

CAMERON & ROSS,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
413 Commissioners Street, Montreal, are regularly receiving and selling on Commission all kinds of country produce—such as Flour, Grain, Butter, Cheese, Pork, Pot and Pearl Ashes, Leather, Wool, Clover, and Timothy and Flax Seeds; also purchasing on country account, Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, and General Merchandise.

Dry Goods.—For the past four months it cannot be said that this trade has proved overly profitable for either wholesale or retail dealers. This does not arise from any want of prosperity which the country might be subject to from a bad crop or low prices, but rather from the great mistake into which many of our importing houses have fallen into, of taking more goods into this market than is necessary for the requirements of the country, although, in many instances the trade done by some houses last season has come up to that of the previous one in point of extent. In no instance do we hear of it being so satisfactory, owing to the large stocks which are left over. One great evil which is sure to result from an overstocked market, is the way in which goods are forced on country merchants, and thus fostering that mistake, of all others, which most of them, at one time or another, fall into of keeping too large a stock,—the consequence of which is very often in order, to reduce them, offering goods at and under cost to realise for payments of purchases injudiciously made, and frequently too large to be promptly met. It should be always borne in mind by country traders that small and well assorted stock, often turned over, pays the best. Whatever the opinion of importers may be regarding the trade of the coming year, if the quantity of goods now held by retail dealers throughout the country is any guide to go by, the spring trade will be more of a sorting nature than of the buying of general large parcels. In many of the towns and villages throughout the country which we have visited lately, the stocks appeared to be sufficiently large to have been commencing the fall trade with. One encouraging feature is that the agricultural interests of the country were never more prosperous than at present.

GROCERIES.—There does not exist much animation at present, there being some sales announced to take place early in the month; after which we will be better prepared to give an idea of the supply and demand.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—The market is very quiet at present, late accounts show some decline to have taken place in the British markets, dealers vary greatly in their opinions as to future prospects. From what we could learn through the country, a large amount of wheat and other grains is still in the hands of the farmers.

BUTTER.—This commodity has proved anything but profitable to those extensively engaged in it during the past season, those who sold early and submitted to the first loss, made the least loss. We have heard of several shipments which were made on account of country merchants, to the British markets, but in no instance have we seen a return, but what brought them in for a large loss. Stocks in this market being very large at present, and there being no demand for shipping lots, prices are likely to rule low. 35c to 36c per lb. are the figures got in silver for the best quality for city trade, there being only a very small proportion of what is coming forward suitable for the local trade, so that any lots of ordinary quality, if a purchaser could be met with, would not bring over 21c to 22c. We notice that the price in the country is not guided by our market, we have seen 14c paid for very inferior quality. Country merchants should always have a margin of 2c per lb. between the prices they pay, and our market prices, and also the quality to guide the price. Having a large city trade we are enabled to realise good prices for good quality.

LARD.—Rather 45¢, 50 to 45¢ per lb.

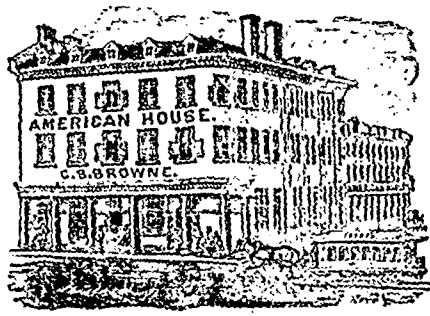
SEEDS.—Clover is worth 11c to 12c per lb., late quotations from New York, show prices to be somewhat lower. Timothy, 4c to 4 1/2c per lb., according to quality. Flax Seed, \$1.00 per bushel.

DRIED APPLES.—By the barrel 11c to 12c per lb.

ASHES, per 100 lbs.—First pots, \$5.00 to \$1.65; seconds, \$4.75 to \$1.50; thirds, \$4 to \$4.06; First pots, \$6.90 to \$7.

N.B.—All consignments carefully attended to, all charges as low as is consistent with a view to responsibility. Drafts accepted for two thirds value of consignment, when bill of lading is attached.

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