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FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE,
Tuesday, December 9.

Financial.

The demand for money is reported quiet at the banks, and rates are steady, at 5 to 6 per cent for loans on call, and 6 to 7 for time loans. Prime commercial paper is still taken at 7 to 8 per cent, as to name and date. Sterling exchange is reported firmer, in sympathy with the New York market, but with a very light business doing; rates are quoted at 108½ for sixty-day bills between banks, and 108¾ cash to customers. Drafts on New York rule steady at par to 1-16 premium.

One of the most interesting features of our local stock market during the past week was the upward movement of Montreal Telegraph stock; the value of shares having advanced 12 per cent within about ten days and several heavy transactions were recorded at par, the highest figure reached. The "bulls" were running the stock up upon a rumor of a 4 per cent dividend at the close of this month and changes in the management of the Company with a view to reductions in the working expenses and a harmonizing of interests with the competitive Company. It is claimed that the "reform" combination controls 20,000 shares out of the total of 50,000 shares, and that this number will be sufficient to decide the next directorate, as those only can vote at the annual meeting in January next who have held stock for thirty days continuously before that event. As this date is now past the excitement has somewhat abated, and the value of shares has declined, until to-day (Tuesday) the market was stronger, and sales were effected at 98½, buyers closing at 98¼. Montreal Bank stock is firm at 144; Merchants at 90; Commerce at 119½; Ontario at 73, and Toronto at 118 for buyers, and 122½ for sellers. City Gas shares are saleable to-day at about 120, and Richelieu is tending upward, sales being made to-day at 43

Stock brockers are still paying 95c on the dollars for Consolidated Bank bills, and 20c for Mechanics'. The offerings are reported fair, and the demand is fair.

We learn upon undoubted authority that all negotiations for an amalgamation of the Jacques Cartier and Hochelaga banks have been suspended, for the present at all events. It is understood that the banks could not easily agree as to the principles of amalgamation.

—The earnings of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway for the month of November show an increase of $201,788.

—The traffic returns of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway for the week ending November 29th show an increase over the corresponding week of last year of $2,483.

—The traffic receipts of the Northern and North-Western railways for the six months ending with November were $44,114 in excess of the returns for the corresponding period last year.

—The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for the week ending November 28th amounted to $100,751.21, against $68,392.69 for the corresponding week last year, an increase of $32,358.52.

—The Midland Railway of Canada return of traffic for the week ending November 14, 1879 is:—Passengers, $1,309.04; freight, $4,073.02; mails and sundries, $241.76; total, $5,614.82. Total for the corresponding week of 1878, $4,646.27; increase, $968.55.

—The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent on the common stock, and a quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock. The company will have a surplus, after paying dividends, of $12,750,000.

—The Grand Trunk Railway returns of traffic for the week ending 29th November, 1879, compared with the corresponding week of 1878, shows an increase of $22,272:

	1879.	1878.
Passengers, mails and express	$50,761	$47,177
freight	144,365	125,676
Freight and live stock		
Total	$195,125	$172,853

Increase during the last 21 weeks $294,333

Business Troubles.

R. A. McAllister & Co., of Toronto, dealers in knitted goods, are offering 75 cents on the dollar.

Mr. J. A. M. Lapierre has attached W. A. Campbell, trader, for $272.50. C. Beausoleil, assignee.

A writ of attachment has been issued against Wm. Morgan, butcher; Mr. C. Beausoleil, assignee.

Maxime J. Demers has been attached at the instance of Jeremie Perrault for $248.75. L. Dupuy, assignee.

Cushing & Clark, of Salisbury, N.B., offer 25 per cent. to their creditors, and a trust deed is now being signed.

The Royal Canadian Insurance Company has attached Joseph Dupre, forwarder and trader, for $2,000. L. J. Lajoie, assignee.

—Joseph C. Marchand has made a demand of assignment upon Louis Renaud, trader, for $502.60. A. Bourbonniere, assignee.

Ten attachments have been issued against Ontario traders this week. There were only three assignments during the week in Ontario and Quebec combined.

At a meeting of the creditors of Smith & Barnes, of Shediac., N.B., their offer of 33⅓ cents on the dollar, secured, was accepted, payable in nine months.

