

morning The snow which fell on Sunday evening followed by the cold, has improved the roads very much.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—Receipts have only been moderate and the demand light prices have continued to decline and our quotation to-day is \$3.50 to 3.60; *Pearls* are nominal and the position unchanged since the date of our last report. The stocks at present in store are *Pots* 789 brls., *Pearls* 291 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade for the past week was fairly good but collections come in rather more slowly, prices are still firm at the following quotations. *Mens split stogs* \$1.90 to 2.25; ditto *Cow hide* ditto \$2.50 to 3.00; ditto *Kip Boots* \$2.50 to 3.25; ditto *Split Brogans* \$1.00 to 1.10; ditto *Buff Congress* \$1.75 to 2.25; *Womens Prunella Congress and Balmorals* 60c to \$1.50; ditto *Pebbled and Buff Balmorals* \$1.20 to 1.75; ditto *Split Bals* 85c to \$1.10; *Misses Split* ditto 80c to \$1.00; ditto *Pebbled and Buff* ditto \$1.10 to 1.25; *Childs* ditto 60 to 85c; ditto *Split d* 55 to 60c; *Infants Cacks* \$4.00 to 6.50 per dozen pairs.

CATTLE.—Arrivals continue small and those offering yesterday on the St. Gabriel market were mostly all bought up at rather higher prices than those ruling on the previous Monday, say from 3 to 4½c; *Calves* sold from \$2.50 to 6.50 according to quality *Hogs* were scarce latest sales reported were at \$4.75 per 100 lbs., live weight. *Dressed Hogs* are dull with small receipts and are now quoted at \$5.00 to 5.25 per 100 lbs.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The market seems to have steadied, and we have no change to report in prices, business is quiet, a few orders from the country are coming in by mail but very few buyers have been in the city, no particular activity is looked for till nearer the end of this month, we repeat our last weeks quotations, *Bi Carb Soda*, \$3.60 to 3.75; *Soda Ash*, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Bi Chromate of Potash*, \$1.6½ to 1.7½; *Refined Borax*, 14 to 15c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 31 to 33; ditto ground, 32 to 35; *Caustic Soda*, \$3.00 to 3.50; *Sugar of Lead*, 12½ to 15½c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$2.25 to 2.50; *Alum*, \$2.00 to 2.25; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs \$1.25; *Sulphur* \$3.25 to 3.50; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.25 to 2.50; *Epsom Salts*, 1.75 to \$0.00; *Sal Soda*, \$1.50 to 1.75; *Saltpetre*, \$9.00 to 9.50; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$7.00 to 8.00; *Whiting*, 60 to 65c; *Opium*, \$5.75 to 6.00; *Quinine*, \$4.25 to 4.50; *Iodide of Potass*, \$6.50 to 6.75; *Bromide of Potass*, 50 to 55c; *Morphia*, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Castor oil*, 13 to 14c; *Cod Liver oil*, \$1.00 to 1.10; *Shellac*, 55 to 60c.

DRY GOODS.—There has been more activity in this trade during the past week than for some time previous, the advancing prices of cotton and woollens has caused buyers to anticipate their wants. Buyers in the city have been numerous and purchasers have been on pretty large scale, country trade owing to bad roads has not been very good, and it is believed that large winter stocks will remain on the hands of country merchants. Remittance are generally reported fair and payments falling due last week were fairly well met.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week 4,713 brls. Total receipts from 1st Jan. to date, 51,698 barrels, being a decrease of 47,730 brls on the receipts for the same period of 1879. Shipments for the past week 3129 brls; total shipments from 1st Jan. to date 20,810 brls, being a decrease of 17,230 brls. on the shipments for the same period of 1879. The little spurt in business which we noted last week, has not been maintained, and there has been nothing done beyond the supply of the local demand; prices generally have ruled weak, and to-day the market was inactive and no business reported. Prices are nominally unchanged since this day week. We now quote: *Superior Ex-*

tra \$6.15; *Extra Superfine*, \$6.00 to 6.05; *Fancy*, nominal, *Spring Extra*, \$5.90; *Superfine*, \$5.50 to 5.63; *Strong Baker's Flour*, \$6.10 to 6.45; *Fine*, \$5.00 to 5.10; *Middlings*, \$4.35 to 4.50; *Pollards*, nominal; *Ontario Bags*, \$2.80 to \$2.90 *Oatmeal*, \$4.50 to 4.60; *Cornmeal*, \$2.90 to \$3.00.

