

ASHER.—Pots.—Business in the ashes market this week has been moderately active but the decline in prices noted in our last weeks report has not been recovered and firsts have been selling from \$4.40 to 4.50 while at the close the market was very quiet and only from \$4.30 to 4.37½ was being paid. Seconds \$3.35; Thirds \$2.35; Pearls prices have been steady but the market has been quiet with small demand at \$6.00 to 6.15 for firsts, nothing reported in seconds. The stocks at present in store are Pots 3352 bbls; Pearls 676 bbls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The rush of the fall business appears to be about over but a pretty fair sorting demand is still experienced. We have no change to make in quotations which however are firmer in sympathy with the recent advance in leather, and spring goods will probably open at an advance on previous prices.

CATTLE.—The quantity of cattle offering is still much below the average, but the quality offered this week has been better than for some time past the prices paid yesterday were from \$3.00 to 5.00 per 100 lbs live weight but the demand was by no means active and only for small lots. Hogs was plentiful and sold at various prices from \$5.50 to 6.00 according to quality; Sheep sold at \$4.00 per 100 lbs live weight.

DRY GOODS.—We have very little to report in this trade there are small sorting up orders coming in from travellers but the general fall trade is now over. Clothing has been in moderate demand and the retail trade have been doing a very fair business. The wholesale stock of Messrs J. P. Clark & Co. of this city is to be sold by auction on Wednesday at so much in the dollar. Stocks in the hands of wholesale dealers are pretty well worked down although a fair assortment remains to meet any demand which may arise.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Firmness continues to be the feature of this market and for some goods an advance on last weeks quotations has been asked and on nearly all articles on our list there is an advancing tendency although perhaps not quotably higher. We quote:—*Bi Carb* \$3.75 to 4.00; *Sal Soda* \$1.50 to 1.60; ex store, ex ship \$1.37½; *Causti Soda* \$3.50; *Soda Ash* 2½ to 2¾c; *Copperas* 1½c; *Alum* 2½ to 2¾c; *Epsom Salts* 2c; *Saltpetre* \$8.00 to 8.50; *Sulphur* and *Brimstone* unchanged the former sells at \$3.50 to 3.75, and the latter at \$2.75; *Bleaching Powder* 2½ to 2¾c; still in large demand; *Blue Vitrol* firm at 6½ to 7c; *Cream Tartar* ground 30c; *Cream Tartar Crystals* 26c; *Borax* 14½ to 18c; *Madder* 10 to 12c.

FURS AND SKINS.—Skins come in very slowly and can be bought at our quotations. Rats and Mink are a little higher but it is doubtful if our quotations could now be obtained for them, there is no demand from Europe and dealers are waiting advices from there before purchasing largely. We quote *Beaver* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Bear large* \$8.00 to 10.00; ditto small \$4.00 to 7.00; *Fisher* \$6.00 to 8.00; *Silver Fox* \$25.00 to 60.00; *Cross Fox* \$2.00 to 5.00; *Red Fox* \$1.25 to 1.50; *Lynx* \$1.50 to 1.75; *Martin dark* Lab \$7.00 to 8.00; ditto pale \$1.25 to 1.50; *Mink dark* prime \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto dark 2nd \$1.00; *Otter* find dark \$6.00 to 8.00; *Fall Muskrat* 15c; *Raccoon* 25 to 60c; *Skunk* 20 to 40c.

FISH.—Herrings are still scarce and firm, and buyers are holding back in hopes of a fall in price which is not likely to be the case. We quote *Labrador Herrings* at \$6.50; *Salmon* is plentiful but dull of sale at \$11.50, \$10.50, and \$7.50 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively. *Dry Cod* is quiet at \$5 to 5.50; *Green Cod* is held for \$5 to \$6.50.

FREIGHTS.—Market for freights is dull and quotations have been under those of last week, and at the close of the market the rates by steamers and clippers for heavy grain to Liverpool and Glasgow were 5/- to 5/6. Flour 3/- to

3/6. Only one more mail steamer comes to Quebec this season. The number of seagoing vessels which have arrived in Port from the opening of navigation up to the 1st November were 559 representing 371,279 tons against 599 vessels representing 361,305 tons for the same period of 1875.

