

for these counties. Mr. Johnson has been long known to leading mercantile houses in Montreal. As to Mr. Richard Lanigan, as the local manager of Mr. J. K. Ward's business here, he is too well known to need any vindication of his action in this matter.

26. For myself I will only add that three times the sum which remained applicable to the payment of my labor in this case would not compensate me for the time devoted to it. The creditors have failed in getting at the large sums of money drawn from them in a brief time, and the result of your editorial comments has forced from me in reply statements which I would rather not have made to the future prejudice of the insolvent.

27. Accompanying this letter I submit for your inspection various letters and documents to sustain my statements, they are equally open to inspection by any creditor interested, and the proceedings in appeal and the judgment therein, which was suppressed by your informant, are matters of Record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court at L'Original, open to the inspection of any one.

I remain,
Your Obedient Servant,
EDWARD TAYLOR DARTNELL.

Commercial

MONTREAL GENERAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, APRIL 27th, 1876.

Since our last review there is little change to note in the general condition of trade. There is a fair business doing in most departments, and a good many buyers continue to come in. Eastern trade is reviving as the season advances. The number of failures in the country is lessening, and this together with the generally fair condition of the Winter Wheat is encouraging. There is every appearance of an early opening of navigation. Several vessels have already come into harbour from Boucherville. A slightly active demand for money is beginning to be felt. Stocks are quiet and somewhat lower. The weather continues mild and spring-like.

AMS.—Receipts of Pots have been fair this week. The sales have been about 150 Brls First sort, of which one-half were sold at \$4.42½ to \$4.52½, and remainder the past three days at \$4.37½ to \$4.45, according to tares. Seconds, \$3.50; Thirds, nominal, at \$2.65. **Pearls.**—Firsts are enquired for, and have been sold at \$5.25. Nothing done in Seconds. Receipts for the year have been 3115 brls Pots, and 251 brls Pearls; the deliveries 1178 brls Pots and 67 brls Pearls; and the stock in store this evening was 4018½ brls Pots, and 1189½ Pearls.

Boots and Shoes.—A steady, although moderate trade continues. Stocks are very low, and the production during the winter months so light, that desirable goods will be scarce. Should there be an average sorting-up trade, on the opening of navigation. Prices are firm at former rates. See *Prices Current*.

CATTLE.—At the St. Gabriel market on Monday there were 35 car loads of cattle offered for sale, also three cars of hogs. Prices ranged at from \$3.75 to 5.00 per 100 lbs., live weight. A dealer from Stratford sold one car load to the Sherbrooke Meat Company, at \$3.81 per 100 lbs. The same dealer sold a car load to a butcher in Quebec for \$5.00 per 100 lbs., these averaged about 1500 lbs. each. A dealer from Guelph, had two cars; sold the lot for \$65 each; the weight of these would average about 1300 each. A dealer from Whitby sold one car at \$4.50 per 100 lbs. There arrived at Point St. Charles on Monday 5 car loads of cattle from Chicago, for the North American Packing Company, also 3 cars of hogs for dealers in the City.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A good many country buyers are in the city, but orders are not heavy, and there seems to be a general disposition to buy only for actual requirements, there being an absence of all speculation in buying. There will not be any material change in price until the arrival of Spring Stocks. We quote nominally:—Soda Ash at \$1.90 to \$2.25; Sal Soda,

\$1.50 to 1.75, according to quantity; Soda Bicarb, \$4 to 4.25; Caustic Soda, 3½c to 3½c; Alum, 2c. 2½c. Extract Logwood continues scarce and firm at 12c. to 12½c. for bulk, and for packages in proportion. Bleaching Powder, 2½c. to 2½c.

Dry Goods.—The current week's trade has shown somewhat of a revival, a large number of Western buyers having visited our market. The City trade is slightly depressed, owing, no doubt, to this being the season when so many are engaged in changing their places of residence. We have again to express regret to hear of the lack of improvement in money receipts.

FISH.—Business quiet. Dry Fish about the only kind inquired for, which is scarce and firm at quotations. Prices unchanged. We quote:—Codfish No. 2, \$4.75 to 5.00 Dry Cod, cwt., \$5.25 to \$5.50; Mackerel, No. 1, \$8.50; Salmon steady, No. 1, \$15; No 2, \$14; No. 3, \$13.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the week 9,775 barrels. The business of the week has again been light. Foreign markets being unfavorable, shippers have not been disposed to purchase in anticipation of their wants, while holders, on the other hand, are very firm in their views, and unwilling to make any concessions to induce business. The stock of shipping lots is small, and this helps to strengthen the market.

FURS AND SKINS.—The recent sale of raw skins, at the Easter fair in Leipzig must have proved disastrous in a financial aspect to the sellers. The tone of market for nearly all kinds of Furs is decidedly tame with the exception of Fox, Bear and Raccoon skins which are firm at advanced quotations; other classes are lower. Quotations: Beaver \$2. to 2.25; Prime Black Bear, \$6. to 12, according to size; Fisher, \$6.00 to \$9.00; Silver Fox, \$25 to \$60; Cross Fox, \$2.00 to \$5.00; Red Fox, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Lynx, \$1.50 to \$2.25; dark Labrador Martin, \$7 to \$9; pale Martin, \$1.50 to \$2.00; prime fresh dark Mink, \$2.00 to \$2.50; fine dark Otter \$7 to \$9; Fall Muskrat, 12c. to 17c.; Winter do, 18c. to 22c.; Spring do, 23c. to 30c.; Raccoon, 25c. to 60c.; Skunk, 20c. to 50c.