—George J. Joseph & Co., export merchants, of London, England, have failed. It is reported they have business connections in Canada.

—A Halifax despatch says:—MacLaughlin & Co., lime dealers, Halifax, have assigned. A writ of attachment has issued against Jas. J. Macdonald; liabilities, $3,976.

—A Quebec despatch says:—Jeremie Perrault has attached Michael Deniers for $248.75. W. A. Campbell, trader, has been attached by J. A. M. Lapierre for $272.50. The Royal Canadian Insurance Company has issued a writ against Joseph Dupre, trader, for $2,000.

—At a preliminary meeting of the creditors of the Dominion of Canada Plumbago Company, held at Ottawa Wednesday, Capt McCuaig was appointed assignee, and Hon. R. W. Scott, James Rochester and Dr. Leggo inspectors. The liabilities of the company amount to $55,000, and the nominal assets $80,000. The meeting was adjourned until the 23rd instant, when arrangements will be made for the sale of the company's property *en bloc*.

—At a meeting of the creditors of Pierre Larin, Mr. A. Bourbonniere was appointed assignee to the estate.

—Louis Renaud, on whom a demand of assignment was made on Wednesday, has since assigned to A. Bourbonniere, official assignee.

—A writ of attachment has been issued against Michael A. Finn, liquor dealer, of St. John, N. B., at the instance of James Guest, of Montreal Liabilities about $21,000; assets about $10,000

—Writs of attachment have been issued against Wm. J. Flynn, Parrsboro, N.S.; Richardson & Mason, Halifax; James J. McDonald, do., and John C. Moulton, Yarmouth. Murdoch MacLean, Guysboro, offers 40 cents in 6, 10 and 15 months. C. J. Fuller, Arichat, offers 25 cents in 6, 12 and 18 months.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

MONDAY EVENING, December 8.

Business in the city wholesale market has, with a few exceptions, been quiet during the past week, and is expected to continue so until after the Christmas holidays. The weather has been changeable, snowing and raining by turns, and now the country roads are reported to be in a bad condition, which tends to retard business here in some lines. Prices for almost all kinds of goods are firm, and still tending upward, in some instances, while remittances are conceded by all to be very fair, for the season.

The local flour and grain markets remain inactive, but values are firmer.

Following are the wholesale city prices for flour:—

Superior Extra	$6 10	@	6 20
Extra Superfine	5 90	@	6 00
Fancy	0 00	@	0 00
Spring Extra, new ground	5 70	@	5 85
Superfine	5 35	@	5 50
Strong Bakers	6 30	@	6 50
Fine	0 00	@	5 10
Middlings	4 30	@	4 50
Pollards	3 20	@	3 40
Ontario Bags	2 90	@	2 95
City Bags (delivered)	3 20	@	3 25
Oatmeal, Ontario	4 65	@	4 70
Cornmeal	2 90	@	3 00

ASHES.—Receipts the past week have been very light. Sales of First Pots opened at $4.50, and have since been effected at $4.75 to $4.80; the transactions have, however, been insignificant. Seconds ran up from $3.50 to $3.75. *Pearls*—20 brls. First sort sold on p. t.; it is understood a little over $5.50 was obtained. Receipts since 1st January, 8,492 brls Pots and 1,746 brls Pearls; deliveries, 9,133 brls Pots, and 1,927 brls Pearls.

DRY GOODS.—The city retail dealers report a very active business being done. Remittances from the West during the past week were scarcely as good as was expected, the reason given for this being the bad condition of country roads. Letter orders also have been less numerous during the past few days; this is doubtless owing to the same cause. Travellers with Spring samples of tweeds and similar kinds of goods are now preparing to start out on their regular Spring trip, a d but little difficulty in placing large orders is anticipated. As we predicted weeks ago, higher prices are now being asked for future delivery of nearly all kinds of Canadian manufactures; and this is owing to the rise in the cost of the raw material. Advices from England are also to the effect that higher prices are prevalent. Several circulars from English houses have been received by dealers here to-day, stating that all former quotations have been cancelled.