FISH.—There is only a small demand just now for fish, but owing to small stocks prices are pretty firm and well maintained. *Green Cod* No. 1, \$5.75 to 6.00; *Dry Cod* \$4.00 to 4.25. *Labrador Herrings* \$6.25; *Salmon* \$18. and \$17.00 for Nos. 1 and 2 respectively.

FURS.—Further cable reports from London of Lamson's sale, states that Lynx sold 15 per cent. higher than last year. Mink sold much higher, but the advance is chiefly in the commoner sorts; in musk-rat and otter we notice the same sharp advance over last year's prices, but principally also on the commoner kinds of skins. Detailed reports by mail have not yet been received, and prices here will not be established till they are. Our local market is very quiet indeed, and as prices are nominal we withhold quotations for another week.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 28,300 bush. Total receipts from 1st Jan. to date 325,276 bush. showing a decrease of 81,043 bush. on the receipts for the same period of 1879. Shipments for the past week 24,707 bush. Total shipments from 1st Jan. to date 266,331 bush. being a decrease of 137,635 bush. on the shipments for the same period of 1879. Market continues very small sales of spring wheat were at from \$1.39 to 1.41 latterly holders are asking higher prices, say from 1.41 to 1.42, but no bids over 1.39. *Maize* is steady at 70c; *Peas* are a shade firmer at 77 to 78c per 66 lbs; *Oats* steady at 31 to 32c; *Barley* and *rye* are nominal. *Seeds.*—Clover \$3.75 to 4.00; *Timothy* 3.40 to 3.50.

GROCERIES.—*Teas* are plentiful but there is very little demand, the market is weak but without any material decline in prices. *Japans* are worth from 27 to 55c. according to grade. *Young Hyson* 35 to 65c; *Souchong* 35 to 60c. *Coffee.*—Business doing in this branch of trade is very limited, but holders in sympathy with New York are firm in their askings; *Maracaibo* 22 to 23½c; old *Govt. Java* 30 to 33c; *Mocha* 30 to 33c; *Jamaica* 19 to 21c. *Sugar.*—The Montreal refinery have advanced their prices all ½c. their quotations now are for granulated 10 to 11½c; and *Yellows* 7½ to 9c; in *Raw Sugars* there has been very little doing and prices are without any quotable change since this day week. *Molasses* are inactive and prices favor buyers. *Barbadoes* 33 to 35c; *Sugar House* in puns 22½ to 25c; *Trinidad* 28 to 30c; *Porto Rico* 30 to 32. *Rice.*—Stocks are well run down and holders are firm at \$4.30 to 4.55. *Spices* are quiet but firm, *Black Pepper*, firm at 10½ to 12c; *White Pepper*, 16 to 19c; *Cloves*, 35 to 40c; *Cassia*, 16 to 17c; *Nutmegs*, 40 to 85c; *African Ginger*, 7½ to 9c; *Jamaica ditto*, 21 to 25c; *Mace*, 72½ to 90c. *Fruit.*—Valencia raisins are still scarce and prices have further advanced to 7½ to 8½c; no change in other fruits which we continue to quote as follows. *Layers* \$2.10 to 2.25; *Loose Muscatels*, \$2.40 to 2.50; *Sultanas* 8 to 9½c; *Currants*, 6½ to 7c; *Figs* 7½ to 12½c; *Tarragona Almonds*, 17 to 18½c; *Filberts*, 8½ to 9c; *Bordaux Walnuts*, 9 to 10c.

HIDES.—The weakness in this market noted last week has resulted in a decline of \$1.00 all round and as Grubby Hides are very plentiful a further decline of \$1.00 is confidently looked for before the end of the week meantime we quote \$9. to \$8. and \$7. for Nos. 1. 2. and 3. respectively.—*Calfskins* are coming in more freely and bring 12½c per lbs.

HARDWARE.—There has nothing of any consequence transpired to report since the date of our last. Business is dull and quiet, and without any activity. We quote *Pig Iron* Glengar-