GROCERY MARKET, WHOLESALE.—One item of hopefulness is the expected arrival of a large fleet at Quebec this spring, and one is said to be already reported below. The extensive movement of our productions in Timber will, of course, go to reduce our indebtedness abroad. And, if we fully learn the lessons now being taught us as a people, and don't fail to apply them, business may reasonably be looked for in the not very distant future, as to be sounder and safer than has been unhappily the case. In Groceries, beyond some movement in Sugars and a moderate amount of general trade on spring orders there is little of moment to report for the week. **Sugars.**—To arrive, several lots of British Refined Yellows have been sold about 7½c. to 7½c. held in smaller quantities at 7½c. to 7½c. An advance is reported in England and general steadiness in United States markets. Some considerable operations on private terms made in raw sugar lately.

Teas.—Only a moderate distributing business to report at about former prices for all kinds. The tone of markets abroad may be considered as probably slightly improved in some quarters though dullness is still the prevailing feature here. Some Y. Hyson at low prices selling for the West.

Coffees.—Light trade at about former quotations, Rice \$3.65 to 3.80. **Spices.**—Pepper, 11c. to 12½c. **Nutmegs,** 85c. to \$1.00. **Cloves,** 45c. to 48c. **Fruits.**—Valencia Raisins, 7½c. to 8c. **Layers,** \$2.15 to \$2.30. **Currants** 6½c. to 7c.

HARDWARE.—We think that, notwithstanding the refusal of British Iron masters to reduce prices on last quarter day, that the tendency of prices must be downwards, though the steps be small, the pace slow, and the bottom not far off. Another drop of 10s. stg. in Bars and Puddled Bars would probably shut out American competition from our Markets, unless they continue to slaughter still more fiercely in the face of a firm and rising home market for Bars, and a positive advance in the home price of cut nails. That the wages of colliers and iron workers in Great Britain are lowering slowly

to near the old point seems evident to all, still it must be borne in mind that the Mines Regulation Act passed by the Imperial Parliament in 1872, makes the labor of 14 men but equal to that of 10 under the former system, and so seriously interferes with England's great power of cheap labour in her competition for trade, that further legislation is likely to be had on the subject. We quote.—See *Prices Current*.

Hides, per 100 lbs. Green, Inspected No. 1, \$7.00; Do. No. 2, \$6.00; Do. No. 3, \$4.00; Cured and inspected, 1c. more.

LEATHER.—Very little doing the past week; prices remain firm with the exception of Upper Leather, which is rather weaker, but little or no demand.—See *Prices Current*.

LIQUORS.—There is still no movement in quantities, but many goods are moving in small lots to supply orders to be shipped in May and by the first steamers for the West. Stocks are very much reduced and full prices are being obtained. We quote as in *Prices Current*.

LUMBER.—There is no change from last report and the outlook for business is not encouraging. The square timber supply will be much larger this season than was anticipated. The calculation was that there would be only 9,000,000 cubic feet taken out this season, but owing to the bright prospects of the English market in January, the lumbermen increased their working force in the woods until they cut 15,000,000 feet. The stories that are circulated against it coming out are that the high water is running off before the lake ice is broken up, and a wet Spring is not anticipated. A train of about 18 cars of square timber, the first of the season, came over the Midland railway from Uthoff Station the 15th inst. Large quantities from the same place will follow. It will be rafted at Port Hope and sent to Quebec. The freight business promises to be an unprofitable speculation during the coming season, even more so than last year. Small contracts at Ottawa have been made at the following figures, a rate of fully ten per cent lower than last summers:—\$1.50 per 1,000 feet to Montreal, \$3 to Quebec, \$2.50 to Burlington (the above rates are gold), \$3.50 to Troy and Albany (U. S. currency), \$4 to New York. Coal freights from New York to Montreal \$1.90 gold, per ton; gross, \$2.35 do to Ottawa. Prices at Montreal:—**Shipping culls,** \$8.00 per m. feet; **Spruce Siding,** \$8 do. **Pine.**—Common boards and scantling, \$10 to \$16 per m.; Clear lumber, \$30 to \$45; First quality lumber, \$30 to \$35; Third-class, 1½ inch deals, \$30 to \$36 per m, surface measure; Cull deals, \$18 to \$24 do.; do, dressed, \$35 to \$40 do.; 2 by 1 inch furrings \$4 per 100 pieces; Laths, \$1.30 to 1.50 per m; **Spruce** lumber, \$10 to \$12 per m feet; **Spruce** deals, \$24 per m feet, surface measure; **Hemlock** lumber, \$9 to \$11 per m feet; long pine lumber, for building purposes, \$18 to \$34, according to length and size; long hemlock lumber is \$3 less per m feet than pine. **Dressed** lumber—1 inch boards, \$18 to \$20 per m feet; do. 1½ inch roofing, \$20 do.; do. 1½ inch flooring, \$20 to \$30 do.; do. 2 inch flooring, \$28 to \$31 do. Prices—Quebec.—**Pine** deals, 1st quality, \$50, per Quebec standard; 2nd do, \$50 do; 3rd do \$28. **Spruce** deals, 1st quality, \$32 do; 2nd do \$24 do; 3rd do, \$16 do, with little demand.

OILS.—Late reports from Newfoundland continue favorable for the Seal catch, and several steamers are reported in with fair catches. A number are yet to hear from, however, and nothing can be said about the price of new Oil for a week or two yet. In this city the price continues firm for Seal and other Oils.

Naval Stores are in good demand with a somewhat easier feeling in Turpentine.

Paints, are unchanged; but the demand is improving.—See *Prices Current*.

PROVISIONS.—**Butter.**—The receipts of New Butter have caused prices to drop considerably, and prices are hard to quote. Finest grades range from 27c. to 29c., and will drop every day now until it reaches 20c., when, it is thought, consumption will increase greatly. **Cheese.**—No change to note; market steady.

SEEDS.—Demand good, but prices are unchanged. We quote Timothy, \$2.75 to 3.00.