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FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE,
Tuesday, March 23.

Financial.

The statement of banks in Canada for February, ult., exhibits no very important changes as compared with the statement for January last. The total authorized capital is $67,766,600; capital subscribed; $63,454,653 67; capital paid-up, $60,541,825.56; notes in circulation, $20,495,219; Dominion Government deposits payable on demand, $4,120,884.07; Do payable after notice, $5,977,880 96. Total liabilities, $105,507,568.11; total assets, $178,634,948.65; directors liabilities, $6,009,221.45. Comparing the business done by the banks in Ontario and Quebec we find that there has been an increase of circulation during the last month of $129,792, which is attributed to increased activity in the lumber trade. Deposits other than Government, show an increase, those payable on demand and those after notice together amounting to $63,144,030 as compared with $62,756,930 in January. On the assets side of the account the amount loaned on bank stocks continues to decline while loans on bonds and to corporations show some increase. The amount under discount has increased by $337,585, and the overdue debts unsecured still show a small increase, while the overdue debts secured are slightly less than in January, "Other assets" show an increase of about half a million, changes in the accounts of the Banks of Montreal and Ville Marie causing this result. The liabilities of Directors are $325,580 less than in the preceding month.

Money still rules quiet, with rates of interest easy at 5 per cent on call, and 6 on time. There is a moderate business doing in commercial paper, which is discounted at from 6 to 8 per cent, the bulk of transactions being at 7.

Sterling Exchange has advanced ¼c in New York, and is quoted at $4.86 for 60-day bills, and $4.89 on demand; in this market there is some little demand, at $1.09½ to $1.09¾ for 60-day bills between banks, and $1.09½ over the counter. Currency drafts on New York quiet, at par to ¼ prem.

—The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for the week ending March 12th were $91,734.26, compared with $85,357.91 for the corresponding period of last year, an increase of $6,376.35.

—The Bank of England's posted discount rate (3 per cent.) was not changed at the regular weekly meeting of the directors on Thursday morning. The bank gained £324,000 specie during the week, but the reserve fell from 40⅞ per cent. to 46 13-16 per cent. of liabilities.

Business Troubles.

Jean Bte. Emond has been attached by Benvin Lacalle, for $342. L. A. Globensky, official assignee.

A writ of attachment has been issued against Arthur Baylis, for $250, at the instance of James Wells. Sam. E. Fatt, assignee.

A writ of attachment has been issued against F. A. Chagnon for $240, at the instance of Raymond Prefontaine. F. Girouard, assignee.

A writ of attachment has been issued against Dame Marie Ilvenna, wife of Alfred Perry, the younger, and Leopold Vaudry, for $461, by Alfred Perry; E. Evans, assignee.

—Writs of attachment have been issued against Henry L. Borden, of Amherst, N.S.; James Carroll, of Sherbrooke, N.S.; Alexander McKay, of Pictou, N.S., and Charles W. Reeves, grocer, of Halifax.

—George Depew, an insolvent of Leamington, was examined at Windsor last Friday at a meeting of his creditors, and arrested on account of the unsatisfactory state of his affairs.

—The *Journal of Commerce* says: "The liabilities of William Bannerman, M. P. for the South Riding of the County of Renfrew, who was placed in insolvency by writ of attachment on the 25th ult., are estimated at $200,000, of which over $100,000 is in the Merchants' Bank, which institution is represented to hold as security the entire assets of the estate. It is thought there will be nothing left for unsecured creditors. Mr. Bannerman was engaged in the lumber business, and some five or six years ago, on withdrawing from the house of Barnet Bannerman & Co., was reputed worth $100,000.".

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

TUESDAY, March 23.

ASHES.—The receipts of *potash* here during the past week were about 140 brls. The market remains steady at $3.65 to 3.70 for *pots* and the nominal value of *pearls* is $6. Latest advices report the market dull.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in general drugs has been fairly active during the week, but orders are only of moderate size, and confined to supplying the wants of country dealers. No heavy orders are expected now until the opening of navigation. Prices remain unchanged. *Bicarbonate* is firm at $3.50 to 3.75 in kegs, and *opium* is firm also, at the advance noted in our last report, being quoted at $6 to 6.50. Remittances have slightly improved. English advices, dated Liverpool, 4th March, report trade there dull, and of the most retail description. American orders come in sparingly and at impracticable prices, as the makers still appear very confident about the future of the market. Continental orders are also small as yet, as so few of the ports are open; if a fair number of orders from this quarter should be received prices will doubtless be well maintained. The rates of freight from Liverpool to American ports are high, quoted at 22s 6d on groceries and chemicals to Montreal.