FURS.—Trade continues brisk, all the manufacturers being kept busy on orders. Stocks are reported very light. There are very few raw furs coming to market now, the country roads being in a bad condition. Prices remain as last quoted:—

Mink skins, prime dark	$1 00	to	$1 75
Martin skins, prime	0 00	to	1 25
Beaver skins, prime dark, per lb	1 00	to	1 75
Bear skins, black prime large	5 00	to	8 00
Bear skins, black prime small	2 00	to	4 00
Red fox skins, prime	1 20	to	1 35
Muskrat skins, spring	0 00	to	0 00
Muskrat skins, fall and winter	0 08	to	0 12
Do, kits	0 02	to	0 01
Lynx skins, prime large	1 25	to	1 75
Skunk skins, large prime dark	0 50	to	0 90
Skunk, narrow striped	0 25	to	0 40
Skunk, white striped	0 10	to	0 20
Skunk skins, prime white large	0 10	to	0 30
Raccoon skins, prime	0 10	to	0 75
Fisher skins, prime	5 00	to	8 00
Otter skins, prime dark	5 00	to	7 50

GROCERIES.—Trade appears to have been quiet and steady during the week, chiefly confined to jobbers supplying the wants of retailers. No large transactions have been reported, and prices are generally unchanged. Remittances continue very satisfactory. Travellers report a considerable improvement in trade with country merchants during last week, while the good sleighing continued. *Coffees* are still quiet but firm at the prices quoted last week. Liverpool advices received here to-day report a return of confidence, and late Dutch sales were made at higher figures, viz., 95s to 102s per cwt. In Liverpool the market is steady. *Fruits*—The market is reported exceedingly bare of Malaga raisins, and prices are fully maintained. Layers are quoted at $2.20 to 2.35 per box; London layers, $2.65 to 2.85 do; Loose Muscatels, $2.50 to 2.65; Black Baskets, $3.75 to 4.00, and Black Crowns at $5 to 5.50. There are no half or quarter boxes offering. Valencia raisins are a shade easier, if anything; quoted about ¼c lower than in our last weekly report, and the demand continues fair. Sultanas are scarce, and quoted at 9c to 10½c. Currants are easier; the new-crop is quoted at 6¾c to 8c, as to quality and size of parcel. *Fish*—The high prices ruling for Labrador herrings has lessend consumption, and the demand for them is light; stocks here, however, are small, and will likely all be wanted during Lent. The price now quoted is $6.50 per barrel. Salmon is also in light supply and in few hands. Prices have advanced 50c per barrel, quoted firm at $18, $17 and $16 respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. Green Cod is steady at $6.25 for No. 1, and $5 for No. 2. Gaspe dry cod is firm, at $4 to 4.25. *Rice* is firm, prices being fully maintained, at $4.30 to 4.50 per cwt., as to quality. Stocks are mainly in few hands. A sale of 2,000 bags on private terms is reported. *Sugars*—The market was a shade easier during the earlier part of the week, but a recovery in the English market has been followed by firmer prices here, being now quoted at 8¾c to 10½c for Crushed A. Of raw sugars the market is bare of stock, and quotations are unchanged, at 8½c to 9½c. Owing to the high prices prevailing the, demand for sugars just now is light, and business is limited to supplying the wants of the wholesale jobbing trade. *Spices* continue firm; the recent advances noted in our last report being fully maintained, with a tendency still further upward. *Teas* have been in light demand during the past fortnight, as is usual at this season; prices remain firm and unchanged, but dealers here expect a still further advance, after the holidays.

HOPS.—This market for hops is decidedly weak, and in sympathy with Chicago and New York, where there has been a decline of 3c to 5c per lb., prices are easier and lower. Sales have been reported in small lots at 35c and 37½c, and we learn of other sales at 26c, and as low as 12½c for inferior stock. Brewers do not appear to be at all anxious to lay in their supplies, but are holding off for lower figures.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The demand for *hides* since the reduction in rates has been good, and a firmer feeling seems to exist. For butchers' green hides prices remain steady at $9, $8 and $7 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Sheepskins are steady, with an upward tendency in prices. We quote $1.05 to $1.10 Calfskins unchanged at 10c per lb. The New York market for hides is very firm, with a tendency to higher rates; stocks there are low—estimated at 15,700, against 134,800 at the same time last year.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Trade has continued quiet; nearly all our wholesale houses are engaged stock-taxing, and during the winter season business will, as usual, be pretty much confined to small letter orders. Several of our large merchants report a much better business during October and November than during the corresponding months of last year, but they do not care to take heavy orders yet for future delivery. English mail advices continue to note advances in prices for the various descriptions of metals. Remittances here continue to come forward regularly.

