

THE PRODUCE MARKET.

WE have to note a week of increased dulness in almost every branch of the Produce Trade. Arrivals generally are small, and the demand very languid.

There is a considerable amount of property lying at the several stations on the lines of Railway awaiting shipment, and more would be sent if despatch could be obtained; but the complaint is general that cars are not to be had for the conveyance of freight to Montreal. Several millers and grain operators are, therefore, obliged to forego transactions, or send westward, whither facilities of transit are said to be afforded by cars returning for the conveyance of through freight from the Western States to Portland. Great difficulty is also experienced in the transmission of property to Boston, New York, and points eastward, or even to Britain, owing to professed lack of cars; so that while these markets offer advantageous outlets for certain classes of produce that weigh on the market, the uncertainty attending transit paralyzes transactions, and a general stagnation is the result.

FLOUR.—Arrivals are small, and rather within the wants of the trade, and but for the general inaction some advance would have been secured. The sales of Super have ranged from \$4.20 to \$4.30, for ordinary to good, with an occasional slight advance for strictly choice samples. Fancy and Extra continue as last quoted. Lower grades, still in demand at unchanged rates.

Bag Flour.—Has been in short supply, owing to the detention of considerable parcels on the way, and prices have in some instances ranged as high as \$2.40, for strong bright samples; the bulk of the transactions have, however, been in the vicinity of \$2.35.

WHEAT.—We have no new features to note, lack of cars keep back general consignments, and but a few straggling parcels have come direct to millers.

COARSE GRAINS.—Beyond the limited deliveries by farmers we have no transactions to note, and qualities of such are so various that actual quotations are difficult to supply. In the absence of wholesale transaction, we quote prices of the several descriptions unchanged.

PORK.—The market remains quiet. The demand for Mess is of the most retail character—prices are, however, firm and unchanged. Prime Mess and Prime are in small supply; holders are asking higher prices than dealers are willing to pay.

DRESSED HOGS.—The demand about equals the supply, both being more limited than heretofore, as the Boston demand has ceased. Prices are firm as last quoted, and all desirable parcels find ready sale on arrival.

The packing season of 1864-'65 has closed. The reports show that 92,409 Cattle were cut in Chicago during the season, against 70,086 the previous season, being an increase of 22,323. The decrease of the number of Hogs packed is almost as marked as the increase in Cattle; the number of Hogs cut during the season amounting to but 750,147, a decrease for last year of 154,512. This decrease is rendered still greater by a decrease of 10½ pounds in the average weight of the Hogs packed, making the deficiency in pounds 40,392,754. The yield of Lard is also 7 lb. less per animal, and 9,880,119 less than the yield of last season.

BUTTER.—Has continued very dull during the whole week—the demand have been the merest retail. Several holders, both here and in Upper Canada, getting tired of waiting for a rise, which has been so long delayed, for the medium qualities, have either forced sales at low prices, or have sent what they had on hand to the different markets in the States. Arrivals have consequently been light, and the stock is somewhat reduced. Every week lessens, however, the chances of a rise; and holders would be willing to sell even at a reduction from the late pretensions.

ASHES.—Pots—The orders on the market, at date of our last, being filled, competition has slackened and prices have slightly declined. We quote \$5.35 to \$5.40 for first sorts, the latter for heavy tares, and inferiors \$5.50 to \$5.55, less the customary deductions. Pearls are in small supply and but little enquired for; we quote \$5.50 as the ruling rate.

The stock in hand, Feb. 6th, was as follows:

	Pots.	Pearls.
In store per last statement...	2244	1495
Received since.....	540	53
	2784	1548
Delivered since.....	767	43
	2017	1505

While on the subject of Ashes, we would take occa-

sion to correct a mistake into which some manufacturers fall, that of blaming, and at times abusing their agents here, when the quality falls short of their expectations, or weights do not tally with their own, or a barrel is condemned and a new one charged for, &c.: these are matters with which the Inspectors alone have to do, and with which the agent cannot interfere, beyond requiring explanations which, we understand, are at all times frankly given by the Inspectors when required

THE LEATHER MARKET.

A GENERAL quietude prevails as at the date of last Report.

Spanish Sole.—The inquiry during the past week has slightly improved; but business is limited to small parcels. Receipts have been larger, and prices unchanged.