FLOUR.—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst., were 74,301 bbls. against 82,941 bbls. on the 15th ult. and 45,836 bbls. on the 1st of Nov. 1875. Receipts during the past week 29,094 bbls.; total receipts from 1st January to date 796,756 bbls. showing a decrease of 80,348 bbls. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1875. Shipments during the week 37,918 bbls.; total shipments from 1st January to date 646,511 bbls. being a decrease of 77,272 bbls. on the shipments for the same period of 1875. The flour market this week has been on the whole dull and somewhat unsettled. Holy days no doubt interfered to some extent with business, at the close of the market to-day there was more inquiry for flour but without resulting in any amount of business. We give the following as the closing quotations, but we may say that early in the week rather higher prices were obtained. *Superior Extra* \$5.65 to 5.75; *Extra* \$5.45 to 5.50; *Fancy* \$5.30 to 5.35; *Spring Extra* \$5.10 to 5.25; *Superfine* \$4.80 to 4.90; *Strong Baker's flour* \$5.35 to 5.50; *Fine* \$4.30 to 4.40; *Middlings* \$3.50 to 3.75; *Rollards* 2.90 to 3.10; *Cornmeal* \$3.00; *Oatmeal* \$5.00; to 5.10.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. were 269,804 bushels, against 426,521 bush. on the 1st November. 1875. Receipts during the week 108,400 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 6,152,249 bush., being a decrease of 1,841,703 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1875; shipments during the past week 145,886 bushels, total shipments from 1st January to date 4,746,402 bush., being a decrease of 1,753,960 bush. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1875. Since the date of our last report there has nothing transpired in the wheat market on which to base quotations which closes nominal at our last weeks prices, viz. \$1.13 to 1.18 for Canada Spring; No 2 to-day at 1.16. Maize has been quiet, but there have been some transactions at 53c; *Peas*.—A sale of 1000 bushels to day at 92c, but holders are now asking 53c per 66 lbs.; *Oats* have been dealt in to some extent at advanced rates, 39 to 40c being now the market value. Barley is quiet at 65 to 70c.

GROCERIES.—Teas.—The trade in Japans is still confined to the wants of jobbers, there being no speculative demand for fine new crop grades from 50 to 60 is paid, the lower grades bringing from 25 to 45c. There has been a slightly better demand for cheap greens say at 27½c; but there has been nothing done in blacks. Coffee is firmer and in better demand, but prices do not show much change; principal transactions have been in Java at 29 to 32c; Singapore 24 to 26c; Maracibo 20 to 23c. Sugars are still active, market strong and tending upward. We have again to advance our quotations all round; Scotch refined now sells at 9 to 9½c; American granulated 10½ to 10¾c; Dry crushed 10½ to 10¾c; Raw sugars are scarce and also show an advance in late quotations, small transactions are reported from 7½ to 8c; holders of sugar are very firm and look for a further advance. Molasses.—There is very little doing in this article, the principal buyers here being the French merchants, who are this year only buying for immediate wants, the principal stock here is Barbadoes which is freely offered at 43 to 45c. Sugar House has been moved at 28 to 20c; Syrup are quiet and unchanged. Rice is again in large supply, and to

effect sales of any magnitude holders would require to modify their views; our quotation of \$3.80 to 4.00 being with difficulty maintained. Spices, although there is only a jobbing demand to supply, prices of most kinds are firm. Black Pepper is getting scarce and is now held for 11c although it can be bought ¾c cheaper for lots afloat. Cloves 16 to 18c; Nutmegs 65 to 90c; Mace 80 to 90c; Jamaica Ginger 19 to 23c; Tapioca 6½ to 7½c. Fruit has met a fair consumptive demand and for large lots possibly our quotations might be somewhat shaded. We quote Layer Raisins 1.60 to 1.75; Valencia 7½ to 8½c; Sultanias firm at 10½ to 11c. Currants 6 to 6½c as to quantity. Seedless 7 to 7½c. Turkey figs 11 to 13c for small boxes. Malaga figs in mats 4½ to 5½c. Walnuts 6 to 11c. Filberts 8 to 9½c. S. S. Almonds, scarce and firm at 14c. H. S. Almonds 4 to 5c.

