

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, July 19th, 1881.

The strike among the ship labourers is now about over. The strikers have, for the most part, left the Union, and are asking to be taken back to work at the old rate. The wholesale trade keeps quiet, as is usual at this season, though not quite so much so as is generally the case. Dry goods people are getting in orders for Fall goods very satisfactorily. Breadstuffs are quiet prices of wheat being beyond shippers' limits. Sugars are flattening down and are again lower for refined, and refineries are now putting into stock. Hardware is quiet, but a pretty sharp advance is noted in pig iron. Leather is quiet, the shoe trade only buying for their daily requirements. Provisions are quiet but firm.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—The demand for ashes, although not active, has been fair for the last day or two, but prices are still in buyers' favor, \$1.60 to 4.65; closing quotations were \$4.85 to 5.00. *Pearls*—There have been a few sales during the week at from \$5.50 to 5.60. The stocks at present in store are: *Pots*, 640 bbls; *Pearls*, 101 bbls.

BOOTS & SHOES.—Manufacturers are busy on Fall orders, although not so many have come in as was expected. Money is somewhat slow; for the time being we quote: *Men's Stoga Boots*, \$2.00 to 3.00; ditto *kip Boots*, \$2.50 to 3.25; ditto *French Calf*, \$3.25 to 3.75; ditto *Buff Congress*, \$2.00 to 2.25; ditto *Split Brogans*, \$1.00 to 1.10; *Boys' Split Brogans*, \$0.85 to 1.00; ditto *Buff and Pebbled Congress*, \$1.25 to 1.50; *Women's Buff and Pebble Balmorals*, \$1.10 to 1.50; ditto *Prunella Balmorals*, 50c to \$1.50; ditto *Prunella Congress*, 50c to \$1.60.

CATTLE.—Although we have very cool weather, the butchers yesterday were by no means anxious to buy. For shipping cattle there was an active demand and fair supply, and all were eagerly bought up at 5 to 5½c. per lb. *Lambs* are scarce, and drovers are asking high prices, viz: from \$3.00 to 5.00 each; \$4.50 each was refused for a fine lot on the market to-day. *Hogs* are arriving more freely, and sales were made yesterday at 6½c. per lb.

DRUGS & CHEMICALS.—There is nothing very special to note in this branch of trade. The advance in prices noted last week has been maintained, and there is still a very firm feeling in the trade; Sulphate of Quinine is the turn easier, but, with this exception, values are unchanged. We quote:—*Bicarb soda* \$3.25 to 3.50; *Soda Ash* \$1.65 to 1.75; *Bichromate of Potash*, 13½ to 15c; *Borax*, refined, 16 to 18c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 29 to 30, ditto *ground* 31½ to 33c; *Caustic Soda*, \$2.50 to 2.75; *Sugar of Lead*, 13 to 15c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$1.50 to 1.75; *Alum*, \$1.75 to 2.00; *Copperas*, per cwt., 90c. to \$1.00; *Flour Sulphur*, \$2.90 to 3.20; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.25 to 2.50; *Epsom Salts*, per 100 lbs., \$1.30 to 1.50; *Sal Soda*, per 100 lbs., \$1.00 to 1.10; *Saltpetre*, per keg, \$9.50 to 10.00; *Sulphate of Copper*, 5½ to 7c; *Whiting*, per 100 lbs., 50 to 60c; *Sulphate of Quinine*, \$3.25 to 3.50; *Opium* \$6.75 to 7.50, *Castor oil* 10½ per lb.

DRY GOODS.—The number of orders coming in from travellers for Fall goods is the subject of congratulation and the campaign so far has been a successful one. Cotton goods are steady, and likely to maintain their value. Fall goods are arriving freely by each steamer, and houses are busy taking them into stock. Collections keep well up to the mark. The retail trade has been quiet, as so many of their customers are now out of town, and Summer travellers this year do not seem to require much in the dry goods line.

FISH.—New *Dry Cod* is now coming in more

freely, and sales are made from \$4.25 to \$4.50, according to quality.

FREIGHTS.—The market is quiet and pretty steady. Engagements have been made this week for heavy grain by steamers and iron clipper to Liverpool at 2/4 to 2/6; to Glasgow 3/- to 3/3 to London 3/3 to 3/6; Flour to Liverpool and Glasgow in sacks, 7/6 to 20/-; in brls., 1/6 to 2/-; Ashes to Liverpool and Glasgow, *Pots*, 20/-; *Pearls*, 27/6; *Butter and Cheese* to Liverpool, 30/-; to Glasgow, 35/- per gross ton.

