

Dealers hold at \$5.25 to \$5.50. Very little doing in timothy, which has been freely offered at \$4.75 without buyers, \$4.50 offered and refused. Hay—\$8 to \$13.50. Straw—\$7 to \$9.50. Potatoes—selling slowly at 75c. to 80c. per bag.

GROCERIES.—*Sugar*—There was but little done in refined, the prevailing opinion seeming to be that prices are too high. Refiners, however, express great confidence in the view that a further rise is to be anticipated. Raw has been more active. Round lots of good Cubas have changed hands at 8½ to 9½; the stock is not large but of good quality. Although quotations are so high there seems little prospect of any decline for some time to come. This view is supported by the fact the receipts at Havana and Matanzas from the 1st January to the 11th February—the date of the last mail advices—were 100,000 boxes short of the receipts for the corresponding period of last year—the figures being for this year, 121,834 boxes, and for last year, 224,312. It is a fact which ought to be mentioned in this connection as showing the improved modes of doing business, and the increased rapidity of transportation, that sugar is now laid down in Toronto from Cuba in 15 days. *Teas*—Have been pretty active; good to fine greens are very much in demand, and are now getting rather scarce, especially the very finest sorts. Common kinds are in good supply and very low priced, much below the cost of importation; as the shipment of these grades from China is likely to undergo an important reduction owing to the present state of the markets they are likely to take a turn for the better and after time rule much higher. We quote for common Young Hyson 35c. to 40c.; medium, 42c. to 60c.; and fine, 65c. to 80c.; choice grades, 83c. to 90c. Uncoloured Japans are in moderate supply and firm at the present prices, which are relatively so much above the other kinds that the consumption is being checked. Blacks are unchanged. *Fruit*—Recent shipments across the lines have reduced the stock very much. Several lots of Valencias having been cleared out at a loss of about 25c. per box, to importers, the market is now stiffer.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is a good demand for all the *Hides* offering, and prices are unchanged. *Sheepskins* are in good supply, and all offering are eagerly bought up. Fresh slaughtered city are taken at \$1.25 to \$1.40, and country at 95c. to \$1.07.

LEATHER.—A good business is reported with the city and country trade. All the various descriptions meet with a good demand, but more especially for Harness, Upper and Splits. Quotations remain as before, although it is thought they must advance very soon. Spanish sole is scarce, firm and freely inquired for. The same may be said of Canadian calf which is quoted at 80c. to 95c.

LUMBER.—We note no change in the lumber market, during the past week, a fair local trade has been done. Prices—clear, \$22 to \$24; com. \$9 to \$9.50; culls, \$1 to \$1.50; shingles, No. 1, \$2.75; No. 2, \$2 to \$2.25.

PROVISIONS.—Trade is quiet. *Butter*—Buyers are probably more indifferent about increasing stocks of medium, but are open for all fine samples offering, these, however, are scarce, and command full prices, say 18c. to 19½c.; medium 16c. to 17½c.; storepacked, 14c. to 16c. *Cheese*—Fair local trade doing at the old prices. *Eggs*—Are worth 35c. to 40c. in small lots. *Dried Apples*—A good many lots offering, and sales reported at from 5c. to 6½c.; choice lots held at 7c. *Bacon*—Held at 9½c.; buyers at 9c., but no sales reported. Small lots in demand at 10c. to 10½c. *Hams*—Only small lots in demand, which we quote at last week's prices. *Mess Pork*—No sales of quantity reported. Holders firm at \$21.50 to \$22.00. Sales of one or two car lots at \$21.75. Thin mess, \$19 to \$20. Extra prime, \$16 to \$17.50. *Dressed Hogs*—Scarce, but the market has been rather easier for the last day or two; buyers unwilling to

give more than \$8 for the best weights and qualities. A few small lots of very choice, however, have been taken as high as \$8.25. The range is \$7.50 to \$8.25. *Tallow*—Last sales at 8c.

PAINTS AND OILS.—A lively demand has set in for these goods. A good deal of building is contemplated at various points along the new lines of railway and there seems to be a general disposition to burnish up; it is expected, therefore, that a large season's business will be done.