Slaughter Sole.—Arrivals are light, and are inadequate to supply the moderate demand which exists. There is no alteration in rates.

Harness Leather has a fair call; but figures are stationary, and stocks limited.

Waxed Upper.—A good deal of this description in Montreal; but no enquiry.

Waxed Calfkinks of the heavier weights and desirable finish are in moderate request; but there is nothing in light skins.

In Fancy Leather there is nothing to report.

PRICES CURRENT.

Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, Sole No. 1.....	18 to 19
Do. do. do. No. 2.....	15½ to 16
Do. Ordinary Spanish, Sole No. 1.....	17 to 18
Do. do. do. No. 2.....	15 to 16
Do. Slaughter do. No. 1.....	17 to 19
Do. do. do. No. 2.....	15 to 16
Do. Buffalo Sole, No. 1.....	00 to 00
English Oak Bends.....	50 to 60
Do. Satin Calif, per doz. XT.....	\$25 00
Do. do. do. XX.....	\$27 50
Waxed Upper—Light.....	30 to 32
Do. Heavy and Medium.....	26 to 28
Kips—Whole.....	35 to 45
Do. In Sides.....	27 to 35
Splits—Large.....	20 to 30
Do. Small.....	15 to 18
Waxed Calf—30 to 36 lbs. per doz.....	55 to 65
Do. 18 to 27 do.	45 to 55
Do. French.....	90 to 110
Harness.....	19 to 21
Enamelled Cow, per foot.....	15 to 16
Patent Cow, do.	16 to 17
Buffed Cow, do.	11 to 13
Pebbled Cow, do.	13 to 14
Country Sheep Pelts.....	80 to \$120
City Butchers' best quality.....	\$1.25 to \$1.50

KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.'S PRODUCE AND LEATHER PRICES CURRENT.

No. 23 ST. NICHOLAS STREET, MONTREAL,
10th February, 1865.

FLOUR.—During the week the market has been generally dull, and sales have been, more or less, of a retail character; but under the influence of limited receipts, it closes with more enquiry. Good strong brands of Superfine command readily our outside quotations. Extra is scarce, and would command full prices for shipment. Lower grades are also scarce, and the few lots offering have been promptly taken by our dealers.

Superior extra.....	\$4 80 to \$5 00 per brl.
Extra.....	4 65 to 4 75 "
Fancy.....	4 40 to 4 50 "
Superfine No. 1.....	4 25 to 4 32½ "
Superfine No. 2.....	4 00 to 4 10 "
Fine.....	3 75 to 3 85 "
Middlings.....	3 30 to 3 65 "
Pollards.....	2 90 to 3 10 "

Bag Flour \$2 37½ to \$2.40 per 112 lbs.

WHEAT.—Our remarks of last week apply also to this. Nearly all coming forward goes direct to the millers; and prices remain nominal at 97c. per 60 lbs.

COARSE GRAINS—are without change. A fair business is being done in the country districts for shipment to the States. We quote:

Peas.....	80 to 85c. per 66 lbs.
Barley.....	65 to 70c. " 50 "
Oats.....	34 to 36c. " 52 "

PROVISIONS.

Pork. The market has been less active during the week, but prices remain about the same. Beef: nothing doing. Hams continue dull, but without change in price. Lard is in fair demand, and would bring full prices. Tallow is selling in small parcels at our quotations. Butter: the market still continues dull, there being no enquiry except for Choice Dairy, which is scarce. Dressed Hogs have been less active, and may be quoted a shade lower.

Pork, per Brl. of 200 lbs.	
Mess.....	\$19.25 to \$19.75
Prime Mess.....	\$15 to \$15.50
Prime.....	\$14 to \$14.50

Butter per lb.

Choice Dairy.....	19c. to 19½ cts.
Medium do.....	17c. to 18 cts.
Store packed.....	15c. to 16 cts.

Lard.....	10½c. to 11 cts. p.lb.
Tallow.....	8c. to 8½ cts. p.lb.
Dressed Hogs.....	7c. to 7½ cts. p.lb.
Hams, Plain uncanvassed.....	10c. to 11 cts. p.lb.
Canvassed & Sugar cured.....	11c. to 12 cts. p.lb.
Cheese, good Dairy.....	9c to 11 cts. p.lb.