HIDES AND PELTS.—There is still a brisk demand for Hides at our quotations, which is likely to continue till the close of navigation. Sheepskins, as usual, at the beginning of the month are a little dearer, and we now quote them 75c; No. 1 Hides \$6.00; No. 2 do. \$5.00; No. 3 do. \$4.00.

HARDWARE.—Business has not been quite so active as last week, but a fair trade is still being done. Pig Iron is now held in a few hands and being sold at our advanced quotations in fair lots, and altogether the stocks held are small. In other lines there has been no material change in quotations. We quote: *Pig Iron*.—Eglington and Clyde \$19.25 to 19.75; Summerlee \$20.25 to 20.75; Langloan & Gartsherrie \$20.50 to 23.00; Calder \$22.00 to 22.25; Hematite \$26.00 to 27.00. Bar, per 100 lbs., Scotch and Staffordshire, \$2.00 to 2.05; best do., \$2.25 to 2.30, Swedes and Norway \$4.75 to 5.00; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$6.00 to 6.50. Canada Plates per box, Glamorgan and Budd, \$3.60 to 3.75; Garth and Penn \$3.75 to 3.85; Arrow \$4.00 to 4.10; Hatton \$3.40 to 3.50. Tin Plates per box, good brands—Charcoal IC, \$7.00 to 7.25; ditto, IX, \$9.00 to 9.25; ditto DC, \$6.00 to 6.25; Coke IC, \$6.00 to 6.25; 14 x 20, 25c ex. Tinned sheets Charcoal best No. 26, 12½ to 13½c. Galvanized sheets best brands No 28, 8½ to 9½c cash. Hoops and Bands \$2.60 to 2.65. Sheets best brands, \$2.90 to 3.00; Boiler Plates ordinary brands \$2.75 to 3.00; do Best brands \$3.25 to 3.50; Russian Sheet Iron 12 to 13c; Cut Nails, 2 d Lath, \$4.50; ditto, 2½ to 4d shingle \$3.70; do., 5d to 10d, \$3.20; do. 12d & larger 2.90; 100 keg order 5 per cent. discount. Cut nails patent Chisel pointed 25c extra. Pressed Spikes \$4.00 to 5.0. Shot Canadian \$7 to 7.25. Lead—Pig, per 100 lbs 5.50 to \$6.00; do sheets 6.00 to \$6.25; do Bar, 6.00 to \$6.25; Steel cast, 12 to 14c; Spring \$4.00 to 4.25; Sleigh Shoe \$3.25 to 3.50; Tire ditto, \$3.75 to 4.00. Ingot Tin 19 to 20c; Ingot Copper, 19 to 20c. Horse Shoes \$4.50 to 4.75; Proved Coil Chain, 8 in., \$5.50 to 5.75; Anchors 7 to 8c; Anvils 10 to 12c. Iron wire \$2.00 to 2.20.

LEATHER.—Sole Leather is firmer in sympathy with New York, and as dry hides are still advancing prices are likely to keep up. Slaughter Sole is not in much demand at the moment. Waxid Upper has but little enquiry, but holders are firm in view of the small stocks in tanners hands and the advancing tendency of the market for green hides. Other stock is quiet and unchanged. We quote Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 23 to 24c; do. No. 2 20 to 20½c; No. 1 Ornicco 21 to 23c; No. 2 ditto 19½ to 20c; Zanzibar Spanish sole No. 1 20 to 21c; do. No. 2 17 to 18c; Buffalo sole No. 1, 20 to 20c; do. No. 2, 16 to 17c; Hemlock slaughter 22 to 24c waxed upper light and medium 33 to 36c; do. heavy 30 to 33c; grained upper 32 to 35c; splits large 22 to 29c; do. small 12½ to 20c;