DRY GOODS.—The city retail dealers are still busy and stocks of winter goods are reported to have been pretty well sold out, so that the shelves will be generally clear for the stocks of spring goods now coming to hand. Our wholesale dealers report trade rather quiet, as it is now between seasons. House-sales during the past week were few, several buyers from the Ottawa districts have been in the market, and all speak hopefully of a healthy trade being done in the near future. The volume of business done so far this season in spring goods is considerably in excess of that for the like period last year; this is to be attributed to the general anticipation of higher prices for all kinds of goods and only confirms what we have previously written in this connection. Remittances are reported fairly good, but there is still room for improvement.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Trade in *hides* is quiet and prices are steady at the recent decline, quoted at $8, 7 and 6, respectively for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. *Lambskins* are beginning to arrive more freely and are taken at about 15c to 25c, as to size. Sheeppelts bring $1.35 to 1.75, and *calfskins* are in fair demand at 12½c per lb.

HARDWARE AND IRON—Trade is reported fairly active for this time of year, and business shows a great improvement as compared with the corresponding period last year. There is a steady demand for all lines of goods from country dealers being experienced, but travellers still complain of the bad country roads, which are decidedly unfavorable to the retail trade. In pig iron the movement has been light; during the last couple of days Eglinton has been offered in this market at $23.50; Gartsherie at $24.75; Glengarnock at $25.50, and Summerlee at $24.75. Advices from New York quote American pig iron $1 to 2 per ton lower; Scotch pig which has been declining in England for some time past, was firmer, according to cables received yesterday, and is higher. Prices throughout our list are steady and unchanged, there being neither a "bull" nor a "bear" movement noticeable in this market at present. With reference to the statement made in our last report, that the Government officers were now, under the new fiscal policy, charging duty on the fair market value of imported goods at the time of shipment instead of at the time of purchase as heretofore, we have to report that a meeting of the hardware trade in this city was called for this afternoon to discuss the subject, with a view to a remedy, but we have been unable as yet to learn the result, as the meeting was still in progress at 4 o'clock. Since the new law was introduced, we have heard of one or two firms here having to pay several hundred dollars of extra duty on goods previously purchased in the English market. Remittances are only moderate.

PIG IRON, per ton—		
Gartsherrie	$30 00 to	31 50
Summerlee	30 00	32 50
Langloan	29 00	30 00
Eglinton	29 00	29 00
Calder No. 1	29 00	30 00
Carnbroe	29 00	30 00
Hematite	35 00	0 00
BAR, per 100 lbs—		
Scotch and Staffordshire	2 75	0 00
Best do	3 00	0 00
Sweden and Norway	4 50	5 00
Lowmoor and Bowling	6 25	6 50
CANADA PLATES, per box—		
Glamergan	5 50	6 00
Garth & Penn	5 50	6 00
F. W. & Arrow	5 50	6 00
Hatton	5 00	5 50
TIN PLATES, ℔ box—		
Charcoal, I.C	10 00	0 00
Bradley	11 00	0 00
Charcoal, I.X	11 75	0 00
Charcoal, D.C	9 50	0 00
Coke, I.C	9 00	0 00
Tinned Sheets, No. 26, Charcoal, Cookley, K, of Bradley, per lb	0 13	0 00
Galvanized Sheets, best brands, No.28	8 75	9 00
Hoops and Bands, ℔ 100 lbs	3 25	0 00
Sheets, best brands	3 50	0 00
Boiler Plate, ℔ 100 lbs	3 50	0 00
Best do	3 75	0 00
CUT NAILS—		
10dy to 60dy, Hot Cut, per keg	3 85	0 00
8dy and 9dy, " do	4 10	0 00
6dy and 7dy, " do	4 35	0 00
4dy and 5dy, " do	4 60	0 00
3dy, " do	5 85	0 00
4dy and 5dy, Cold Cut, do	4 35	0 00
3dy, do do	4 85	0 00
200 kegs, 10c per keg off.		
Shingle, per 100 lbs	4 50	0 00
Lath do	5 00	0 00
Pressed Spikes	3 75	4 25
LEAD—		
Pig, per 100	5 00	5 25
Sheet	5 50	6 00
Bar	0 05½	0 05¾
Shot	6 00	7 00
STEEL—		
Cast, ℔ lb	0 11½	0 12½
Spring, ℔ 100 lbs	4 00	4 25
Best, do warranted	5 00	0 00
Tire, do	4 25	4 50
Sleigh Shoe	4 00	0 00
Ingot Tin	0 28	0 30
do Copper	0 20	0 21
Horse Shoes	3 50	4 00
Proved Coil Chain, ⅜ in	5 00	5 25
Anchors	5 00	6 00
Anvils	0 08	0 10
Wire, ℔ bdl. of 63 lbs Nos 0 to 6	2 30	0 00

LEATHER.—There has been a fair movement during the week in all kinds of leather, more particularly *sole*, for manufacturers' use, and prices rule very firm, but we have not yet heard of any advance in this market. The export trade in Canadian Buffalo *sole* leather continues good.

