

I have seen more fires than the Ottawa firemen and their Chief, and I know when a fire is well handled. I do not blame the "Chiefs" of Fire Departments when good work is not done, because I know that men are forced upon the Chiefs by intrigue or by favor, whether they are qualified and willing or not. I say distinctly that the Ottawa Fire Brigade have never done good work at a fire. I do not think they have appliances for good work, and I do not think they are under such discipline as to do as good work as their appliances would permit.

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MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Dec. 4, 1884.

The Montreal Stock Market continues extremely dull, but values hold up steadily nevertheless. Were any demand to spring up it is claimed by big authorities on the street, that prices would "boom." To-day Bank of Montreal closed at 187½ to 188½; Ontario, 106 bid; Molsons, 110 to 111; Toronto, 174 to 175; Merchants, 109 3-8 to 109½; Commerce, 120½ to 121½, ex dividend, 117 to 118; Federal 49 bid; Montreal Telegraph Co., 113½ to 115½; Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co., 57½ to 58 3-8; City Passenger, 121 to 121½; City Gas, 181 to 181½; Dundas Cotton Co., 30 bid; and Montreal Cotton Co., 37 bid. The following were the quotations of and business in Montreal Stocks during the week:

Banks.	Shares.	Highest price.	Lowest price.
Commerce	1050	121½	116½
East Townships.....	14		
Federal.....	35	50	50
Merchants.....	819	109½	108½
Molsons.....	120	110	110
Montreal.....	529	188½	186
Ontario.....	35	107½	106
Peoples.....	8	42½	42½
Toronto.....	121	172½	172
Miscellaneous.			
Dundas Cot. Co.....	60	33	30
Gas.....	4075	182½	177½
Mon. Tel. Co.....	38	114	112½
Nor. West Land.....	25	42	42
Passenger.....	1280	122	117½
Richelieu & Ontario	260	58	56½

ASHES.—Receipts are very light. First Pots have sold freely at \$3.75 to \$3.80, a few brls. being placed as low as \$3.70 and as high as \$3.82½. Secends \$3.15 to \$3.20. Pearls are

utterly neglected, and are nominally worth \$5.00 for Firsts. Receipts since 1st January 6016 brls. Pots, 798 brls. Pearls. Deliveries, 6152 brls. Pots, 764 brls. Pearls. Stock in Store 1175 brls. Pots, 184 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Some of our manufacturers have been reducing their stocks, in view of the existing quietness of trade which usually sets in towards the holidays, stocktaking having been the order of the day. One or two houses are working on spring orders, and have been the exception to the dullness experienced by some of the other firms. Remittances although reported slow with one large house, may, on the whole, be called fair.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter.—The general market is in a very weak and unsatisfactory condition, so much so, in fact, that prices have given way on the finest qualities in sympathy with late English and New York advices, prices having receded 2c per lb. in the latter place. Here it is more difficult to sell even choice qualities, offerings of that description being more liberal of late than many in the trade expected to find it. The chief anxiety, however, is over the poor, medium and fair grades, large quantities of which are still held back of Brockville and west of Toronto. Country buyers need to exercise extreme caution in handling these kinds of butter, or they may have to suffer unpleasant consequences. Commission houses here should also be vigilant in order to guard against advancing too much on consignments, as they did last year. Sales of fine creamery have transpired at 25c, and choice townships have been offered at 22c. Brockville are quiet at 15c to 20½c, as to quality, and Western at 12c to 17½c, as to quality. Cheese.—The market remains steady for fine goods, owners of which prefer to hold rather than accept present bids from England. Should any animated stir take place between now and the holidays it will be more than the trade expects. Quotations are unchanged, as follows: Western—Fine to finest 11½c to 12, fair to good 10½c to 11½c, early makes 9c to 10½c. Fresh—Fine to finest 11c to 11½c, fair to good 10c to 10½c, early makes 8½c to 9½c, skims 5c to 7½c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A rather quiet week has passed in general drugs, but the advances previously noted in iodine, bromine, mercury and its preparations have been well maintained. Quinine is steady, morphia quiet and opium unchanged. Heavy chemicals are quiet, importations being all in, with dealers ordering in small quantities to fill immediate wants only. Bleaching powder still leads the firm list at \$2.40 to \$2.50. In other kinds there is little or no change. A new feature in the trade is the substitution of alkali and crystal carbonate for sal soda. The alkali is soda ash made on an improved principle, and the crystal carbonate is sal soda in concentrated form.

