

the previous week, and 37,656 boxes the corresponding week in 1876. Exports for the week were 47,105 boxes, against 13,490 boxes the previous week; and 23,787 boxes the corresponding week in 1876. The market has been steady, with 13c obtained for fancy fancy. Holders are firm but free sellers at this price. Closing quotations, fancy, 13c; good to prime 11½c; to 12½c; fair to good 10½c to 11½c.

SALT.—There is no factory-filled as yet in market, but it is selling to arrive at \$1.10 Washington brand. Coarse advancing and is scarce at 52½c to 55c for large lots.

WIKES AND SPIRITS.—There is little change to report in this department beyond a slight depression in Geneva spirits, which are said to be somewhat in overstock. Brandies still maintain the prices quoted. There is a fair demand for leading brands. Bisquit, Dubouché & Co. is firmer at increased demand.—See *Prices Current*.

Wool.—The same drooping tendency in price is felt in the European Wool Market, as mentioned in last week's report. Business seems paralyzed and at a standstill, and the same remark will apply to the United States, where price of wool, notwithstanding a high protective tariff, which is almost prohibitory against the importation of Foreign wool, for the home growth, has now reached as low, if not a lower point in currency that it did before the war in gold. The new clip yet to be sheared in Canada, will, no doubt, be bought at low prices, say 25c. to 30c., as to grade and cleanliness of the wool.

EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 7th June, 1876 and 1877.

	1876.	1877.
Ashes.....	3,564	4,871
Butter.....	19,881	18,517
Barley.....	53	66,241
Bacon.....	26,928	20,245
Corn.....	111,285	945,198
Cheese.....	34,892	50,362
Flour.....	76,841	30,928
Lard.....	19,123	25,978
Oats.....	482,994	45,878
Peas.....	380,374	198,131
Pork.....	4,844	10,844
Wheat.....	1,241,941	210,752

REMARKS.

Ashes.—Exports for the week, 280 brls. Pot., — brls. Pearl. Increase, 1,377 brls.

Butter.—Exports, 383 brls. Decrease, 1,364 brls.

Barley.—Exports, 10,129 bush. Increase, 66,188 bush.

Bacon.—Exports, — box. Decrease, 6,683 boxes.

Corn.—Exports, 170,072 bush. Increase, 833,913 bush.

Cheese.—Exports, 1,880 boxes. Increase, 15,470 boxes.

Flour.—Exports, 4,562 brls. Decrease, 45,913 brls.

Lard.—Exports, 1,000 brls. Increase, 6,855 brls.

Oats.—Exports, 122 bush. Decrease, 437,121 bush.

Peas.—Exports, 18,136 bush. Decrease, 162,243 bush.

Pork.—Exports, 1,273 brls. Increase, 6,000 brls.

Wheat.—Exports, 38,674 bush. Decrease 1,031,189 bush.

IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal per Grand Trunk Railway, the Canal and River from 1st January to 7th June, 1876 and 1877:

	1876.	1877.
Ashes.....	6,122	5,926
Butter.....	13,927	14,852
Barley.....	66,537	202,994
Bacon.....	82	138
Corn.....	217,363	1,145,573
Cheese.....	12,459	15,112
Flour.....	287,467	264,546
Lard.....	15,333	26,521

Oats.....	179,543	42,673
Peas.....	347,090	95,779
Pork.....	5,749	11,448
Wheat.....	2,020,908	399,477

REMARKS.

Ashes.—Receipts for the week, 350 brls. Pot, 36 brls. Pearl. Decrease, 296 brls.

Butter.—Receipts, 818 brls. Increase, 925 brls.

Barley.—Receipts, 132,094 bush. Increase, 136,457 bush.

Bacon.—Receipts, 9 boxes. Increase, 56 boxes.

Corn.—Receipts, 315,395 bush. Increase, 628,150 bush.

Cheese.—Receipts, 4,052 boxes Increase, 2,653 boxes.

Flour.—Receipts, 10,242 brls. Decrease, 22,925 brls.

Lard.—Receipts, 1,000 brls. Increase, 11,188 brls.

Oats.—Receipts, 1,309 bush. Decrease, 136,870 bush.

Peas.—Receipts, 2,613 bush. Decrease, 251,311 bush.

Pork.—Receipts, 1,220 brls. Increase, 5,209 brls.