FLOUR.—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst. were 44,720 brls. against 50,611 brls. on the 1st inst., and 20,577 brls on the 15th July, 1880. Receipts for the past week, 11, 673 brls., total receipts from 1st January to date, 406,469 brls., being an increase of 143,519 brls on the receipts for the same period of 1880. Shipments for the week, 12,548 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date, 240,215 brls., being an increase of 19,024 brls. on the shipments for the same period of last year. The demand has been very limited, but the receipts have been comparatively light, and are likely to continue so till new crop flour begins to arrive. Low grades, owing to scarcity, are a little firmer. To-day the market was more active, but no change in quotations. We quote *Superior Extra* \$5.82½ to 6.00; *Extra Superfine*, \$5.85 to 5.87½; *Fancy*, \$5.80; *Spring Extra*, \$5.82½ to 5.85; *Superfine*, \$5.40 to 5.50; *Strong Bakers' Flour*, \$5.85 to 6.50; *Fine*, \$4.85 to 5.00; *Middlings*, \$4.60 to 4.75; *Pollards*, \$4.25 to 4.35; *Ontario Bags* \$2.80 to 2.90; city bags delivered, \$3.15 to 3.20; *Oatmeal* (Ontario) \$4.90 to 5.00; *Cornmeal* \$3.05 to 3.15.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—The stocks in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 1st inst. 189,752 bushels, against 207,770 bushels on the 1st July 1880, and 98,307 bushels on the 15th of July 1880. Receipts during the past week, 153,638 bushels. Total receipts from 1st January to date, 2,660,167 bushels, being a decrease of 210,535 bushels on the receipts for the same period of 1880. Shipped during the week 130,214 bushels. Total shipments from 1st January to date, 2,063,979 bushels, being a decrease of 550,295 bushels on the shipments for the same period of 1880. We quote *Canada Spring*, \$1.29 to 1.30; *No. 2 Chicago Spring*, \$1.23 to 1.24; *No. 2 Toledo Red Winter*, \$1.28 to 1.29; but these prices are above shippers' limits so that there has been little business done here this week. *Maize* is inactive at 57 to 58c. *Peas* are quiet at 90 to 90½c. per 66 lbs. *Oats* are selling at 41½ to 42c. *Barley and Rye* are still nominal.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—There is some little demand for good Japans at from 28 to 38c. The range for Japans runs from 20 to 57c. Black teas are not much enquired for, prices are 23 to 65c according to quality. *Coffee.*—The market is dull for all kinds and to effect sales low prices must be taken. *Mocha* is still scarce and firm at 30 to 35c; old government Java is worth from 22½ to 29c; *Maracaibo*, 17½ to 20c; *Jamaica*, 14 to 20c. *Sugar.*—The market for refined is quiet and prices are still in buyers' favor. The demand is expected to be good now that the preserving season is upon us. We now quote for granulated, 10½ to 10¾c. *Yellows* are selling from 7½ to 9¾c. *Raw Sugars* are dull and heavy, no transactions reported, holders are asking 7½ to 8½c for West Indian sugars. *Molasses* are firm and steady with a good demand. *Barbadoes*, 54 to 57c; *Trinidad*, 46 to 50c. *Rice* is dull at \$3.60 to 3.80. *Spices* are firm and we now quote black pepper 14 to 15c. There is no change in other kinds. *Fruit.*—The market is moderately active old layers and loose Muscatels are wanted. *Valencias* are very firm at 8½ to 9½c. *Currants* are scarce and firm at 6½ to 7½c. *Nuts* are scarce and prices are well maintained at late quotations.

HIDES.—There is a good demand for green butchers' hides at \$10, \$9 and \$8.00. *Sheepskins* are unchanged at 65 to 70c.

LEATHER.—We have no change to note in the condition of this market, business is very quiet and there is an entire absence of speculation. The shoe trade are in the market daily and purchase for their present wants, but not sufficient to reduce stocks very materially. The best brands of sole are in fair enquiry and firm in price. For other descriptions of stock prices continue to favour buyers. We quote—*Hemlock Spanish Sole* No. 1, B. A., 25 to 27c; do. No. 2 B. A., 23 to 24c; No. 1 *Ordinary Spanish*, 25 to 25½c; No. 2, ditto, 23 to 23½c; *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 28; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 36 to 42; do. heavy, 35 to 40; *Grained Upper*, 35 to 40; *Splits*, large, 24 to 30; small, 20 to 25; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.), 65 to 80c; ditto (18 to 26 lbs.), 60 to 70c; *Sheepskin linings* 30 to 50; *Harness* 20 to 34c; *Buffed Cow* 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow* 15 to 16c; *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c; *Pebbled Cow* 13 to 15c; *Rough* 26 to 31c.