Sole, No. 1, B. A., per lb	0 26	..	0 27
Do. No. 2 B. A., Do	0 24	..	0 25
Buffalo Sole, No. 1	0 22	..	0 23
Do. do. No 2	0 20	..	0 21
Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1	0 26	..	0 30
Waxed Upper, light & medium	0 38	..	0 42
Do. do. heavy	0 36	..	0 40
Grained Upper, light	0 35	..	0 40
Splits, large	0 27	..	0 35
Do. small	0 24	..	0 28
Calf, 27 to 36 lbs., per lb	0 50	..	0 65
Do. 18 to 26 lbs., per lb	0 45	..	0 55
Sheepskin Linings	0 30	..	0 40
Harness	0 25	..	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 17
Rough Leather do	0 27	..	0 30

PROVISIONS.—The local market remains quiet, with no new feature to note. Holders are asking enhanced prices for new butter, which buyers are slow to pay. In New York the market is firm, the exports from that city for the week were 8,277 pkgs, including 2,806 to United Kingdom and 472 to Continent. Montreal prices are as follows:—Creamery nominal at 24c to 25c; Eastern Townships, 18c to 21c; Morrisburg, 17c to 20c; Brockville, 17c to 19c; Western, 15c to 18c; Kamouraska, 16c to 17c; roll, 17c to 20c. Cheese, 14c to 15½c for retail lots. Dressed hogs, in car lots, are quoted at $5.10 to $5.50 for newly killed, and $5 00 for discolored. Pork, Canada thick mess, new, $16.75 to $17 per bbl; thin mess, $16.00. Canada Lard, in pails and tubs, 10c to 11c. Bacon, 9c to 10c. HAMS, 11c. Eggs, in cases, per doz, weak at 12½c to 13c for good to fresh; limed, 9c.

WOOL.—There is scarcely any movement now in domestic wool, the only kind in the market being unassorted Canada pulled, which sells at about 33c to 35c; real choice qualities, however, would bring more money. Greasy cape meets with a fair demand at 22c to 23½c, and some sales of Australian for shipment to the U.S. have been made at advanced figures, but the prices paid did not transpire.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS.

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

TUESDAY, March 23.

The farmers turned out in large numbers this forenoon, but it was noticed that several at Bonsecours market had waggons instead of sleighs, which indicated the condition of the country roads. The offerings consisted chiefly of grain, potatoes and eggs, but after minute enquiry we failed to discriminate any quotable change in prices. The demand was fair, and oats sold at 70c to 76c per bag, as to quality; peas at 80c to 90c per bush; white corn at 90c to $1 per bush, and other grains at the prices quoted below. Potatoes sold generally at 45c per bag, though 50c was asked for some Early Rose. Live fowls were selling at 80c per pair, but for dressed poultry there was not much demand; dressed turkeys were offering at 9c per lb, or $1.50 to 1.80 per pair, and chickens at 60c to 55c per pair. Beef was scarce and not quotable. Dressed hogs also scarce, at $6 to 6.50. Fish was reported in good demand, at previous prices. Fresh print butter scarce at 18c to 25c, as to quality, but eggs were plentiful at 15c to 18c for fresh, while mixed lots in barrels sold at 14c and under. There are now no tommycods to be had, at any price. Vegetables unchanged.

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

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, 45c to 50c per bag; carrots, 25c to 40c per bushel; choice onions $2.00 to 2.50 per barrel, or 60c to 70c per bushel; parsnips, 50c per bushel; beets, 35c to 40c per bushel; turnips, 50c per bag and 35c to 40c per bushel; celery, 25c to 30c per dozen; cabbage, 15c to 30c per dozen, or 50c to 70c per brl; American lettuce, $1.20 per dozen heads; artichokes, 75c per bushel.

FRUIT.—Apples, $2.00 to $4.00 per barrel; lemons, 50c per dozen, or $12.00 per case; Valencia oranges, $6.50 to $7.00 per case, or 25c to 30c per doz; cranberries, $10 per barrel, or 40c per gallon; California winter pears at $4.00 per box; grapes, Malaga, $6.50 to 8.00 per keg of 50 lbs.