Wheat.—Receipts, 132,035 bush. Decrease, 1,621,431 bush.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—Return of traffic for week ending May 26th, 1877, and the corresponding week, 1876. 1877.—Passengers, 540,173; Express freight and Mails, \$6,000; Merchandise, \$102,101; Total, \$157,274. Corresponding week, 1876, \$163,885. Decrease, 1877, \$6,611.

MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.—Port Hope, May 26th, 1877. Statement of traffic receipts for week, from 14th to 21st May, 1877, in comparison with same period last year.—Passengers, \$1,410.19; Freight, \$3,121.98; Mails and Express, \$228.32; Total, \$4,760.49. Same week last year, \$5,663.55. Decrease, \$903.06. Total traffic to date, \$78,644.32; do., year previous, \$84,803.77. Decrease, \$16,159.45.

INSURANCE.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GLOBE MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO'Y. OF NEW YORK. GENERAL SUMMARY.

Gross receipts to January 1,
1876.....\$11,558,254 06
Receipts, 1876.....1,000,665 06

Total receipts to January 1,
1877.....\$12,558,919 12

Death Claims paid...\$3,156,895 49

Endowments paid... 98,961 66

Surrender Values
paid.....1,094,791 16

Dividends paid..... 902,721 13

Total paid assured\$5,253,369 44

Taxes, Re-insurance,
and all other dis-
bursements.....\$3,172,454 13

\$8,425,823 57

Balance.....\$4,133,095 55

Add premiums deferred and un-
collected, less expense.....\$176,087 26

Add Market Value of Bonds over
Cost..... 94,934 08

Add Market Value of Real Estate... 38,190 58

Add interest and rents due and
accrued..... 58,817 43

Add sundry balances..... 1,235 00

Gross Assets, December 31, 1876.\$4,502,368 90

Surplus to Policy-Holders.....\$523,652 69

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NORTHERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.—The traffic receipts for week ending 31st May, 1877.—Passengers, \$8,846.45; Freight, \$14,896.14; Mails and Sundries, \$1,595.57; Total receipts for current week, 1877, \$25,338.16. Corresponding week of 1876, \$28,606.78. Decrease, \$3,268.60. Total traffic to date, 1877, \$262,483.92. Total traffic to date, 1876, \$299,045.20. Decrease, \$36,561.20.

Carsley's Column.

FROM THE WITNESS BOX.

Read the following question and answer. The answer was given by a leading and well-known Wholesale, after being duly sworn to speak the truth.

Do you mean to say that, when a Merchant gives a correct statement of his affairs to the Mercantile Agency, the latter would give an incorrect or unreliable statement of the standing of such Merchant?

HE ANSWERED:

Any Institution which attempts to levy blackmail, and will mark your credit accordingly, I do not consider that much reliance is to be placed on their statements, so that I think they are not to be depended upon to give a correct statement, even when they obtain correct information.

We have reason to believe that large sums of money have been obtained from Wholesale by men employed in Mercantile Agency offices, and said Wholesale have been rated up to fictitious capital when they were really insolvent. Will Mercantile Agency men deny this?

HOW TO MEND MATTERS.

If grumbling, fault-finding, and blaming everything and everybody, besides ourselves, is the only remedy, then business would have been made all right long ago. As far as Montreal is concerned, we would offer the following suggestions:—

To improve the retail trade, let the Grand Trunk sell tickets at half-price every Thursday, and give privilege of returning until Saturday night. If this was done for one hundred miles around from Montreal, we should all feel the benefit in a week, and a splendid business would, doubtless, be done throughout the summer. Hotel-keepers will, no doubt, make their prices right, and the Grand Trunk will make money by the arrangement.

FOR THE WHOLESALE.

We beg to offer the following suggestion, which may be worth considering by the wholesale trade generally. Sending out so many travellers is keeping buyers from our market, and Toronto is getting numbers who otherwise would visit Montreal. Our idea is to pay the travelling expenses of all retailers to visit Montreal four times a year. It would be much cheaper than sending travellers. Buyer and seller would become more intimate, and, by discarding these Agency Schemes, the wholesale trade of Montreal might be improved in every way. Perhaps some leading wholesalers, whose opinions would be worth more than ours, will say what they think about the matter.

THE STOCK DOES IT.

It has taken four or five years for business men to find out why our business keeps so steadily increasing, in spite of hard times and scarcity of money. Several leading Wholesalers have lately walked through our premises, both Store and Manufacturing Departments. They credit us with having the best Stock of Dry Goods in the Dominion. As one of them remarked to another—

IT IS THE STOCK THAT DOES IT.

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