

AN ADVERTISING COLUMN.

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Money to lend on real estate security.

["Will you walk into my parlor?" said the spider to the fly.]

Hotel and tavern for sale.

[Might as well, prohibition is booming.]

As carder and spinner—of long experience on all kinds of stock and yarns; will guarantee satisfaction. J. H., Dunville, Ontario.

[Go west, young man, go west,—to Omaha or thereaway. Fellows in the yarn spinning line are in great demand at the newspaper offices there.]

As cutter—by a thoroughly practical man—in country town or village; no objection to filling in time on bench.

[Ah! during the assizes, you mean. Very good idea—good pay too. Judges have good pay in this country—wouldn't mind putting in our own leisure time on the bench.]

As housekeeper to gentleman, widower or bachelor; pleasant home more object than salary. Kindly address immediately. HARRIS.

[Oh, Hattie! you have a long head; in fact your diplomacy amounts to genius. N.B.—There's a couple of pounds of rice in our sanctum here, and we hereby promise to save our old slippers for the occasion. Save us a section of the cake to dream on.]

A good violinist wishes for a change—can play E flat tuboe.

[A change of what? Of apparel! of air? Of residence? Of base? Change matrimonial? Change of what, anyway?]

By two smart boys—willing to work—a situation of any kind. Apply 91 Shaw street, Parkdale.

[That's the talk! Come on right away—you are the stuff out of which the representative Canadian is made—of such are our men of the future. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do."—Practical Scripture every time.—Grip.

MUCH MORE POTENT.

There is more truth than poetry in the following from the Boston Gazette:—

A peculiarity of bank directors' meetings is the excellent and prompt attendance at those banks which offer a money reward for punctuality. This is only equalled by the poor attendance at the meetings which offer no premium. Men who are worth a million will scramble and get down town to a meeting unshaven and almost without their breakfast rather than lose the \$2 or \$3 which a prompt arrival at the meeting insures to them. A fine of an equal amount imposed in case of tardiness or non-attendance would probably have no effect at all. So much more potent is the charm of accumulating money than the dread of losing it.

—A New-Haven family, which recently received \$50,000 from a New-York insurance company, claimed the return of an eight-hundred-dollar premium which had been paid in advance for the year beginning the day after the death took place, but refunding was refused on the ground that death occurred after banking hours. Close reckoning.—*Waterbury American*.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Sept. 7, 1887.

The movement of merchandise in a wholesale way, is maintained pretty steadily at about the level reported for the last two or three weeks. The cheap railway rates arranged for, brought in a considerable influx of visitors, who bought very generally, but in all cases with moderation. We are sorry to note that in the dry goods trade payments are still complained of as very slow, but in other lines they may be called fair.

ASHES.—The statistics furnished by the Ashes Inspector show an increase in the receipts for the past eight months, as compared with the same period of 1886. This was hardly expected, for there has been a steady decline in the output of late years, due to the growing scarcity of wood as the country was

opened up, as well as the unsatisfactory returns to the makers. The figures are, pots received from January 1st to September 1st, 1887, 2,743 brls., pearls 161 brls.; for same period last year, 2,548 pots, 191 pearls, showing an increase for the current year of 165 brls. The deliveries, however, show a decrease, being 3,453 brls. for the eight months of 1886, against 3,188 for 1887. In store Aug. 3, 1887, 439 brls. of pots and 12 brls. of pearls. Receipts at the moment are light, and as the demand shows improvement, values tend upwards. We quote \$3.80 to 3.90 for No. 1 pots.

BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER.—The boot and shoe factories still show a very fair degree of activity in manufacturing and shipping fall orders. In leather there is no rush, but a moderate enquiry is reported for most lines. Advices from England are of a more favorable character, account sales showing the disposal of splits at 10½d. to 11d., which will likely lead to increased shipments both from here and Quebec. Stocks are still pretty full in all lines and quotations would be shaded for lots. —Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do., No. 2, B. A., 20 to 22c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China, 21c. to 00; No. 2, 19c. to 00; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; oak sole, 42 to 47c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c.; ditto, heavy 32 to 35c.; Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 42c.; Splits large 20 to 27c.; do. small 16 to 20c.; Calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf skins 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 15c.; Pebled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough 23 to 26c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A good jobbing trade continues to be done in these lines. Bichromate of potash has advanced considerably at home, cream tartar is very scarce locally and firmer; quinine dull and lower, carbolic acid shows signs of growing stronger; glycerine has advanced 25 a ton in England, but our quotations will still hold. The iodides show some shakiness, owing to reported weakness in the combinations of manufacturers. We quote:—Sal Soda 85 to 90c.; Bi-Carb Soda \$2.30 to \$2.40; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$10 to \$12.00; Borax, refined, 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 33 to 35c.; do. ground, 35 to 36c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 55 to 60c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 80 to 85c.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.60 to \$2.75; Alum, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$2.75; Roll Sulphur, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Sulphate of Copper, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre \$8.75 to \$9.25; American Quinine, 60 to 65c.; German Quinine, 55 to 65c.; Howard's Quinine, 70 to 75c.; Opium, \$5.75 to \$6.25; Morphia, \$3.00 to \$4.00; Gum Arabic sorts, 70 to 90c.; White, \$1 to \$1.25; Carbolic Acid, 55 to 65c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; Iodoform \$6.50 to \$7.00. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.00 to \$2.50; oil bergamot \$3.00 to \$3.50; Orange, \$3.50; oil peppermint, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Glycerine 25 to 26c.; Senna, 18 to 30c. English Camphor, 40c. American do. 35c.