ASHES—A fair business has been done during the week at our quotations:

Pots, 1st sort.....	\$5.35 to \$5.40 per 100 lbs.
Inferiors.....	\$5.50 to \$5.55 " "
Pearls.....	\$5.50 to \$5.55 " "

PETROLEUM.—Without change. Prices nominal at 27c. to 30c.

LEATHER.—The market for every description still remains dull, and the few sales that have taken place were at very low prices. We do not give quotations, prices being more or less nominal.

SEEDS.—It is difficult to give quotations, very little having come forward as yet.

Yours, respectfully,
KIRKWOOD, LIVINGSTONE & CO.

AKIN & KIRKPATRICK'S MONTREAL PRICE CURRENT.

Thursday Evening, Feb. 9, 1865.

FLOUR—Superior Extra.....	\$4 75 to \$5 00
Extra.....	4 60 to 4 70
Fancy.....	4 40 to 4 50
Superfine.....	4 20 to 4 30
Superfine No. 2.....	3 95 to 4 00
Fine.....	3 60 to 3 70
BAG FLOUR—per 112 lbs. Medium	2 30 to 2 35
Choice and Strong.....	2 35 to 2 40
OATMEAL—per bbl. of 200 lbs.....	4 75 to 5 00
WHEAT—per 60 lbs. U. C. Spring.....	0 95 to 0 97
U. C. White Winter.....	0 00 to 0 00
PEASE—per 60 lbs.....	0 65 to 0 70
BARLEY—per 48 lbs.....	0 70 to 0 75
OATS—per 32 lbs.....	0 00 to 0 00
PORK—Mess.....	19 00 to 19 50
Prime Mess.....	15 00 to 15 50
Prime.....	14 00 to 14 50
DRESSED HOGS—Per 100 lbs.....	7 00 to 7 75
LARD.....	0 00 to 0 00
TALLOW per lb.....	0 00 to 0 00
BUTTER—Inferior.....	0 15 to 0 16
Medium.....	0 16 to 0 17
Choice.....	0 18 to 0 19
CHEESE—per lb.....	0 08 to 0 10
ASHES—per 100 lbs. Pots—1st sorts.....	5 32½ to 5 35
" Inferiors.....	5 50 to 5 55
Pearls ".....	5 50 to 0 00

The closing week has been one of increased dulness, arrivals generally have been light, owing mainly to want of cars to convey the property offering; and the same cause operating against exports, there is no speculation in any department—transactions being restricted to the limited local consumption.

FLOUR.—Arrivals have been short of the demand, but with previous accumulations there has been no deficiency, and though prices are fully maintained we have no advance to report. We, therefore, repeat our last week's quotations, noting a few exceptional sales of strong Superfine at a shade above outside figures.

Bag Flour.—The supply from all sources has been very limited, and considerable below the wants of the trade; and prices beyond the relative value of barrels have in some instances been paid. We quote \$2.35 to \$2.40 for best, and \$2.30 to \$2.35 for ordinary. Large parcels are known to be on the way, and only kept back for want of cars; dealers, therefore, buy cautiously, looking for a reaction as supplies improve.

WHEAT.—Only an occasional car of U. C. Spring offering; total receipts being very trifling, and still for the most part direct to millers. We repeat quotations.

Coarse Grains.—Transactions restricted to farmers' deliveries, at very various prices, according to the great diversity of quality as well as modes of measurement, &c.

PORK.—Arrivals are very small, but as the wants of the trade are limited, prices have undergone no change. The few parcels offering are mostly absorbed by the larger dealers, at prices within the range of our quotations. General confidence is felt in prices, but present rates are so high that little disposition is shown to speculate.

HOGS.—The American demand has entirely ceased, the present stock in Boston and elsewhere being in excess. The arrivals, however, are no more than sufficient for local wants, and prices are well maintained. We quote \$7 to \$7.25 for average weights, and \$7.25 to \$7.50 for heavy.

BUTTER.—The continued absence of demand leading to some uneasiness on the part of holders, and many consignors being also most urgent to realize, some forced sales have been made at 16c to 17c. Some parcels have also been sent on to Boston and New York, as despatch could be obtained; and the market is now somewhat relieved, so that though the chances of a foreign demand diminish by lapse of time, it is expected that the city consumption will absorb most of what remains or is likely to arrive.

ASHES.—Pots have slackened in demand, and prices have slightly declined. Pearls are in small supply and but little enquired for, prices are about \$5.50.