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MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, June 23, 1872.

During the past week a good many things have happened which to some extent have interfered with business, but at the same time the amount of business done has been fully up to the average at this season of the year. Drugs and Chemicals are a little easier. Groceries generally are firm. Breadstuffs have been unsettled. Ashes are dull. Provisions quiet.

The weather has been very warm, in fact nearly touching tropical heat, but at the same time crops are looking well and a good yield is looked for.

ASHES.—Pots—The receipts have been rather heavy during the past week, and prices are somewhat easier. *First*s have been sold as low as \$7.30, but the average has been about \$7.40, to-day the market closes dull and without any demand, at \$7.25 to 7.30. *Pearls*—There has been very little doing, but prices are maintained, and very little change can be made in last week's prices. The stocks at present in store are—Pots, 1,662 bbls; pearls, 1 bbl.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—There is very little doing in this line of trade, the demand for replenishing stocks is small, and there is no change to note in prices.

CATTLE.—This market has been well supplied; first quality sells at \$9.10 to 10.50; second quality \$8 to 9.50; milch cows \$30 to 50. *Sheep* are in active demand at \$4 to 5.50. *Lambs* \$3 to 4. *Live Hogs* are in full supply and prices are easy at \$4.75 to 5.25.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The sales during the past week have been small and prices have been on the whole easier, but the amount of business has been rather light. We do not alter quotations from last week.

DRY GOODS.—Business has been very quiet and only orders for sorting up are coming in. Clothiers are buying cloth for fall goods, and some houses have sent out travellers. A brisk business is looked for in this department.

FUEL.—Firewood—Business is fairly active and many parties are now laying in their winter stock; the current prices now are for Upper Canada long wood—Maple, \$7 to 7.50; birch, \$6 to 6.50; beech, \$6 to 6.50. *Coal*—The supplies are now coming in freely and consumers are laying in stores. American coal, \$6.50; Lehigh, \$7.50; Intercolonial, \$5.75.

FISH.—Business in this department is almost entirely nominal and no quotations we could give could be looked upon as a guide to the state of the market.

FREIGHTS.—Tonnage at present is rather scarce and somewhat higher rates are now asked for. Heavy grain to Liverpool and Glasgow is quoted at 5s 6d to 6s 3d; for order 6s 3d to 6s 6d is paid for full cargoes of heavy grain.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week 24,524 bbls; total receipts from 1st January 363,246 bbls, being an increase of 2,497 bbls over the receipts for corresponding period of last year. Shipments from 1st January to date 184,725

bbls, being an increase of 29,456 bbls over corresponding period of last year. The flour market this week has been very unsettled with a decided downward tendency; the principal business done has been for local consumption. The following are the quotations of this morning. Extra, \$6.80 to 6.90; fancy, \$6.60 to 6.65; ordinary supers., \$6.15 to 6.20; strong bakers flour, \$6.40 to \$6.70; Canada super No. 2, \$5.80 to 5.85; fine, 5.30 to 5.40; middlings, \$4.40 to 4.50; pollards, \$3.50 to 4.25; Upper Canada bag flour, \$2.90. *Oatmeal*—Is quiet, prices ranging from \$4.80 to \$4.90.

GRAIN.—Wheat.—Receipts during the week 49,996 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date 518,274 bushels, being a decrease of 1,781,950 bush. as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The shipments this year only show 577,023 bush., being a decrease of 1,361,427 bush. as compared with the corresponding period of last year. Market is very quiet, and any quotations that we can give must be looked on as nominal. *Oats* are quiet; some few cargo sales have been made at 33 to 33½c. *Maize*, very little doing at present; latest cargo sales were at 57½c. *Peas* dull, sales at 85c. *Barley* is nominal at 45 to 50c, according to quality.

GROCERIES.—Teas—Large trade sales have taken place during the week, in all about 4,000 packages were disposed of at the following rates:—Hyson Twankay, 27c to 35½c; Hyson, 55c to 67c; Imperial, 42c to 71c; Gunpowder, 64c to 87c; Congou, 34c to 50c; Souchong, 50c; Orange Pekoe, 50c. *Coffee*—Market firm, but no change from last quotations. *Fruit*—We cannot change quotations, but market is dull and neglected. *Rice*—Sales have been made from \$4.10 to 4.40, according to sample. *Sugar* has been in light demand, sales of Cuba at 8½c to 8¾c; Barbadoes, 8½c to 9½c; Porto Rico, 9c to 9½c; Scotch refined, 9½c to 10½c. *Spices* are generally held for higher prices than lately quoted. *Molasses*—A considerable amount of business has been doing during the past week. We quote Muscovado, 24c to 26c; Barbadoes, 34c to 36c; Porto Rico, 35c to 37½c.

