

this article; prices continue firm, but transactions have been on a moderate scale. The New York market has not materially changed since last week; if anything, prices are firmer, but nothing special calls for notice. **Sugars**.—The market is still very quiet but firm. Stocks are light and holders indifferent about selling. No material change in prices since last report. There has been no decided change in the general position of the New York market during last week. Buyers were not particularly anxious to operate, and holders insisted upon full prices. **Fruit**.—Quiet and firm; no change in prices. **Fish**.—Inactive, held at former rates. **Tobacco**.—Very little doing, and prices unchanged.

Leading Imports of Groceries at Toronto for three years.

	1871.	1870.	1869.
Sugar, lbs.....	2,373,146	4,614,714	2,577,425
Tea, Green and Japan, lbs....	1,268,725	1,216,481	847,327
Tea, black, lbs..	333,452	275,288	171,094
Coffee, green, lbs	279,065	387,139	218,225
Tobacco, man'd and snuff, lbs	15,204	19,658	27,781
Brandy, gals....	29,026	30,309	27,000
Gin.....	10,712	11,482	4,675
Rum.....	9,877	14,352	8,894
Whiskey, gals..	11,172	10,159	10,575
Wines, all kinds, gals.....	57,169	27,539	60,681

	1871.	1870.	1869.
Sugar.....	\$ 136,578	\$ 237,880	\$ 133,749
Tea, Green and Japan.....	415,263	437,909	320,344
Tea, black.....	110,348	92,071	60,429
Coffee, green....	36,298	39,335	23,767
Tobacco, manuf'd and snuff....	5,347	6,706	8,498
Tobacco, leaf..	113,284	140,102	92,324
Dried fruits and nuts.....	101,572	101,867	75,966
Brandy.....	31,655	33,719	27,190
Gin.....	5,924	5,087	22,765
Whiskey.....	8,803	8,236	7,788
Ale, beer, and porter.....	5,326	11,487	6,946

HIDES AND SKINS.—A moderate supply of hides is still offering, and prices have not altered, but the feeling is slightly easier. We quote rough hides as before, at 7½c to 8c; No. 1 inspected at 8½c; cured at 8½ to 9½. **Sheepskins** rather scarce; prices firm at \$1.75 to \$2. **Calfskins**.—None offering.

HAY AND STRAW are offered freely, and continue in good demand. Clover hay selling at \$18 to 19; Timothy, \$20 to 23. **Straw**, loose, worth \$8 to 10; oatstraw, \$13 to 15.

LEATHER.—The market is still inactive, but with good prospects for business in the immediate future. No change whatever to note.

LUMBER.—Trade is rather dull just now; the supply is light, the dry stock having been exhausted, and the demand is small, as out door work generally is at a stand still. The prices offered by buyers for clear indicate expectations of a good trade next season. Stocking goes on vigorously, the present winter favoring lumber operations. Clear on the line, \$23; com. and lower, no quotations.

MUTTON.—Has been comparatively scarce during the week, and sells readily at 6½c to 7c by the carcase.

PROVISIONS.—There is scarcely any change to note since last week. **Butter**.—Is still dull and neglected for all but the choicest qualities, which are in demand for local consumption, and would readily sell at 18c to 19c. Anything else, of a faulty character, is next to unsaleable. Poor butter sold at 11c, but not extensively, and some lots, if pressed on the market would not

bring 10c. **Cheese**.—Has been slow of sale in small lots at 11c to 12c. **Eggs**.—In retail lots are worth 20c to 22c fresh. **Dressed Hogs**.—The demand has been somewhat variable, seldom very urgent, as packers are still afraid of present prices. For choice mess hogs \$5.25 to \$5.50 would be paid, but few such are to be had, and they do not appear to be in the country. Light hogs sell at \$5.10 to \$5.20. **C. C. Bacon** is still inactive, it could be bought readily at 6½c boxed. Sales are reported at this rate for delivery in April and May, loose. **Hams** are in fair demand, good brands would fetch 8½ to 9c, salt. In the city trade, smoked hams sell at 10½ to 11c. **Lard** in small lots is worth 9½ to 10c. **Mess Pork** is scarce, especially the heavy quality which is held at \$16 but no sales are reported; thin mess is held at \$15 to \$15.50. **Dried Apples** in fair demand at 8½c. **Hops** very scarce, choice worth 50 to 55c; olds from 15 to 25c. **Salt** quiet and unchanged. **Poultry** scarce and firm at 75 to \$1.25 for Turkeys; 60 to 65c for Geese; 40 to 45 for Chickens, pairs; 60 to 75c for Ducks, pairs.

