsherrie Pig \$22.50 to \$23, other brands of Pig \$20.00 to \$22.00; Scotch Bar in light supply \$52 to \$54; Boiler Plate scarce and in active demand \$3.25 to \$3.50; Cut Nails \$3.00 to \$3.15; Pressed ditto \$3.00 to \$3.20; Tin plates are unchanged here, but an advance is noted in the English market. Window Glass firm