GRAIN, ETC.—Oats, 70c to 75c per bag; buckwheat, 45c to 50c per bushel; peas, 80c to 90c per bushel; soup peas, 90c to $1.00 per bushel; barley, 60c to 65c per bushel; corn, 80c to $1 per bush; white beans, $1.00 to $1.50 per bushel; bran, 70c per cwt.; corn-meal, $1.20 to 1.25 per bag; moulle, $1.00 to 1.20 per bag; buckwheat flour, $1.50 to $1.60 per cwt; oatmeal, $2.50 to 2.60 per bag.

FARM PRODUCE.—Butter—Prints, 20c to 25c per lb.; lump, 16c to 18c per lb; Eastern Townships, tub, 19c to 21c. New-laid eggs, 15c to 18c per dozen; packed do., 10c to 12c. Fine 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, $1.60 to $2.25 per pair; geese, $1.00 to $1.80 per pair; ducks, tame, 60c to 80c per brace; pigeons, $1.00 to 1.50 per dozen, or 20c to 25c per pair; chickens 40c to 75c 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, 75c to 90c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per brace; hares, 20c to 25c per pair.

MEAT.—Beef—Roast beef (trimmed), 10c to 12c; sirloin steaks, 12c to 15c; mutton, 8c to 10c; veal, 8c to 12c; pork, 8c to 10c; ham, 10c to 13c; bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh sausages, 9c to 12½c; Bologna sausages, 12c to 15c; dressed hogs, $6.25 to 6.50 per 100 pounds. Dressed beef—fore-quarters, $3.00 to $4.00; hind-quarters, $4.25 to $5.00; venison, 6c to 15c per lb.

FISH.—Haddock, 7c; codfish, 7c; mackeral, 2½c; bass and dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olivet, 2½c per lb; lobsters, 10c do; perch, 10c to 60c per bunch; rock bass, 15c per bunch; smoked eels, 25c to 40c per couple; fresh salmon, 25c.

Apples and Potatoes.

The demand for apples in this market is steadily improving; there is a good enquiry from Quebec for choice Russets Spies and Baldwins at firm figures, as high as $4 per barrel having been bid for a selected lot of Russets by a Quebec firm.

Latest mail advices report a good demand for potatoes in Liverpool at 7s to 7s 6d per cwt. Prices in this market remain steady at 40c to 50c per bag, the bulk of sales being made at 45c.

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

St. Gabriel.

MONDAY, March 22.

Compared with the offerings of previous years, the supply of Easter beef on the local markets to day was very small, the butchers were compelled to go to St. Gabriel market for it, and for exceptional fine qualities from 8c to 10c per lb. live weight, was paid.

The receipts of live stock at Point St. Charles for the week ending yesterday were 36 cars cattle, 2 cars horses, and 3 do hogs.

