

BELIVEAU ALBERTITE CO.—A meeting of the Beliveau Albertite Co. directors—among them Messrs. S. R. Foster, F. Collins, and Blair Botsford—was held in St. John, on the 4th inst. It was announced that the company is free from debt, and that nearly all the stock has been taken. Work is progressing well at the mine. The main shaft having been driven 250 feet depth, levels are now being excavated south and west. Small seams and pockets of this precious stuff are frequently met with.

—The increase in the amount of notes overdue and not secured, in the Bank of British North America, in February, over the previous month was only \$5,311, and not the larger amount inferable from what was inaccurately printed in our last.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

(From our own Correspondent.)

MONTREAL, April 9th, 1878.

The market boats are running regularly and there are quite a number of small craft up from winter quarters, and the harbour begins to wear its busy aspect. A good number of buyers were in the city early in the week, and almost all branches of the trade participated in their orders. In flour a large business has been done at an advance on last Tuesday's quotations, but more pacific war news has weakened the market and our quotations to-day, altho higher than those of a week ago, are considerably under the highest point touched. Leather is quiet and weak, there are no shipments making to England as that market is overstocked. Retail trade appears slowly to improve.

ASHES.—*Pots.*—The market for firsts was at first steady, latterly prices gave way a little and at the close of the market the quotation was \$3.80 to 3.85. Nothing doing this week in inferiors. *Pearls.*—In the early part of the week there was a large sale of firsts at a price which has not been allowed to transpire. The receipts of ashes of late have been very small. The stocks at present in store are pots 3145 brls.; pearls 504 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The hurry of the Spring trade is now about over, but there is still a fair amount of sorting up orders coming in, and most houses seem satisfied with what has been done. Remittances are the turn better. Quotations are without change.

CATTLE.—The market yesterday was overstocked and with very little demand, prices fell fully 25c per 100 lbs. First-class cattle for shipment to England brought full prices, say from 4½ to 5c per lb. Ordinary cattle bringing from 3 to 3½c. *Hogs* were in fair supply and sales reported at \$4.75 and \$5.00 per 100 lbs. according to size of lot.

DRY GOODS.—Taking the week as a whole a fair business has been done, and wholesale houses have been kept very busy filling orders taken from buyers who came to town with the cheap trips. These trips seem to have given great satisfaction to the wholesale trade of the city. A large sorting up trade is fully expected, and it is now thought that stocks to carry over here will be comparatively small. There are still some complaining that remittances are not coming forward so freely as is desirable.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been some little speculative demand this week over sales to arrive to have taken place, and activity is more looked for as navigation may be said to

be open. We quote *Bi Carb Soda*, \$3.25 to 3.50 per lb. to arrive \$3.15; 112 keg, scarce; *Soda Ash*, 1½ to 1¾c per lb.; *Cud-bear*, 11 to 20c per lb.; *Arrow root*, 13 to 45c per lb.; *Borax*, 10 to 11c per lb.; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 25c per lb; *do Ground*, 28 to 29; *Caustic Soda*, \$3 to 3.12½ per 100 lbs. to arrive \$2.70; *East India Senna*, 11 to 15c per lb.; *Sugar of Lead*, 12 to 14c per lb.; *Bleaching Powder*, 1½ to 1¾c per lb.; *Madder*, 8 to 9c per lb.; *Alum*, 1½ to 2c per lb.; *Copperas*, 1 to 1½c per lb.; *Sulphur*, 3½ to 3¾c per lb.; *Brimstone*, 2½c per lb. *Epsom Salts*, \$2 to 2.25 per 100 lbs., to arrive \$1.60; *Sal Soda*, \$1.10 to 1.20 per 100 lbs., to arrive \$1.05; *Saltpetre*, held at \$8.50 to \$9.00 per 112 lb. keg, with upward tendency; *Blue Vitriol*, 5½ to 6c per lb.

FISH.—It is difficult to give quotations for fish just now as the lenten season is about over, and the demand this year has been unusually light, stocks are full, and holders are desirous of pressing sales. Our quotations are still nominal.