HARDWARE.—The greater part of the spring business is now about over, but there is still a great consumptive demand, and although we do not alter late quotations, it is generally believed that prices have not yet attained the highest figures.

LEATHER.—There has been very little doing in this department of business during the past week, and prices if anything are easier. Spanish sole No. 1 26 to 27c; No. 2 24 to 25c; Buffalo sole No. 1 23c; ditto No. 2 21c; light waxed upper 42 to 45c; ditto heavy 40 to 43c; harness 29 to 33c; patent cow 19 to 20c; pebbled cow 14 to 18c.

PROVISIONS.—Butter.—Receipts 800 kegs; shipments 1,494 kegs. There is no speculative demand in the meantime, but sales have ranged from 15 to 18c, according to quality. *Cheese*.—Receipts 2,466 boxes; shipments 4,723 boxes. Market has been somewhat irregular, sales ranging from 10½ to 11½c. *Pork*.—Market dull; any small sales transpiring are for mess \$15; thin mess \$13.75; extra prime \$9.50. *Lard* in light demand at 10 to 10½c. *Tallow* 7½ to 8½c.

WOOL.—The receipts have been large during the past week, and sales have ranged from 43 to 47c for fleece. Holders, however, are asking 50c, but we have not heard of any transactions at that price.

TORONTO MARKET.

TORONTO, June 27.

Business generally has been of a very quiet nature during the past week, and there need not be very much improvement looked for in this respect for another month or six weeks. The weather has continued fine and very favorable

to the growing crops, and as the season advances the prospects for a munificent harvest are more and more to be depended on. Anticipations of a very heavy fall trade are not unreasonable, but it should nevertheless be borne in mind by traders throughout the country that in the matter of nearly all imported goods it will take a great deal more money this year to handle the same amount of goods than it did last. Goods have advanced heavily in England, especially woollens and hardware, and should importations be no heavier in quantity there will even then be a very considerable increase in values. Prices here will have to be advanced, and this fact will to some extent check consumption. More economy will be needed to make ends meet than last year, and consumers will cut off expenditure in the way of clothes, &c., if they find prices at all sensibly higher. To exactly how great an extent this cause is likely to operate we cannot undertake to say, but that it will exercise some influence on the volume of trade cannot be doubted, and it would be well for all who are engaged in trade to understand that such must be the case, modified more or less by the yield in money obtained in return for the productions of the country. The financial position is unchanged since last week. Money continues abundant for all legitimate business operations, and remittances are made by country merchants to their city creditors with more than average regularity. Bank stocks have been somewhat neglected and lower rates have in several instances been reached, but at the decline, there is now rather more disposition to invest than previously existed.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Trade has been quiet, very few goods going out. Manufacturers, however, are as busy as they can be in getting ready for the coming trade, preparing their samples and getting stock made up. Prices are not likely to be advanced, but there is no downward tendency and goods will be sold for about current value.

CATTLE.—The market has been tolerably well supplied with beefs both stall and grass fed, the former in fair condition on the average, and bringing good prices, while the latter have been generally inferior in quality and condition. Prices for first and second class have ruled from 5 to 6c live weight, grass fed realizing to sellers from 4 to 4½c. *Sheep*—Have been somewhat scarce at \$7 for first and \$4 to 5 for second class. *Lambs*—Have also been in limited supply, bringing \$3 to 4 for best and \$2 to 2.50 for second class. *Calves*—Have been scarce, and prices are firm, though the present demand is not very active. Prices range from \$7 to 10 for first, \$5 to 6 for second, and \$2.50 to 4 for third class.

DRY GOODS.—Business has been almost exclusively of a sorting up character since last report, and there has been nothing special to note.

FREIGHTS.—There has been a steady demand for vessels during the past week, the principal requirements being for Kingston with corn, and for Oswego with lumber. A number of charters were made to the former port at 2½c gold in the earlier part of the week, but 2½c was asked at the close; freight offering freely, with an insufficient amount of tonnage. Engagements have been made at \$2 gold for vessels to load coal at Cleveland, at 3c U. S. currency on corn from Pt. Dalhousie to Kingston, and 35c gold per M on staves from Toledo to same port. There has been little enquiry for grain vessels to go to Oswego, the corn to which reference was made last week appearing to be turned aside from its original destination. The steamer rates on flour to Montreal are 25c per barrel, and on grain 7c per bushel. Grand Trunk rates from Toronto eastward are as follows:—To Halifax or St. John, 30c for flour, and 40c for grain; flour to Kingston, 20c, grain, 10c; flour to Pres.