nock, \$32 to 33; *Summerlee*, \$32 to 33; *Eglinton*, \$30; *Carnbroe*, \$32 to 33; *Hematite*, \$40. *Bars* per cwt, *Scotch and Staffordshire*, \$2.75 to 2.80; best ditto, \$3.00 to 3.10; *Swedes* and *Norway*, \$4.50 to 5.00; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling*, \$6.50 to 6.75; *Canada Plates*, *Swansea* and *Penn.*, \$6.00 to 6.00 *Hatton*, \$5.75 to 6.00; *Arrow*, \$6.00 to 6.75. *Tin Plates* ordinary brands, *Charcoal I C*, \$10.00 to 10.50; *Charcoal I X*, \$12.00 to 12.50; *Charcoal D C* \$9.00 to \$9.75; *Coke I C* \$9.00 to 9.50. *Tinned Sheets*, \$14 to 14½. *Galvanized Sheets* best brands, No 28, \$8.75 to 9.00. *Hoops and bands* \$3.25 to 3.50; *Sheets* best brands, \$3.50 to 3.75. *Steel*, cast, per lb, 13 to 14c; spring per cwt, \$4.50 to 4.75; best do., warranted, 0.00 to 0.00; tire ditto, \$4.00 to 4.25; *Sleigh shoe*, \$3.25 to 3.50. *Boiler Plates*, ordinary brands per cwt, \$3.50 to 3.75; best ditto, \$4.00 to 4.25; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling*, \$7.25 to 8; *Lead* per cwt, *Pig*, \$5.50 to 6.00; sheet ditto, \$6.00 to 6.50; bar ditto, \$6.00 to 6.50; shot, Canadian, \$6.50 to 7.00; *Ingot Tin*, \$28 to 30; *Ingot Copper*, \$22 to 23; *Horse Shoes*, \$4.00 to 4.50. *Shee Zinc*, \$6.75 to 7.00; *Cut nails* 10 dy., to 60 dy., \$3.85; 8 dy., to 9 dy., \$4.00; 6 dy., to 7 dy., \$4.35; 4 dy., to 5 dy., \$4.65; 3 dy., \$5.35; the above nails are Hot cut American or Canada Patterns, Cold cut nails of Canada Patterns 4 dy., \$4.35; 3 dy., \$4.85; Pressed spikes \$3.90 to 4.75.

LEATHER.—The business of the week must again be characterized as quiet; though the manufacturers are purchasing somewhat oftner and there is less disposition shown to cut prices. Stocks here are for the most part moderate, and quotations are without any change to note. We quote *Hemlock Spanish Sole*, No. 1, B. A. 26 to 27½c; ditto No. 2, B. A., 24 to 25½c; No. 1, *Ordinary*, 25 to 26c; No. 2, ditto, 23c to 24; *Buffalo Sole*, No. 1, 23 to 24c; ditto No. 2, 21 to 22c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 27 to 30c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 38 to 43c; ditto, heavy, 36 to 40c; *Grained*, 36 to 42c; *Splits*, large, 28 to 34c; ditto, small, 25 to 30c; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.) 50 to 80c; per lb., ditto (18 to 26 lbs.) 50 to 65c per lb; *Sheepskin linings*, 30 to 50c; *Harness*, 24 to 34c; *Buffed cow*, 14 to 17c; *Enamel cow*, 15 to 17c; *Patent Cow*, 15 to 17c; *Pebbled Cow*, 13 to 17c; *Rough*, 26 to 30c.

OILS.—*Petroleum.*—The market is quiet and steady at quotations which are a shade easier than those of last week, the demand is slackner as the days lengthen, and the bad state of the roads may have kept a number of buyers from the city. We quote car lots 15½ to 16c; five barrel lots 16 to 16½c; single brls. 16½ to 17c. *Fish Oils.*—There has not been much changing hands and quotations are unchanged since last week. We continue to quote *Cod Oil* 47½ to 50c; *Seal pale* 50 to 52½c; *Straw* is nominal at 45c; none in stock, steam refined 57½ to 60c. *trm. Olive* \$1.10 to 1.25; *Palm* 8½ to 9c. per lb. *Linseed oil* raw, 67½ to 70c; ditto boiled, 71 to 72c.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter.*—Receipts, 723 pkgs.; shipments, 1,030 pkgs. There is no export demand at present, and business is confined to the supply of local wants; any sales reported range from 16 to 21c. *Cheese.*—Receipts, 2 boxes; shipments, 9,391 boxes. Although there is not much doing, this market is firm and the turn higher than on this day week, 15 to 16c being current rates. *Pork* is unchanged, and price of mess is maintained at \$16.00 to 16.65. *Lard.*—There is a good demand for Canadian tubs and pails at 11 to 12c. *Hams*, 11 to 12½c. *Bacon*, 9 to 10½c.

SALT.—The price of *Coarse* is still 75 to 80c for 10's. *Factory filled*, \$1.15 to 1.20 for well-known brands. The demand is light, only occasional lots changing hands.

WOOL.—The only movement in this market is in Greasy Cape, which is rather dearer, sales at 22½c. Canadian unassorted pulled would sell well if in stock; the nominal price is 32 to 33c.