FURS.—There is little change to notice in the state of the fur market which is dull and without animation, low prices seem to prevent trappers from bringing in their skins, which are arriving very slowly. We lower the price for musk rats. *Beaver*, per lb., \$1.00 to 1.30; *Otter*, \$4.00 to 5.00; *Fisher*, \$4.00 to 6.00; *Mink*, dark prime, \$1.25 to 1.50; ditto pale, 75; *Martin*, 75c; Large black *Bear*, \$6 to 8; Small ditto, \$3.00; *Red Fox*, 75c to \$1; *Cross Fox*, \$1.50 to 2.50; *Silver Fox*, \$20; Spring *Muskrat*, 12½c; *Lynx*, \$1 to 1.40; *Skunk*, dark prime, 30 to 60c; *Raccoon*, 30 to 60c.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week 10,055 brls. Total receipts from 1st January to date 120,136 brls, being an increase of 1792 brls on the receipts for the same period of 18 shipments during the week 3339 brls. Total shipments from 1st January to date 32,591 brls, being a decrease of 5592 brls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1877. The flour market for most part of the week has been decidedly in favour of holders, and business has been more active and a number of round lots are reported to have been placed, and there is more consumption and local demand now that the market boats have commenced running. At the close the market was weaker, with very little business doing at quotations. *Superior extra*, \$6.10 to 6.25; *Extra*, \$5.80 to \$5.85; *Fancy*, \$5.40 to 5.45; *Strong bakers flour*, \$5.30 to \$5.50; *Spring extra*, \$5.20 to \$5.25; *Super*, \$4.70 to 4.75; *Fine*, \$4.20 to 4.30; *Pollards*, \$3.25 to 3.50; *Middlings*, \$4.00 to 0.00; *Oatmeal* \$4.50 to 4.60.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—The total receipts from 1st January to date 4348 bushels. With the exception of some sales in oats early in the week on private terms there has been no movement in grains, and prices are still nominal. It is expected by next week there will be sufficient done to enable us to give quotations.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—Business continues to be more favorable, and a good many country buyers have been in the city, holders appear to be anxious to sell and prices realized are hardly satisfactory. Country buyers, cheap Japans being the most asked for at from 25 to 35c. but grades are firmer than for some time past and sales are reported at 40 to 55c; Young Hyson is unchanged. *Coffee* is in very limited demand and prices are still weak, any small sales reported are within our range of quotations. We quote *Maracaibo*, 20 to 22c; *Java*, 26 to 29c; *Singapore and Ceylon*, 23 to 26c; *Mocha*, 31 to 33c. *Sugar.*—The markets remain firm with upward tendency which seems to have curtailed the demand, but as stocks here are not heavy holders are firm and obtain their own price *Yellows*, 7½ to 8½c; *American granulated* 9½ to 9¾c; nothing reported in raw sugars. *Molasses.*—Stocks are considerable, and with a small demand prices are weak. We quote *Barbadoes*, 40 to 42½c; *Muscovado*, 35 to 40; *Trinidad*,

35 to 36c; *Sugar House*, 28 to 30c; *Porto Rico*, 41c. *Syrups* in fair consumptive demand at 50 to 53c for amber. *Rice* keeps firm, stocks are low, sales average from \$4.40 to 4.60. *Fruit.*—There has been little demand of any extent for fruit, if we except Valencia raisins which have been more asked for by Western buyers, and prices are the turn better but for other kinds of fruit prices as a rule are in buyers favor: *Layer raisins*, \$1.55 to 1.65; *Valencias*, 4½ to 5½c; *Sultanas*, 6½ to 8c; *Currants*, 6 to 7c; *Turkey figs*, 10 to 12c; *Almonds*, 11 to 15c; *Walnuts*, 7 to 10c, according to quality; *Filberts*, 7½ to 8½; *Brazil nuts*, 6 to 7c. *Spices* have only been dealt in, in a small way, and prices are without change since this day week. *Black pepper*, 9½ to 9¾c; *White pepper*, 18 to 19c; *Nutmegs*, 65 to 95c; *Cassia*, 15 to 18c; *Cloves*, 40 to 45c; *Maces*, 75 to 80; *Jamaica Ginger*, 18 to 20c. *Salt.*—The salt market is quiet and dull prices favouring buyers, coarse 60 to 65c; factory filled \$1.00 to 1.10.