PIG IRON, per ton:—			
Gartsherrie	$28 00	to	30 00
Summerlee	28 00		29 00
Langloan	27 00		28 00
Eglinton	26 00		27 00
Calder No. 1	26 00		27 00
Carnbroe	26 00		27 00
Hematite	28 00		00 00
BAR, per 100 lbs:—			
Scotch and Staffordshire	2 25		2 50
Best do	2 50		2 75
Sweden and Norway	4 25		5 00
Lowmoor and Bowling	6 25		6 50
CANADA PLATES, per box:—			
Glamergan	4 50		5 00
Garth & Penn	4 50		5 00
F. W. & Arrow	4 50		5 00
Hatton	4 50		5 50
TIN PLATES, ₱ box—			
Charcoal, I.C	7 75		8 25
Bradley	8 50		8 75
Charcoal, I.X	9 50		9 75
Charcoal, D.C	7 00		7 25
Coke, I.C	7 00		7 25
Tinned Sheets, No. 26, Charcoal, Cookley, K, of Bradley, per lb	0 12		0 12½
Galvanized Sheets, best brands, No. 28	8 00		8 50
Hoops and Bands, ₱ 100 lbs	2 75		0 00
Sh ets, best brands	3 00		0 00
Boiler Plate, ₱ 100 lbs	2 75		3 00
Best do	3 00		3 45
Cut Nails, per 100 lbs. 3 in. to 7 in	2 75		2 80
Do do 2½ to 2¾ in	3 00		0 00
Shingle do	3 25		0 00
Lath do	3 75		0 00
Pressed Spikes	3 25		3 50
LEAD—			
Pig, per 100	5 00		5 25
Sheet	5 50		6 00
Bar	0 5½		0 5½
Shot	6 00		7 00
STEEL—			
Cast, ₱ lb	0 11		0 12
Spring, ₱ 100 lbs	3 25		3 50
Best, do warranted	5 00		0 00
Tire, do	3 50		4 00
Sleigh Shoe	2 50		2 75
Ingot Tin	0 28		0 30
do Copper	0 20		0 21
Horse Shoes	3 50		4 00
Proved Coil Chain, ⅜ in	4 25		4 50
Anchors	4 75		5 50
Anvils	0 08		0 10
Wire, ₱ bdl. of 63 lbs Nos 0 to 6	1 80		1 90

LEATHER.—The demand during the week has been only moderate; manufacturers here are not cutting much just now. The sales have been largely confined to orders from western buyers for *sole* leather, prices for which have been advanced another cent per lb., for all kinds, in sympathy with the New York and English markets. Black leathers are all quiet, but prices are firm, and indicate an upward tendency; the stocks are low, both in the city and in the hands of tanners. Remittances are still reported satisfactory.

Sole, No. 1, B. A., per lb	0 28	..	0 29
Do. No. 2 B. A., Do	0 26	.	0 27
Buffalo Sole, No. 1	0 23	..	0 24
Do. do. No 2	0 22	..	0 23
Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1	0 26	..	0 32
Waxed Upper, light & medium	0 38	..	0 42
Do. do. heavy	0 36	..	0 40
Grained Upper, light	0 36	..	0 42
Splits, large	0 29	..	0 34
Do. small	0 23	..	0 27
Calf, 27 to 36 lbs., per lb	0 55	..	0 65
Do. 18 to 26 lbs., per lb	0 45	..	0 55
Sheepskin Linings	0 30	..	0 40
Harness	0 26	..	0 32
Buff Cow per foot.	0 14	..	0 17
Enamelled Cow do	0 16	..	0 17
Patent Cow do	0 16	..	0 17
Pebbled Cow do	0 13	..	0 16½
Rough Leather do	0 28	..	0 32

WOOL.—The demand for *Greasy Cape* has considerably improved, and a further advance of ½c per lb has been established, recent sales having been made at 22c. Holders are very firm in their views, and are asking 22½c. Our manufacturers have at last waked up to the fact that wool is scarce this season, this market having been cleared of nearly all the desirable parcels of domestic wool to be had. Canada *pulled*, unassorted, is quoted at 24c to 27c, but owing to the limited supply, sales are few and rather far between. At Toronto sales of round lots of *fleece* have been made recently at 30c. Prices here for fleece remain purely nominal.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS.