SEEDS.—Very quiet, only a few small lots of clover offered. Sales reported at \$6.12½. Timothy nominal, at \$3.50.

WOOL firm, and in good demand. Buyers at 38½ to 39c for super pulled. Sellers at 40c. We notice that large lots of cape wool have been brought to this market from New York.

OIL MATTERS IN PETROLIA.

(From our Own Correspondent.)

PETROLIA, Jan. 15, '72.

Quite a stir has been made amongst producers by the strikes in the work west, and many wells are going down in that direction besides those named last week; no new ones have been struck. The production is fully upto 12,000 brls. per week. Sales of crude for the month ending 31st Dec. was 41,865 brls. by the Association, besides several small lots. The shipments of oil are rather better, and business generally is reviving, the apparent slackness having been caused by the holidays. The Association have placed five cents more per barrel on crude oil. The developing of business is going on slowly, but many are getting ready for an early start in the spring. There is no demand for outside lands, but a marked difference in the price of lands lying north-west of this, they being considered good for oil purposes. Refiners are doing a steady business, but the refiner's capacity of Canada being fully double the amount of crude produced, many have to work only half time. Crude \$1.25 per brl; Refined 33c per gallon.

MONTREAL LEATHER MARKET.

Reported by M. H. Seymour.

Montreal, Jan. 16, 1872.

Since the opening of the new year business has been comparatively quiet, yet sales to a fair amount have been made of some descriptions of stock, while others have been more or less neglected. Receipts have been limited, and no special accumulation is going on.

Spanish sole continues as last noted. Slaughter sole is not as active as was anticipated, the demand being at present only light. Harness is very quiet, with only a limited call.

Wax upper is without any animation, very little being cut at this season, prices favor buyers.

Buff—Strictly first class is scarce, and holders have advanced their rates.

Pebble has a fair enquiry at recent prices, which are firm.

Patent and Enamel are selling more freely, the demand being good.

Splits—Light are more in request, while heavy are selling moderately.

Calfskins—No special enquiry. Prime heavy are saleable.

Sheepskins—Russets are scarce and wanted. Colors are in good supply.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

Montreal, 16th Jan.

The weather has been unusually mild during the week till Sunday, when it became very cold, the thermometer indicating a low temperature. Snow is much wanted, as sleighing and walking are not very good at present.

Trade has not been very active, although in some departments an improvement is visible. Dry goods are quiet. Groceries in general quiet. Sugar has been in fair demand. Breadstuffs without much animation. Provisions in fair demand. Ashes lower and quiet.

The totals of receipts and shipments of produce to and from this port for the year 1871, compare favorably with 1870, as will be seen from the following table, which is made up from the official returns at the Corn Exchange:

SHIPMENTS.			
	1870	Inc. & Dec.	
	5,738,450	1,748,901 inc	
	935	2,830,606 inc	
	1,665,619	973,668 dec	
	453,682	417,734 dec	
	61,926	33,001 inc	
	5,045	4,973 dec	
	790,718	77,358 dec	
	14,720	5,880 dec	
	16,165	155 inc	
	1,225	794 inc	
	100,803	98,846 inc	
	99,416	97,917 inc	

RECEIPTS.			
	1870	Inc. & Dec.	
	6,453,392	1,545,528 inc	
	82,713	2,996,800 inc	
	833,299	561,813 dec	
	48,371	8,803 dec	
	34,634	29,630 inc	
	17,629	13,604 dec	
	9,906	90,411 dec	
	1,032,091	1,561 inc	
	9,906	986 dec	
	13,299	
	
	106,292	55,350 inc	
	78,711	56,898 inc	

ASHES.—**Pots**.—This market has experienced a considerable fall since last week, and closes dull at \$7.15 to 7.20 for firsts; seconds are scarce and are selling at \$6.40 to 6.50; thirds are nominal at \$5.80. **Pearls**.—The business in this ash has been limited, owing to the scarcity which prevails; sales in the early part of the week were at \$8.30, but the market closes dull at \$8. The stocks at present in store are Pots, 239 brls; Pearls, 68 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Manufacturers are all busy making preparations for an active spring business, but as yet there is nothing doing. Late prices are unchanged, and are firm and