HIDES AND PELTS.—Market is steady at \$7.00 for No. 1; \$6.00 for No. 2, and \$5.00 for No. 3 hides. *Calfskins* 8 to 10c; *Lambskins* are scarce as yet, quotations about the same as last week, 10 to 15c.

HARDWARE.—Business continues to improve and most of the houses here are quite busy, which perhaps is increased by the cheap trip given by the R. R. Coy., and which has brought a good many buyers from the country. Prices are not changed very much and it is not likely that new arrivals can be sold less than at present from stock, as prospect of lower prices has already been pretty well discounted. We quote *Pig Iron.*—Per ton, *Gartsherrie*, \$19.50 to 20.00; *Summerlee* \$19.00 to 19.25; *Langloan*, \$19.00 to 20.00; *Eglinton*, \$18.00 to 18.50; *Clyde*, \$17.50 and 18.00; *Hematite*, \$26.00 to 27.00. *Bars.*—Per 100 lbs., *Scotch and Staffordshire*, \$1.80 to 1.90; *Best*, ditto, \$2.00 to 2.50; *Swedes and Norway*, \$4.50 to 5.00; *Lowmoor and Bowling*, \$6.00 to 6.25. *Canada Plates.*—Per box, *Glamorgan and Budd*, \$3.40 to 3.60; *Arrow, Penn and Garth*, \$3.40 to 3.50; *Hatton*, \$3.20 to \$3.30, no demand for Canada plates: *Tin Plates.*—Per box, *Charcoal*, 1c; *Bradley*, \$6.50; to 6.75; ditto, other brands, \$5.75 to 6.00; *Charcoal IX*, \$7.75 to 8.00; *Charcoal DC*, \$4.75 to 5.00; *Coke*, 1c, \$5.00 to 5.25; *Tinned sheets*, No. 26, *Charcoal*, *Cookley K*, or *Bradley*, 11 to 11½c per lb.; ditto, *Coke*, 9½ to 10c; *Galvanized sheets*, 7½ to 8c. *Hoops and Bands* Per 100 lbs, \$2.40 to 2.50. *Sheets.*—Best brands, \$2.50 to 3.50. *Boiler Plates.*—\$2.50 to 3.00; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 9 to 10c.; *Cut nails.*—Per 100 lbs., 12 dy to 7 in., \$3.00; ditto, 5 dy to 10 dy, \$3.30; *Shingle nails*, \$3.80; *Lath nails*, \$4.60. *Lead*, *Pig*, per 100 \$5.00 to 5.25; *Sheet*, \$5.25 to 5.50; *Bar*, \$6.50 to 7.00; *Shot* \$6.25 to 6.75; *Steel*, cast, per lb., 12 to 15c; *Spring*, per 100 lbs., \$3.50 to 4.00; *Tire* per 100 lbs \$3.00 to 3.50.; *Sleigh shoe*, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Ingot Tin*, 18 to 20c; *Ingot Copper*, 19 to 20c; *Horse shoes*, per 100 lbs., \$3.37½ to 3.50.

LEATHER.—The market continues dull and most descriptions of stock are in over supply with prices favoring buyers. The scarcity and high price of hides has no effect on the leather market, and Tanners will be obliged to curtail their operations if they wish to see a healthier state of things in their business. We quote *Hemlock Spanish sole*. No. 1; B. A., 23 to 24c; ditto, No. 2 B. A., 20½ to 21c; *Zanzibar*, ordinary No. 1, 20½ to 21c ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Buffalo sole*, No. 1, 20 to 21c; ditto, No. 2, 18 to 19c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 24 to 26c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 32 to 38c; ditto, heavy 31 to 36c; *Grained*, 34 to 36c; *Splits*, large, 24 to 30c; ditto, small, 21 to 27c; *Calfskins*, 27 to 36 lbs., 55 to 65c; ditto, 18 to 26 lbs., 50 to 60c; *Sheepskin linings*, 20 to 28c; *Harness*, 24 to 28c *Buffed cow*, 14 to 15½c; *Enamelled cow*,