Bonsecours and St. Ann's—Prices at Farmers' Waggons, etc.

TUESDAY, Dec. 9.

The farmers' markets were very poorly attended this morning by either buyers or sellers. The cause is attributed to the cold weather and bad country roads. The offerings of grain and vegetables were quite small, and prices in the absence of demand, were nominally unchanged. Oats sold at 70c to 75c per bag, and white corn at 60c to 75c per bushel on Jacques Cartier Square. Butter and eggs were very scarce, only a few small lots being offered in baskets; prices are therefore higher, as will be seen below. There was scarcely any poultry offering, and prices advanced; for turkeys, $1.80 to 2 per pair was obtained; for geese, $1.20 to 1.50 do; ducks, 80c, and chickens, 60c to 65c per pair. For a few small lots of dressed beef, 3c to 4c was asked for qrs., and 5c per lb. for hind qrs. Dressed hogs sold at $6.25 to 6.50, for the few offering.

The following are the prices, corrected up to date:—

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, 50c to 55c per bag; carrots, 25c to 40c per bushel; choice onions $2.00 to 2.25 per barrel, or 60c to 70c per bushel; parsnips, 50c per bushel; beets, 40c to 50c per bushel; turnips, 50c per bag and 20c to 40c per bushel; celery, 25c to 30c per dozen; cabbage, 15c to 30c per dozen, or 4c per head; indive, 50c per dozen heads; artichokes, 75c per bushel.

FRUIT.—Apples, $2.00 to 3.50 per barrel; lemons, 25c to 30c per dozen, or $7.00 to $9.00 per case; Valencia oranges, $7 per case; cranberries, $8 per barrel, or 40c per gallon; California winter pears at $4.00 per box; grapes, Concord, 8c per lb, by the basket; Malaga, $7.50 per keg of 50 lbs.

GRAIN, ETC.—Oats, 70c to 80c per bag; buckwheat, 45c to 50c per bushel; peas, 80c to 85c per bushel; soup peas, 90c to $1.00 per bushel; barley, 60c to 65c per bushel; bran, 70c per cwt.; cornmeal, $1.20 to 1.25 per bag; Corn, $1.30 to 0.00 per bag; Canadian corn, $1.20; moulie, $1.00 to 1.20 per bag; buckwheat flour, $1.80 to $2.00 per cwt.; oatmeal, $2.50 to 2.60 per bag.

FARM PRODUCE.—Butter—Prints, 25c to 30c per lb.; lump, 00c to 00c per lb; Eastern Townships, tub, 20c to 22c. Fresh eggs, 25c to 30c per dozen; packed do., 18c to 20c. Pine cheese, 12c to 12½c per lb; ordinary, 10c to 11c. Maple sugar, 8c to 9c per lb. Lard, 9c to 10c.

POULTRY AND GAME.—Turkeys, $1.50 to $2.00 per pair; geese, $1.20 to $1.50 per pair; ducks, tame, 60c to 80c per brace; pigeons, $1.00 to 1.50 per dozen, or 20c to 25c per pair; chickens 50c to 65c per pair: quails, $3 per dozen; prairie hens, 00c to $0.00 per pair; snipe, $2.50 per dozen; plovers, $2.00 per dozen; partridges, 50c to 60c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per brace.

MEAT.—Beef—Roast beef (trimmed), 10c to 12c; sirloin steaks, 10c to 12c; mutton, 6c to 10c; veal 5c to 10c; pork, 8c to 10c; ham, 12c to 13c; bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh sausages, 9c to 12½c; Bologna sausages, 12c to 15c; dressed hogs, $6.00 to 6.50 per 100 pounds. Dressed beef, fore-quarters, $4 to 4.50; hind-quarters, $5 to 5.50; venison, 8c to 15c per lb.

FISH.—Haddock, 6c; codfish, 6c; mackerel, 12½c; bass and dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olivet, 12½c per lb; lobsters, 10c do; perch, 10c to 80c per bunch; rock bass, 15c per bunch; smoked eels, 25c to 40c per couple.