At St. Gabriel market this forenoon the offerings comprised about 25 carloads of cattle and a few hogs. The cattle were, as a rule, exceptionally fine and the demand was very fair. The names of the dealers were:—Messrs J W McKinnon, Guelph; H Kelly, Toronto; W Laing and R Cochrane, Guelph; P O'Rourke, do; G Featherson, do; W Kinnear, do; J B Somerset, Toronto; F W Ritchings, do; W Watters, Oshawa; E B Morgan, Whitby; J Elliott, do; Bennallack, T O'Brien, St. Marys; W Roberts, Lennoxville; F Shields, Don; J Bollinger, Waterloo; A Dow, do; Thos Dunlop, Brockville; G W Falls, from the Don; S Shell, do; M Laporte, do; Jos Eakins, Port Hope. Mr O'Rourke, of Shakespeare, had about the finest lot of cattle on the market, including the now celebrated prize ox, which carried off the gold medal at the late Ottawa Exhibition, and at a dozen or more other fairs last fall. It was sold to Messrs. Thompson & Flanagan, Toronto, for $275, for shipment to England. Further reference to this and other exceptionally heavy animals of Canadian breed is made in another column. Mr O'Rourke also sold a pair of steers, weighing 4,800 lbs, to the same parties for $425, and 21 other cattle at $75 each. Messrs Tozer & Co., of Quebec, bought 19 head extra good cattle from H Bennallack at 8½c. The average weight was 1,300 lbs. Mr N Kennedy, the American shipper, bought an uncommonly fine cow, weighing about 1,900 lbs, from a Guelph drover, at 8½c per lb, live weight. Leon Riel, of Quebec, bought a splendid steer, weighing 2,610 lbs, from Mr Bennallack, for $240. Thomas Dunlop sold 2 head cattle at $5 per cwt, and 1 at $4.75. Walter Laing, Guelph, disposed of his load of 20 head at 4½c. The other reported sales include the following:—W Kinnear, 20 head at $62 each, 8 at $70 each, 3 at $62 and 2 at $60 each. Joseph Shell, 9 head at $42 to 45 each. John Elliott, Kingston, 5 head of cattle at 4½c per lb. Roberts & Wilder, 30 head at 4c to 5½c. Joseph Stone, 40 head of cattle at 3½c to 4½c; 6 calves at $4 to 12 each; 12 hogs at $4.85 per cwt. W. Watters, one load of 20 head of cattle at $44.50 each, or about 4c per lb. James Eakins sold 10 head of cattle to M. Walters, of Toronto, for shipment, at $80 each, 8 at $60 each, and 6 at $50 do. A bull weighing 2,260 lbs brought 4c, live weight. R. J. Hopper bought W. Shields' cattle at $35 each, and W. Kinnear's at 5½c; he resold 4 head for $153, 9 for $489, and 6 for $192. L. N. Taillefer bought 36 head of cattle at 4c to 5½c per lb. S. Price bought one load from Walters, and another from Somerset, paying about 4½c. He resold 4 head to Wiseman at 5c; 6 do to Alex Coultry at 5c; 5 do to Mr Holman at 5c, and 20 others at 4½c. The average range of prices for good cattle was from 4c to 5½c, but in a few cases, as will be seen from the sales reported above, 9c to 11c was obtained.

SHIPMENTS.

Mr Ald McShane bought 80 head of cattle for shipment at about 4½c to 5c. He will forward 364 head to Great Britain this week; 64 go on the SS. Scandinavian from Halifax, and the remainder per Winnipeg, from Portland. Messrs. Thompson & Flanagan, of Toronto, will also ship 160 head.

AT VIGER MARKET

the receipts of cattle were very small, and but little business was done. The offerings comprised about 60 head of cattle, brought hither from the surrounding parishes and by city milkmen, about 30 calves, and the same number of sheep and lambs. The quality of the beeves was, for the most part, poor, and sales were slow, the majority of the butchers having gone to the St. Gabriel market in search of good Easter beef. Mr. J. Robert, of St. Michel, sold a fine black bull, weighing 1,600 lbs., to Mr. Corbeil, local butcher, for $55; Mr. Robert also sold a common calf at $5, and 3 sheep at $10 each. A fine well-matched yoke of oxen, black and white spotted, and well adapted for farm-work, was offered by a farmer at $110, but they had not been sold at 11:30 a.m. There was a good supply of calves of nearly all sizes, and some first-class sheep were under offer; calves were worth from $3 to 15 each, as to size and quality, and sheep bring from $6 to 15 each. Spring lambs were dear, and in good demand, at from about $2.50 to 8 each, as to size, etc. Mr. Beauchamp bought a number of sheep at $12 each.

It would be difficult to base actual values on the limited business done in cattle at this market to-day, but the range of prices paid was from 3c to 5c per lb., live weight.

Montreal Horse Market.

SATURDAY, March 20.

The volume of business done in horses here this week shows a falling off from that of last week, but still it is large; the American demand continues brisk, and the decrease in shipmen's is probably more due to the want of a sufficient supply of the right kind of stock than to any other cause.

During the week ending to-day, according to the official report, there have been 287 horses, costing $23,573, shipped from Montreal to the States of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, against 376 horses, valued at $30,296.25, shipped last week—a decrease of 89 horses and of $6,723.25.

About 15 carloads were bought at and shipped from the American House yards this week, and to-day there were some 30 horses in the stables at these yards, and about 15 American buyers registered at the hotel; they reported that in the early part of the week there were a good many good horses offering, but that they had nearly all been picked up, and what were now in the market were chiefly small "workers" and "drivers."

A large number of farmers' common working animals were bought this week for farm use in New York and New Jersey States. Prices remain firm, the choicest stock bringing from about $90 to $120 each, while common to good horses range from $40 up to $80; the average of prices paid this week would be from about $60 to $62.

Since the 1st March up to date 1,011 horses have been shipped per the G.T.R., from Canada *via* this city, to the Western States.