WOOL.—The market has a firm tone, and the tendency is to higher quotations.

MONTREAL MARKET.

MONTREAL, Feb. 21, 1871.

The weather for the week has been very variable, but on the whole mild and favorable for business.

ASHES.—The market closes with Pots steady; Firsts, \$5.95 to \$6; Seconds \$5.10 to \$5.15; Thirds \$4.50 to \$4.55. Pearls active and firm; Firsts, \$6.65 to \$6.75; Seconds, \$6.10 to \$6.20.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A brisk demand for spring goods has set in and a good trade is anticipated. Prices are firm. Men's No. 1 Stogas \$2.40 to \$2.50; Kid Clump \$3; Calf Congress \$2.50 to \$3.00; Boys Boots \$1.50 to \$2; Youth's Boots 1.45; Women's Calf Boots, D.S. \$1.30; Women's Balmorals, D.S. \$1.35 to \$1.50.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—In drugs there was a moderate business, at unchanged prices. Sal Soda on the spot is not plenty, and held at \$1.40 to \$1.60; Bi-Carbonate is \$3.15 to \$3.40; other chemicals steady.

FISH.—Dry Codfish scarce, \$5½ to \$5½ net; Green Codfish in brls. \$6 to \$6½. Herrings, Labrador, \$6½; Split Canso, \$6 to \$6½ for brls.; \$3 to \$3½ for haves. Salmon, scarce at \$16 for brls. and \$24 for tes; Smoked Herrings, scaled, 34c. to 39c.

FURS.—There are no transactions of moment to notice. We quote—Red Fox, \$1 to 1.25; Marten, \$1.25 to 1.75; Marten, Labrador, \$10 to 12 Mink, \$3 to 4; Bear, \$7 to 10; Lynx, \$1; Wolf, \$2 to 3; Fisher, \$4 to 5; Beaver, per lb., \$1.20 to 1.40; Muskrat, Fall, each 10c.; Winter, 12½c., Raccoon, 30c. to 40c.; Skunk, 15c. to 20c.; Otter, \$6 to 8.

COALS.—The city trade has slackened somewhat since milder weather set in, but prices continue firm. Yard prices are Scotch Steam, \$5.50 to \$6; Welsh Anthracite, \$7.50 to \$7.75; Smiths' Coal, \$6.50 to \$7; American Anthracite, \$8.25 to \$8.50; Pictou Steam, \$5 to \$5.25; English Grate, \$6.50 to \$7.

DRY GOODS.—An improvement in business is reported this week, the sluggishness that reigns through the winter season having fairly passed away. A good many orders from travellers are being received, and the houses are all busy opening and sorting packages arriving freely by every steamer. Orders from travellers are not generally heavy, very many having a good deal of surplus stock left over; city buyers are sorting up and anticipate a good trade. Silks are reported scarce and dear, and many are holding in hope of an advance.

FLOUR.—The market has remained quiet, and prices very steady; the demand is limited and transactions have not been large. Quoted rates are Superior Extra, \$7.20 to \$7.30; Extra, \$7 to \$7.15; Fancy, \$6.75 to \$6.85; Fresh-ground Super from Canada Wheat, \$6.35 to \$6.45; Western States Superior, nominal, at \$6.40, free; Medium Strong Supers, from Canada Wheat, \$6.50; Strong Bakers' Flour, \$6.60 to \$6.75; Supers from Western Wheat (Welland Canal) nominal; City brands of Superfine (from Western Wheat,) nominal; Canada Superfine No. 2, \$6 to 6.10; Western States, No. 2, nominal; Fine, \$5.50; Middlings, \$5 to 5.25; Pollard's, \$4 to 4.25; U.C. Bag Flour, \$3 to 3.10; City Bags, delivered, \$3.32½ to \$3.35. Oatmeal steady, at \$5.90.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*—is nominal, in absence of transactions. *Corn*—steady, at 85c. to 90c., duty paid. *Pease*—quiet; 8c. to 90c., on street, is freely paid by buyers. *Oats*—steady; quotations are 45c. to 46c. *Barley*—steady; for lots on street, buyers are paying 65c. to 67½c.; according to quality. More money asked for shipping parcels.