The Apple and Potato Trade.

Dealers continue to report an entire absence of demand in this market for apples, from either the local trade or on export account. There is only one buyer here now for exportation, and he has ceased buying for the time being. As near as can be told values may be quoted at $2.75 to $3 for first-class winter fruit, and $2 per brl. for seconds. Fall apples are quoted at $1.50 to $2 Holders in this city are shipping on consignment almost every week; two carloads left here yesterday for Liverpool *via* Halifax. Latest mail advices from Liverpool received here yesterday quote sales there on the 28th ult., of Canadian apples, in good condition, at 14s to 20s per brl, as to quality, and a few fancy lots, such as Kings and Cranberry Pippins, brought 22s to 23s. Those arriving wet brought only 10s and upwards. Canadian potatoes sold in Liverpool on the same date at 4s 6d to 5s 3d per cwt. The ruling prices in this market are 45c to 50c per bag, but the demand, especially for exportation, is yet light.

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

St. Gabriel.

MONDAY, December 8.

The receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles, per the Grand Trunk, during the week ending yesterday, comprised 26 carloads cattle, 5 loads sheep, and 4 do of hogs—all for the local markets. Several of our largest Canadian cattle exporters have commenced shipping operations at American ports; the first winter shipments of Canadian live stock left Portland and Boston last week. As stated last week in these columns, a large number of cattle and sheep are now being fed up by farmers and dealers throughout the Dominion for the Christmas trade and spring markets; and a few of these keep coming to market and accordingly the quality of the offerings during the past week has shown a marked improvement. There were some very fine grades at St Gabriel market this morning. To-day being a legal holiday, however, buyers were scarce, and a very light business was transacted. At the western market the names of dealers offering one carload of cattle each are:—John Stagg, Brockville; Joseph Frayne, Forrest; W. McLean, Goderich. M. Laporte, from the Don, and R. Jones and R. Cochrane had 2 cars—one from Stratford, and the other from Guelph. The total receipts comprised 7 cars cattle and a few hogs. There were no shippers present; prices paid ranged from 2¾c to 4c per lb for cattle, and $4 60 to $4.75 per cwt for hogs. R. J. Hopper & Co. bought 3 head of oxen, weighing 1,500 lbs, at 3¼c per lb, and sold 4 steers at 3¾c. Wm. McLean sold 19 dressed hogs at $5.85. S. Price bought 25 five hogs from Joseph Frayne at about $4.60. R Cochrane, Guelph, had a number of very fine steers for which there was no demand and which he did not expect to sell until late this afternoon or to-morrow morning. A few head of small cattle changed hands at about 2¾c to 3¾c per lb.

AT VIGER MARKET

to-day the live stock yards and stalls were nearly all deserted. There were scarcely any buyers on the market, and the offerings consisted of two loads cattle driven down from St. Gabriel market by Messrs. P. H. Dardis, of Morrisburg, and Arch. Elliott, of Perth; also about half dozen head small cattle and 6 lambs, belonging to Mr. A. Marion, of St. Jerome. Mr. Dardis sold 8 out of 21 head cattle to a local butcher at from $20 to 26 each. Mr. Elliott sold to Mr. S. Jasmer, of this city, one pair of oxen for $80, and one pair steers for $62; he also sold to another butcher 8 cows and heifers at $20 each, and a pair of stags for $60. There had been no other sales made up to 11.30 this a.m. No calves or hogs offering.

TUESDAY, Dec. 9.

At Viger Cattle market to-day the offerings comprised about 80 head cattle driven down from St. Gabriel market by western drovers; 50 lambs and 2 or 3 milch cows, and as many small calves—the latter being sold at $2 to 4 each. The quality of the beeves was generally very fair, and owing to yesterday having been a holiday there was a better attendance of buyers than is usual on Tuesday. Up to noon a little more than half the cattle had been sold at from 3c to about 3½c per lb, live weight. Mr N. Taillefer bought 16 head from Mr. M. Laporte, of Mildmay, Ont., at St. Gabriel market, at 3½c, and resold them at Viger market at about the same price. Mr. Laporte also sold one large ox at 4½c. R. Cochrane, Guelph, sold about 30 head cattle since yesterday morning at from 3c to 4½c; he sold a number at Viger market to-day at 3½c. At the western market this morning, Mr. Frayne, of Forest, sold 11 head of cattle to Sam Price at $25 each. and 9 head do to P. H. Dardis, of Morrisburg, at $38 each. Mr. Dardis sold 9 head, out of another lot, at Viger market, to a local butcher at $21.50 each. The lambs were in good demand, and Fall were readily sold at $4 to $4 each.