HARDWARE.—Business is generally dull, as is usual at this season of the year. *Pig Iron* is being enquired after and some few sales have been effected at our higher figures, but most enquirers prefer waiting unless actually compelled to purchase. *Tin Plates* are moving slowly, both in cokes and charcoals; the feeling generally is that tin plates must before long cost more than at present. *Ingot Tin* is very scarce still, and is held firm at 25 cents per lb. as lowest: *Canada Plates* continue to be sold at low prices, many makers at home being filled up with orders, however, must tend to advance prices. *Bar Iron* still continues to be sold at about our quotations although cable advices report a decided advance of from 7/6 to 10/- stg. per ton. *Ingot Copper* is firm at 17 cents. Other lines remain unchanged. We quote—*Pig Iron* per ton, Coltness, \$20.00 to 20.25; *Siemens*, \$19 to 20; *Gartsherrie*, \$19.50 to 20; *Summerlee*, \$19.50 to 20.00; *Langloan*, \$20.00 to 20.25; *Eglinton*, \$17.50 to 18.00; *Carnbroe*, \$1.50 to 20.00 *Bars* per 100 lbs, *Siemens*, \$2 to 2.25; *Scotch and Staffordshire*, \$1.80 to \$1.90; best ditto, \$2.05 to 2.20; *Swedes*, \$4 to 4.25; *Norway*, \$5 to 5.25; *Lowmoor & Bowling*, \$6.25 to 6.50. *Canada Plates* per box, *Hatton*, \$3.00 to 3.10; other brands \$3.10 to 3.20; *Tin Plates* per box, *Charcoal IC*, \$5.50 to 5.75; ditto, *IX*, \$7.50 to 0.00; ditto, *DC*, \$5.00 to 0.00; ditto, *DX*, \$7.00 to 0.00. *Coke IC*, \$4.50 to 0.00; *Tinned Sheets*, No. 26, charcoal \$10.50 to 11.00; *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28 best, \$6.75 to 7.25; *Hoops and Bands*, per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to 2.50. *Sheets*, best brands, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Boiler Plates* per 100 lbs, *Staffordshire* \$2.75 to 3.00; do. *Bradley*, \$4.50 to 4.62½; do. *Lowmoor & Bowling*, \$7.00 to 12.00, *Russia Sheet Iron* per lb, 12½ to 13c. *Lead*, pig per 100 lbs., \$4.25 do. sheet, \$5.50; do. bar, \$5.00 to 5.50; do. shot, \$6.00 to 6.50; *Steel*, cast, per lb., 11½ to 12½c; do *Spring*, per 100 lbs., \$3.75 to 4.00; do *Tire*, \$3.50 to 3.75; do *Sleigh Shoe* \$3.00 to 3.25 *Ingot Tin*, \$25 to 26. *Ingot Copper*, \$17.25; *Sheet Zinc* per 100 lbs., \$6.00 to 6.50; spelter, \$5.50 to 6.00. *Horse Shoes*, per 100 lbs., \$4.25 to 4.50. *Proved Coil chain*, ½ inch \$5.50; *Iron Wire*, No. 6 per bdl., \$1.75.

LIQUORS.—Prices of liquors and wines keep very steady, but the demand is slow and not likely to improve till further on in the season when country dealers will be laying in their winter's stock. The imports for the month of June are over those of the same month last year, stocks are not considered above the wants of the trade. We quote—*Hennessy's* in cases \$4.85 to 5.00 gal; ditto \$11.00 to 11.25; *Matignon & Co.*, per gallon \$3.30 to 4.50; ditto in cases, \$8.00 to 13.00; *Boitards* per gal. 3.00 to 3.20; ditto cases, \$6.40 to 9.50. *Gin*, *De Kuyper's* per gal. \$2.05 to 2.15; *Red cases* \$7.85-90; *Green cases* \$4.60; *Ball & Dunlop's* per gallon \$1.95 to 2.10; *Red cases* \$7.75; *Green cases* \$4.50; *Booth's Old Tom*, cases \$6.50 to 6.60; ditto in wood, \$3.00; *Pelee Is and Wines*, \$1.44 to 1.80 per Imp. gal.; in cases \$0.00 to 0.00; *Champagnes*, *Piper Heidsieck*, \$26.00 to 27.00;