DRY GOODS.—Apart from stock-taking, there is no stir whatever in the dry goods department, travellers being nearly all home, and until they start out with general spring samples business is not expected to show the slightest animation. A few buyers have returned from England already, but it is claimed they were a little too hasty, as they must have missed the latest spring styles. In Canadian tweeds, orders for spring goods continue to be sent in by travellers. One of our large tweed houses has appended to its regular business the furnishing of tailors' trimmings, English coatings, buttons, etc., which, although somewhat of a departure, has been called for by the customers of the house referred to. Remittances have been only fair. Notwithstanding the general dullness of trade, stock-taking has already revealed to some of our leading

houses that their sales foot up to a larger aggregate than they had expected. Cottons are quiet and steady.

EGGS.—A dull market has ruled during the past week, and the few sales reported were made at from 20c to 21c, a few fresh cases having realized 22c. A lot in barrels, was sold at 19c.

FISH.—Continued dullness marks the trade in pickled fish. Labrador herring being slow sale and prices range from \$5.75 to \$6.25 per bbl. Cape Breton have sold as low as \$4.50 and \$4.75, and prices range from \$4.50 to \$5. Green cod \$4 for No. 1, \$4.50 for No. 1 large, and \$5 for large draft. Dry cod dull at \$4 to \$4.25 Gaspé, \$3.50 to \$3.75 Nova Scotia and American. Newfoundland salmon \$11, \$10 and \$9 per bbl. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and at \$13.50 to \$14 for No. 1 in tierces.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—There has been a fair movement in wheat and peas from points west on through freights to Liverpool via Portland, engagements having transpired at 40c per 100 lbs on wheat from points west of Toronto, and at 25c per 100 lbs. on peas from points east of Kingston. Sales of No. 2 Red Winter wheat have been made in the Stratford district at 69c, and since sleighing has set in, farmers' deliveries have been more free. Here prices are quoted: No. 2 Canada Red Winter at 80c to 83c, No. 2 Spring 80c to 83c, and No. White Winter at 81c to 84c. Corn nominal at 70c duty paid; peas 70c to 75c nominal. Sales on the line of the Grand Trunk at 6½c per 60 lbs for export. Oats 31½c to 32c per 32 lbs., rye 56c to 57½c and barley 48c to 55c, as to quality. The flour market is quiet, and prices are easy, further shadings having been found imperative in order to work off stocks. Superiors are offered at \$3.75, Extras at \$3.65, and Spring Extras at \$3.55. Oatmeal quiet at \$4.00 to \$4.25 for ordinary, and at \$4.40 to \$4.60 for granulated; cornmeal \$3.20 to \$3.50. Pot barley \$4.25 per bbl and pearl barley \$6.50 to \$6.75. Bran \$13 to \$15.00 per ton, and shorts \$15.00 to \$17.

GREEN FRUIT.—The stock of apples in this city are now estimated at about 25,000 bbls., which does not show much variation from our previous estimate. In this market sales of fair to fine winter stock have been made in ear lots at \$1.75 to \$2.00, and quotations range from \$1.75 to \$2.25, higher prices being asked for fancy stock. Oranges are quoted at \$5.75 to \$6.25 per case for Malaga and \$6.25 to \$6.50 for Valencia, Lemons, \$4 to \$4.50 per box for Florida and Messina, and at \$3.25 to \$4 for Malaga. Almeria grapes \$4.50 to \$5.00 per keg for ordinary up to \$6 and \$8 for extra weights. Catawbas 12½c to 13c and California \$5 to \$6 per case. Cocoanuts \$5 to \$6 per 100. English cob nuts sold at 26c per lb. Cranberries \$13 to \$15 per bbl.

GROCERIES.—Sugar market is easier, in sympathy with the condition of foreign markets. Granulated has been offered at 6 3-8c, which figure it is claimed was shaded for a round lot. Yellows have lost tone, and quotations range from 4 3-8c to 5½c, the latter for extra choice brights. Latest cables from London quote a further decline of 3d per cwt. in the price of German beet sugar, offerings of 88 test being cabled at 10s 4½d. In New York granulated has been sold at 6c. Molasses are dull, and in order to move round lots quotations would have to be materially shaded. Barbadoes quoted at 30½c to 31½c, Porto Rico at 25c to 26c, Antigua at 23c to 24c, and Trinidad at 22c to 23c. Syrup unchanged at 28c to 50c. In fruit there is a great scarcity of Valencia raisins, all the large lots having been cleaned up at 8½c and dealers now demand 9c. A lot of 2,000 boxes have arrived in New York which was destined for this market, but unless 9c can be guaranteed here it