DRY GOODS.—Stocks are very well assorted and values are reported steady all round, prices in domestic cottons being well maintained. Trade has been helped by the railway excursions, buyers having been numerous, but their parcels were not, as a rule, large. The mills are well employed, some of them engaged on orders which will keep them going most of the winter. Remittances are slow and dilatory, but still failures are few.

FURS.—It is rather early to speak of fall prospects in this line, but we give below nominal quotations, as some country traders may wish information. A few lots of spring skins, principally beaver, otter, fisher and marten, are still finding their way in from the extreme outposts, and quotations are based upon the prices being paid for these. We quote for prime skins:—Beaver, \$3.50 per lb.; bear, \$10 to \$14.00; cub do., \$4.00 to \$7.00; fisher, \$5; red fox, \$1.00; cross do., \$2 to \$5; lynx, \$2 to \$3.00; marten, \$1.00; mink, \$1.00; spring muskrat, 12½c.; raccoon, 25c., 50c., and 75c.; skunk, 25c., 50c., and 75c.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale dealers still report a fair movement; there is a disposition in some quarters to find fault with remittances, while

others call them fair to middling. Sugars have developed further strength, an advance of half a cent is reported in New York, and this together with shortened supplies here has led to an additional quarter of a cent being put upon yellows, the lowest grade at refinery being now 5 7-16, granulated is still unchanged at 6½c. in quantity and firm at that. The "Vancouver" has brought over about 250 brls. of English granulated which is being jobbed by the two firms outside the "guild" at 7c. Syrups can't be had at any price; molasses steady at 36c. for ordinary lots of Barbadoes. Outside tea markets are showing strength; blacks and greens are higher in England, in Japan prices are \$3 the picul better than several weeks ago, and in New York the situation certainly favors sellers. Here, steadiness prevails, and a good business is doing, the demand having improved considerably of late; Japans ranging from 12½ to 32c. are being dealt in principally, though we hear of some very fine goods at 35c. being sold. There is no new crop dried fruit yet on the market; the "Scotland" sailing from London to-day brings first supplies; direct vessels will hardly be here till the middle of October. Next to nothing is being done in old fruit and stocks are virtually "nil." In spices, nutmegs still rule high, black pepper 16 to 18c. as to quality, white 28 to 29½c., cloves 25 to 28c., cassia 8c. Tobacco firm at the advance, with a good demand. Rice steady at \$3.35 for 100-bag lots at mill, and won't sell beyond that to any one party, as they are short of stock, through being disappointed of a cargo. Canned goods are all very firm; of tomatoes, peas and corn there is likely to be a scarcity; salmon would cost \$1.63 to lay down wholesale, but some houses are selling \$1.50 to \$1.60; mackerel \$5.25 a case and very scarce; lobsters steady at \$1.40 a dozen for standard brands. Tapioca slightly advanced in London.

HIDES.—Business shows some improvement for the week, and a fair business has been done at steady prices. Butchers' green hides are still 7½c. for No. 1, and a cent less each for Nos. 2 and 3 respectively; calfskins dull at 8c.; lambskins firm at 45 to 50c. Sales of Toronto and Hamilton hides are reported at 8½ to 8¾c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The business in these lines has been of moderate volume for the week, and about up to the level of several latest reports. Prices show steadiness generally; from Glasgow, warrants are cabled at 42/6d., and makers there are firm in their views generally, Canada plates are strong at the advance, and tinplates rather more firmly held owing to reported low stocks in England. Other lines as before. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan, \$20 to \$20.50; Gartsherrie, \$19.50 to \$20.00; Coltness, \$20.50 to \$21; Shotts, \$19.50; Eglinton and Dalzell, \$18.25 to \$18.75; Calder, \$19.50 to \$20; Carnbroe, \$19.50; Hematite, \$23 to \$25.00; Siemens, No. 1, \$20 to \$21; Bar Iron, \$2.05 to \$2.10; Best refined \$2.30 to \$2.40; Siemens, \$2.00 to \$2.15; Canada Plates—Blaine, \$2.70 to \$2.75; Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.60 to \$5.75; Charcoal I. C., \$3.90 to \$4.40; do. I. X., \$4.90 to \$5.40; Coke I. C., \$3.60 to \$3.75; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.75; Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.50; Common Sheet Iron, \$2.50; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; Spring, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Tire, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Round Machinery Steel, \$3.00 to 3.25; Ingot tin 25 to 25½c.; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c.; Ingot Copper, 11½ to 12½c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00, Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire; Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs., Annealed do. \$2.30.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—There is nothing new in fish oils, which are still dull at last quoted prices. Linseed is easier a little at home, and is quoted at 52c. for raw, and 55c. for boiled for small lots, one cent less in 5 brl. lots; turpentine easier at 53c. for the single brl.; castor 8½ to 8¾c. per lb.; olive \$1 to \$1.05. Leads, colors and glass are unchanged. Shellacs are likely to be higher and have advanced in N. Y. 2c. a pound all around, owing to reports of light yield in India. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead, 5½c.;