GROCERIES.—*Sugar*—Prices of British Refines were advanced some days since for stocks on hand owing to reduced importations and higher figures in Britain, they are quoted 9½c. to 9½c. The List quotations for Montreal refined are 9½ for 2; 10c. for 2½, and 10½ for 3; Crushed A, 12½c.; D Crushed and Ground 13½, sixty days. Some reduction for lots is made. There has been some sugar made to compete with the imported Yellows, and it has been sold at less. At present stock of such is out, and Refinery will not be in active operation for two or three weeks. In Raw Sugars there is a firm feeling; Cuba is held at 9c. to 9½c. for good and Porto Rico, 9½. *Molasses*—are in active and unchanged; Syrups are steady at Refinery; per list 44c. for Standard, 50c. for Golden, and 80c. for Standard, 60 days. *Teas*—Japans have been sold to a considerable extent at somewhat easier prices for some grades. Choice keeps firm. The range is 30c. to 45c. for quite low to ordinary; 48c. to 56c. for fair to good, and 57½c. to 65c. for fine to choice. Young Hysons, of low grades, sweet, are held firmly, as well as the highest class. The range is 32c. to 50c. for low to fair, 52c. to 67c. for medium to good, and 70c. to 82½c. for fine to choice. Gunpowder and Imperial, market dull for inferior qualities. Some demand for choice Gunpowder at 75c. to 85c. Twankays are in somewhat better request. Market is steady for good qualities, with the probability of some advance as this class of Tea is getting into use in the States. Prices are from 29c. to 35c. *Coffee*—Lower qualities have improved, other kinds steady. Java is 21c. to 24c.; Singapore, 19c. to 21c.; Maracaibo, 17c. to 19c.; Rio and Cape, 15½c. to 18c.

FRUIT.—Valentia raisins are held for an advance, say 6c. to 7½c. in lots. Importers have lost by these goods owing to excessive importations. A considerable quantity has been exported to U. S., and lots are now pretty well concentrated. Layer Raisins are \$1.70 to \$1.90. Seedless, scarce. Saltanas, 9½c. to 10½c. Currants firm at 7c. to 7½c. for new. Filberts scarce, 9c. to 9½c. Walnuts also scarce for choice quality, and prices nominal. Almonds, quiet, at 6½c. for hard, to 15½c. for fine soft shell. *Spices*—Pepper, 13½c. to 14½c. Pimento, 6c. to 6½c. Ginger dull. Nutmegs higher, 62c. to 67c.

OILS.—Market dull and about as it has been for some time. Cod, 53c. to 57c.; seal, 55c. to 70c.

SALT.—Very little doing as usual at this season; 55c. to 57c. for coarse, nett; and 75c. to 80c. for fine.

RICE.—Is higher; with firm and advanced market in England; prices are \$3.00 to \$4.30.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—quiet; Inferior to Medium, 17c. to 19c.; Fair to Good, 19c. to 20c.; Fine, 22c. to 23c. *Cheese*—Finest Factory, 13c. to 13½c.; Good, 12½c.; only a retail business doing. *Seeds*,—Timothy firm and active at \$4 to 4.25, for car loads. *Lard*—inanimate, 11½c. to 12½c. *Dressed Hogs*—Quotations are \$8.50 to 9, according to weight and condition,—only choice lots of heavy averages would bring latter rate. *Pork*—steady; Mess, \$22; Thin Mess, \$20.25; Prime Mess, \$18; Prime, \$17 to 17.50; Extra Prime, \$16.50 to \$17.

MONTREAL LEATHER REPORT.

(Reported by M. H. Seymour, Commission Merchant.)

MONTREAL, Feb. 21, 1871.

The business of the present month thus far, has been less active, the demand for stock having fallen off, and as receipts have been fair, there is a better supply of most descriptions of leather than for some months past.