On the Corporation market on College street business continues to improve, as the American buyers are gradually finding their way in this well-appointed market. On Thursday 23 horses were shipped from Mr. Maguire's stables, all having been bought for exportation to the United States. There were also sold on this market this week 4 rough Canadian horses in one lot for $250; 1 pair ponies for $150; 1 pair heavy blacks weighing over 1,300 lbs each, for $300; and 1 bay horse for $85. Mr. A. Ryan, of this city, also sold a few days ago a splendidly matched pair of dark brown horses, about 5 years old, 15 hands 3 inches, and weighing 1,100 lbs each—to a gentleman residing in the city. Mr. Maguire has still several desirable animals for sale, including a fine light bay Clydesdale horse, 7 years old, weighing 1,500 lbs, 16 hands, and a splendid dark brown horse 7 years old, 16 hands.

Following is the list of shipments from this city to the States through the office of the American Consul here during the week:—

March 13, 2 horses, at $145. March 15, 13 do at 1,316; 18 do at 1,377.50. March 16, 10 do at 651.50; 19 do at 1,635; 15 do at 1,191.50; 15 do at 1,853; 3 do at 170; 6 do at 451; 12 do at 880.50 1 do at 150. March 17th, 13 do at 1,883; 19 do at 1,511.50. March 18th, 10 do at 1,197.50; 11 do at 816; 9 do at 698; 87 do at 8,105.50; 2 do at 153; 23 do at 1,582; 21 do at 1,446.50; 22 do at 1,666. March 19th, 1 do at 60; 1 do at 600.

Montreal Hay Market.

SATURDAY, March 20.

Owing, doubtless, in a great measure to the bad country roads, consequent upon the warm, soft weather during the past few days, the total receipts of hay and straw at the College street market for the week show a falling off as compared with the supply during the week previous. Altogether, about 800 sleigh loads have been teamed to market this week, of which only about 60 loads were straw. Except for good Timothy hay, the demand continues dull; one or two loads of first class Timothy were sold this morning at $8 per 100 bundles, but the bulk of the best hay sells at $7 to 7.75 do., and inferior qualities bring from $5 to 6.50. The demand for straw also continues light, and prices remain unchanged at from $2 to 3 per 100 bundles, as to quality. There is very little doing either in pressed fodder, and prices are unchanged, being quoted at $8 to 10 per ton for hay, and $5 to 6 do. for straw. There is a good demand reported in the city for bran and moulle, at $18 per ton, wholesale, for bran, and $20 to 21 do. for moulle. Shorts are worth $19 per ton.

Montreal Fuel Market.

WEDNESDAY, March 17.

"The weather during the past seven days having continued wintry and tolerably cold, the demand for coal and wood in this city has continued fairly active, but the orders booked by dealers are nearly all small, and prices are unchanged throughout. To-day, however, being a sort of holiday in the city, and as the weather is soft and mild, instead of very stormy, as predicted by Mr. Vennor, the demand for fuel has somewhat fallen off, showing, as we have previously stated, that the atmosphere governs the coal trade to a large extent. In the States business is steadily becoming more active and holders firmer in their views. The Philadelphia *Ledger*, in its last review of the coal trade, says: The demand for coal is on the increase, and prices steadily advance. The impression has gone abroad that this is entirely the result of a short supply of coal by reason of an agreed-upon suspension among producers and carrying companies. The chief stimulus, however, we are inclined to believe, is from the general improvement of all kinds of business, and especially from the revival of the manufacturing industries, and notably the manufacture of and demand for iron. This industry is one that cannot be continued at fast and loose, produce largely one month and stop the next. The purposes to which iron and steel are to be applied are mainly contemplated far in advance, and the necessary preparations which have to be made are not only costly, but require much time. So of the many railroads which these costly commodities have to complete and equip. They are prepared for long ahead, as is also the capital necessary to carry them forward, and, once started, they cannot very well halt. This is the situation just now."

COAL—Retail prices per ton, delivered, for cash: Stove, $7 00 to $7 50; chestnut, $6 50 to $7; egg, $7 to $7 50; furnace, $6 75 to $7 25; Scotch grate (soft), $5 50; Scotch steam, $5 00 to $5 25; Sydney steam, $4 85; Pictou do, $4 50 to 5; coke per chaldron, $3; charcoal, 15c to 21c per bushel.

WOOD—Retail prices per cord, delivered from the yard: Long maple, 3½ feet, $6; long birch, 3½ feet, $5 50; long beech, 3½ feet, $5; long tamarac, $4 50; short maple, 3 feet, $5 50; short birch, 3 feet, $5; short beech, 3 feet, $4 50; short tamarac, 2½ feet to 3 feet, $3 50; short hemlock, 2½ to 3 feet, $3.