Montreal Horse Market.

SATURDAY, December 6.

There has been very little improvement in the sales of horses in this city during the week ending to-day, over those of the week previous. The official report of shipments to the United States up till to-day comprises 74 horses, at a total cost of $5,832, against 72 horses costing $5,668, shipped during the week ending last Saturday, 29th November,—an increase of 2 horses and of $154.

Nearly all the business was, as usual, done at the American House yards, from whence three carloads were shipped to the States during the week, the buyers being Messrs. Snow, of Boston, Clapp, of Lowell, Mass., and Chase, of Maine. Buyers at these yards during the week were more plentiful than horses; the falling off in the supply is attributed to the ferryboats having stopped running, and the bad roads, there being no good sleighing in the early part of the week, but a larger supply is expected in from the country next week. At present there are about 40 horses in the American House stables, ready for shipment, and this morning there were 8 or 10 American buyers examining horses in the yards, but while the demand was apparently good, the right class of beasts to suit the wants of buyers were not forthcoming; nice driving animals, of good size, have been scarce all week, and the offerings have consisted chiefly of small working horses, the remainder being for the most part Canadian ponies. The average price paid for common workers is said to have been about $50, while for "drivers" about $60 to $85 have been the ruling figures.

On the Corporation Market there is little or nothing doing; the demand and supply both continue light, and sales comprise only 3 or 4 animals, at merely nominal prices. Following is the list of shipments from this city to the United States through the office of the American Consul here during the week:—November 29—12 horses at $1,145. December 1—16 horses at $1,212.50 December 2—21 horses at $1,580. December 3—8 horses at $687. December 5—17 horses at $1,207.50.

Montreal Hay Market.

SATURDAY, Dec. 6.

A large quantity of hay and straw has been offered for sale on the College street market during the past week, the total receipts being estimated at about 700 loads. Since the western ferry boats have stopped running the hay is brought across the river by the Longueuil ferry and the great bulk of it weighed at Viger and Papineau markets. There is very little first class hay coming to market, but what is termed No. 1 Timothy readily commands $9 per 100 bundles; common to inferior quality sells at various prices, from $7.50 down to $4, but the average figures are $7 to $7.50. No complaints are heard as to the quality of the straw, which brings from $3 to $5 per 100 bundles. Pressed fodder is reported scarce; pressed hay is quoted at $8 to $10 per ton, and straw at $6 to $7 do.

Montreal Fuel Market.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 3.

Such dealers as have any stocks of anthracite coal in their yards are still experiencing a very fair demand for the season from consumers, but those with scarcely any coal on hand report the demand slow. It is the misfortune of too many of our city dealers, who have heretofore enjoyed a good run of custom to be losing patronage to some extent just now, because of their inability, through a lack of the exercise of prudence and good judgment in laying in winter supplies, to fill orders, and now that several thousand tons have been delayed by the barges getting frozen in the Chambly canal, we understand that stocks of several dealers are all but entirely exhausted. There is quite a number of coal barges still fast in the ice at Chambly basin. St. Johns, Rouse's Point, and Belœil, and it is safe to conclude now that they will not be able to get through until navigation opens next spring. We are informed, however, that many of those interested are taking steps to have the coal brought into the city by rail; several cars, specially fitted up for the purpose, on the Grand Trunk, have been engaged, and it is expected that some of the coal at least will be in the market a few days hence. A few barges, it is stated, got nearly as far as Sorel, which will make it far more expensive to bring them into the city than if they had remained in the Chambly basin. It is estimated that it will cost about $1.50 per ton to convey the coal from the boats to the city, and this will render it necessary for these unfortunate dealers to again advance their prices in order to have any sort of a profit. Some of them talk of charging $8 per ton for hard coal, but the firm to whom we referred in our last week's article is still selling to many new customers at unchanged prices, $6 75 and $7, as to kind, while others, as we stated last week, are charging $7 and $7 50, and not able then in some cases to supply customers. This dealer stated to the writer to-day that so long as his present stock, several thousand tons, held out, he did not intend to advance his rates As long as this state of things prevail, no general advance can be effectually made. Another Montreal firm, who had 1,000 tons detained while on the way from Oswego, by gales on Lake Ontario, received it last Sunday afternoon, the barge having to cut through the ice in many places to get into port.

The coal shipments at Picton last week amounted to 1,590 tons, making the total shipments from the Pictou collieries this season 198,439 tons.

The demand for firewood in this market continues good, and the reasonable prices prevailing has induced many consumers to buy and use wood of late instead of the high-priced coal It is estimated that there are about 1,000 cords now lying in the vicinity of the Victoria wharf, and is being sold at unchanged prices. We understand that a large dealer here has contracted with the Government for a large quantity of cordwood, at prices which will enable him to sell to the public for the remainder of the year at the present low rates. It is said that there are immense quantities of wood lying at different points between Lachute and Hull, ready for shipment, and it is believed that the marketing of these will be effective in keeping prices reasonably low here during the winter.

COAL.—Retail prices per ton, delivered for cash: Stove, $7.00 to $7 50; chestnut, $6 75 to $7 00; egg, $6 75 to $7 00; furnace, $6 75 to 7 00; Scotch grate (soft), $5 50; Scotch steam $5 50; Sydney steam, $4 50; Pictou do, $4 50 to $5 00; coke, per chaldron, $4 00.

WOOD—Retail prices per cord at the wharf cartage extra: Long maple, 3½ feet, $5 00; long birch, 3½ feet, $4 50; long beech, 3½ feet, $4 00; short maple, three feet, $4 50; short birch, three feet, $4.00; short beech, three feet, $3 50; short tamarac, 2½ to 3 feet, $3 25; short hemlock, 2½ to 3 feet, $2 25 to $2 50.

British Cattle Markets.

LONDON, Monday, November 24.—Cattle at market, 4,280; sheep at market, 10,580. Best beef, 7½d to 7¾d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6d to 7d per lb. Best mutton, 9½d to 9¾d per lb; inferior and secondary, 7½d to 8½d per lb Rather a better feeling in the trade this morning, owing not so much to increase of demand as the diminished supply, and although prices were generally steadier, it was only in exceptional instances that any advance was obtained. Good useful descriptions ranged at 7½d to 7¾d per lb, and were considered by some rather a better sale, but the opinion of most was a slow trade. The sheep trade exhibited similar features.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, November 24.—Cattle at market, 2,939; sheep at market, 9,480. Best beef 6½d to 7d per lb; inferior and secondary, 5d to 6d per lb. Best mutton, 7d to 9½d per lb. There was a large falling off in the supply this week. Buyers from the country not so numerous, but a good trade was done, and prices were maintained.

GLASGOW, Thursday, November 27.—Cattle at market, 1,240; sheep at market, 5,750. Best beef 8½d to 8¾d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6½d to 8d per lb. Best mutton, 8½d to 9d per lb. There was an ordinary number of cattle at market this day, and generally of middling quality. Top sorts very scarce and in demand at prices firmer than last week's quotations. Inferior kinds dull, and no alteration. Of sheep there was a fair supply, and many were of middling and inferior quality.

GENERAL REMARKS.—Top sorts in demand at prices a shade higher than last week's quotations. Inferior, no alteration.

Adulteration of Butter.

At a meeting of the "National Association for the prevention of adulteration of butter" held in New York last Friday, a package of butter was exhibited, showing where the word "oleomargarine" was so imperfectly stamped that it could not be seen unless with the aid of a magnifying glass. It was proposed to prosecute every house using adulterated butter in a manner contrary to law, and to raise the sum of $5,000 to furnish the means for prosecuting the offenders. A Committee was appointed to carry out the proposition.

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Died.

KENNEDY.—Died, at her residence, Cornwall, Ont., on the 26th inst., Mary Chisholm, aged 76 years, formerly of Montreal, widow of the late A. A. Kennedy, of Pacific, Mo. May her soul rest in peace.

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