Liverpool Provision Market.

CHEESE.—Buyers and sellers are apart in their views, and there has not been much business done this week. Holders ask 72s to 73s for the finest parcels, mild flavored and good condition, which buyers prefer to pay 69s to 70s, and take lots that are a little sharper in flavour. No stock of medium grades on the market.

BUTTER.—There is a considerably better demand for finest; fresh lots of Canadian and American butter being scarce, buyers are paying up to 110s to 130s for such, while next quality below, at 90s to 100s, is plentiful and difficult to sell.—*Hodgson Bros'. Circular March 6th.*

British Cattle Markets.

LONDON, March 1—Cattle at market, 2,690; sheep at market, 12,470. Best beef, 8½d to 8¾d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6d to 7½d per lb. Best mutton, 9½d to 10½d per lb; inferior and secondary, 7d to 9d per lb. Cattle trade quiet and altogether without a feature. Supplies not large, but sufficient. Sales progressed quietly, and prices were about a par with those current last week. The sheep pens were fairly well filled; the demand was not active, but was fairly steady at previous currencies.

LIVERPOOL, March 1.—Cattle at market, 1,434; sheep at market, 4,002. Beef, 6½d to 8½d per lb; mutton, 7½d to 9½d per lb. The supply of cattle was about the same as last Monday; of sheep less. The demand good for the extreme prices of last market. Sheep sold rather dearer.

GLASGOW, March 4.—Cattle at market, 1,265; sheep at market, 2,874. Best beef, 8½d to 8¾d per lb; inferior and secondary, 5½d to 7½d per lb; Best mutton, 10d per lb; inferior and secondary, 7½d to 9d per lb. An ordinary number of cattle at market to-day; many of good. All kinds in demand, an advance on last week's prices readily obtained. Short supply of sheep; quality generally good. All kinds in demand, and prices of last week readily obtained.

London Grocery Market.

LONDON, March 19.—In Mincing Lane the dullness of the markets has rather increased. Prices of most descriptions of produce have further declined without causing any improvement in the demand. There has been very little inquiry for sugar on the spot, and previous rates were not in all cases obtainable. Refiners have shown less inclination to operate. Cargoes off coast were slow of sale. Beet and refined are lower, but the demand has improved. On Thursday Ceylon coffee, as well as other descriptions, declined 2s to 3s per cwt., though the shipments from Ceylon to the latest date were 4,000 tons less than to the same date during the previous year. Tea continues depressed. Prices at auction were easier. Rice is quiet and prices favor buyers. Spices is inanimate. Saltpetre lower.

Cattle Exports.

Our readers are well aware that the firm of Messrs. A. J. Thompson & Co. has been amongst the foremost in opening and developing our export cattle trade, and is still carrying on its shipment with energy. It has, however, now turned to some fancy goods with which to exalt Canadian reputation in England. It has purchased the great mammoth steer weighing 3,550 lbs, five years, and esteemed the best steer in North America. This steer took the first prize and sweepstakes at London in 1878; the first prize and sweepstakes at Toronto in 1879; the first prize and gold medal at Ottawa in 1879; the first prize and sweepstakes at Easter Fair held at Guelph on the 17th inst., and has taken over 12 other first prizes at different fairs at which it has been shown. Messrs. Thompson & Co. has also purchased two immense twin steers, thirty-six months old, weighing 5,000 pounds, and which have taken the first prizes at the above exhibitions for cattle of their class and age, and also the first prizes of numerous other fairs at which they have been shown. Besides these Messrs. Thompson have secured a heifer, about four years old, weighing 2,400 lbs, which has taken a great many prizes. The steers were bred in Waterloo, and the heifer in Wellington County. They are all to be shipped to England, and there to be exhibited before the Royal Family. It is believed that they will prove to be the largest cattle in the United Kingdom.—*Toronto Mail.*

Finance, Commerce and Trade.

—In London, Ont., refined oil has been reduced from 13c to 11c per gallon.

—A firm in this city have recently purchased and aggregate of 20,000 lbs of dried apples at Western points at about 7½c laid down in this city.

—New York market reports show that Canada lambs are bringing top prices, recent sales including 155 Canada lambs, 76 lbs. at 8½c, and 142 do., 100 lbs. at $8.40 per 100 lbs.

—The demand for Canadian barley in New York is reported good, and sales of ungraded have transpired there at 88c, about 10,000 bushels being sold at that price on Wednesday.

—A cable despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says—Walrus has arrived with 13,000 seals; she struck the seal off Cape Bonavista on 14th, and left them Saturday off Cape St. Francis; she reports the Merlin and Kite getting into the patch Saturday afternoon; saw the Greenland on the 12th steaming east; 10 steamers yesterday were off Cape Bonavista taking seals.

Last weeek's circular of the Liverpool Cotton Brokers' Association says: "Cotton was dull and business throughout the week has been limited. Quotations generally show a decline. The demand for American was only moderate and prices declined ⅛d. The demand for Sea Island was better and prices are firm. Futures opened dull and with an increasing desire to sell, declined 7-32 to ¼d. The market, however, on Wednesday closed steady. A better feeling prevailed on Thursday and, with an active enquiry prices recovered ⅛d. To 5-32d. The final rates are 1-16d to 3-32d below those of last Thursday."

GRAIN ELEVATOR CHARGES AT COLLINGWOOD.—The Chicago *Tribune* of 15th has the following:—"Heretofore there has been no charge to vessels for grain elevation at Collingwood. This season the railroad company, which owns the elevator, will charge for this elevation. What the rate will be is not known. It was announced a few days ago that it would be ½c per bushel, but efforts are making to induce the company to reduce the figure to ¼c. The freight rate to Collingwood has heretofore generally been two-thirds of the Buffalo rate, free of elevation, but hereafter the elevating rate will be added to the freight rate, advancing it to so much."

A leading Liverpool grain circular says:—"A fair consumptive demand was generally reported from the British wheat markets during the past week. The diminished offerings of English wheat showed some improvement in condition. English and foreign were both held for fully 1s per qr. advance. The transactions for cargoes off coast were quite unimportant, though there has been a good business for prompt shipment, chiefly in winter reds. Prices, however, are again 2d. lower, the advance obtained at the commencement of the week being lost. At Liverpool since Tuesday there has been a moderate inquiry for wheat at about Tuesday's prices. Corn, in consequence of its continued scarcity, is 1d to 2d higher. At to-day's market, the liberal consumptive demand having subsided, there have been only moderate transactions in wheat and prices in some cases are slightly in favor of buyers. Flour was in quiet demand at barely Tuesday's rates. Mixed corn was 2d per cental higher."

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, March 17.—At a large meeting of the National Land League in Dublin yesterday, a letter from Parnell was read, dated DesMoines, March 1st, in which he says the general verdict of American opinion throughout the Union is overwhelmingly in favor of a radical change of the Irish land system. We shall leave behind us in America permanent organizations in connection with the Land League, and prepared to support it financially and morally to any extent we may require as such. An awakening has come upon our exiled countrymen here as is impossible for those who have not witnessed it to imagine.

ROME, March 17.—During a speech in the Italian Chamber of Deputies last evening Premier Cairoli, replying to the strictures of members of the Right, inquired whether the Cabinet of that party displayed any great political wisdom in 1870 when they announced they would respect the Convention with France, guaranteeing the integrity of the Papal territory only a few days before the force of events drove them into Rome. Premier Lanza, premier when Rome was occupied by the French, denied that his Government took that step unwillingly. Wild confusion and uproar ensued. Furious attacks were handled between the Right and Left, drowning the voices of the speakers. The declarations of Lanza Sella and Viscount Venasti included some curious revelations regarding the Government's course towards France and the Pope, and respecting the September convention. Crispio asserted there were differences of opinion in Premier Lanza's Cabinet about occupying Rame. Lanza denied this absolutely, but Sella confirmed it, almost occasioning a quarrel between Lanza and Sella. The sitting was one of the most sensational in the annals of the Italian Parliament.

The Stuarts.

A writer in the Liverpool *Catholic Times* says:—

It is a remarkable fact that, notwithstanding all the eighth Henry's sinful schemes to found a dynasty, no descendant of his exists, while, by the only child of her Catholic marriage, Queen Mary Stuart has now it may be more than a hundred living descendants, and in all probability, as long as the British Monarchy exists, Queen Mary's descendants will wear the crown, and we may justly consider this as a special testimony to their royal ancestor's devotion to the Catholic faith, and her Majesty's wise and far-seeing wish for the peaceful union of the countries under one sceptre, as is clearly shown by her writings, and the influence it had on all the great actions of her heroic and saintly life; and even on the scaffold her prayers were offered for this noble end.

Your readers may be aware that it was from the office of "Steward of Scotland" that the house derived its surname, being originally spelt "Stewart" and then "Stuart," it is said, after Queen Mary's French marriage.

It was by the marriage of the then Steward with the daughter