

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
 Montreal, Nov. 18.
 Dried fruits are steady. Coffee dull and weak. Teas steady. Sugar steady. Quotations are: Granulated sugar, 4 1-16c in lots of over 250 barrels, and 4 1-8c for 100 barrel lots, at the refineries; yellows, 3 3-8c to 3 3-4c. Molasses, 25 to 26c. Syrups, 13-4 to 21-2c, as to quality. Valencia raisins from 4 3-4 to 5 1-2c. Valencia layers, 6 1-2c. Currants, 5 1-8 to 6 1-2c, as to brand. Coffee, Rio, 10 to 13c; Mocha and Java 20 to 24c.

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.
 Montreal, Nov. 13.
 Turpentine is 1c lower on the inside, making a decline of 2c in two weeks. Iron and metals are firm for all staple lines and active for the season. Other staples steady and unchanged. White lead, government standard, \$5.37 1-2c; No. 1, \$5. Linseed oil, raw, 43, boiled 46c. Turpentine 48 to 49. Bar iron, \$1.35 to \$1.45; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90; I.C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75; Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15; tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c; lead, \$3.75 to \$4; iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4; putty in bulk, \$1.50; in bladders, \$1.65.

WORLD'S WHEAT CROP OF 1897.

Broomhall of the Liverpool Corn Trade News, presents the following estimates by cable of the world's wheat crop of 1897 revised to Nov. 9: Europe, 1,118,000,000 bushels; America, 747,000,000 bushels (including 590,000,000 bushels in the United States); Asia, 289,000,000 bushels; Africa, 32,000,000 bushels; Australasia, 37,000,000 bushels. Total 2,223,000,000 bushels against 2,385,000,000 bushels in 1896, 2,469,000,000 bu. in 1895, 2,562,000,000 bu. in 1894, 2,512,000,000 bu. in 1893, 2,441,000,000 bu. in 1892, and 2,464,000,000 bu. in 1891. Reserves of exporting countries on August 1, estimated at 144,000,000 bu. against 232,000,000 bu. in 1896; 284,000,000 bu. in 1895, 311,000,000 bu. in 1894, and 274,000,000 bu. in 1893. World's normal consumption of wheat annually 2,528,000,000 bu.—Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin.

ALBERTA.

Thomas Hourston has resigned his position as manager for Kenneth MacKenzie & Co., Edmonton, and will buy farms for a St. Paul house.

The Prince-Kerr Rancho Co., of Calgary, has been incorporated.

T. McClelland will open a butcher shop at Calgary.

MOVEMENTS OF BUSINESS MEN.

R. T. Riley, of the Sanford Manufacturing Co., left last week for Nelson, B. on a business trip.

J. W. Peck, of John W. Peck & Co., Winnipeg, left for Vancouver last week.

D. Ross, of Whittemouth, lumber manufacturer, was in the city last week.

The report of the frosts in Argentine Wednesday affected the European markets more than the American, with the result that an enormous export trade was done at New York. This was the only bullish influence in yesterday's market, and the denial of the report was the cause of the decline of 1 1-4 in Liverpool. Chicago opened yesterday at 92 3-4 to 1 1-4 below yesterday's close. There was no very great demand, and the market was slow. A decided upturn towards the close, due to the covering of shorts brought the price up to 93 7-8c, Wednesday closing figure.

B. C. BUSINESS NOTES.

M. McDonald, teas, has given up business.

J. P. Hale, fruit, confectionery, has opened business.

T. Gray, tailor, is in trouble with the bailiff.

E. J. Schigel, has established a lumber mill at Swansen.

The following items are reported from Vancouver:

Tomlinson & McTaggart, flour mill feed, have dissolved.

Strickland & Bolles, grocery, bakery, etc., have succeeded Dalgleish & Co.

Martin Bros., hardware, Vernon, have given up business.

W. J. Tipplins, confectionery, etc., is offering his business for sale.

A. H. Gillanders, furniture, has suffered from fire.

John Love, is opening a general store at Fairview.

The Kettle River Dressed Beef and Provision Co., of Greenwood, has been incorporated.

T. J. Scanlan, is opening a grocery store at Nelson.

John Johnson, of the Silver King hotel, Nelson, is dead.

A. Batterson & Co. is opening in cigar, stationery, etc., at Revelstoke.

H. Bauman, tobacconist, Rossland, has assigned.

Crescent Dry Goods Co., Ltd., Rossland, is giving up business.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Nov. 12.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot quiet. No. 1 red northern spring 7s 6 1-2d to 7s 7 1-2d. Corn—Spot quiet. American mixed 3s 2 1-2d.

Seattle, Nov. 9.—A formidable competitor for Yukon traffic is to be launched next spring. It will be equipped with both rail and steamer lines, covering the most practicable routes to the Yukon gold basin. The Yukon company, by its president, Andrew F. Burleigh, has let a contract for twelve modern river steamers, twenty-four barges, and two tow boats, to the ship building firm of Moran Bros., of this city. The company do not confine operations to conducting a line of steamers between Seattle and Klondyke by way of St. Michaels, but will build a railroad across Chilkoot Pass and over the Dalton trail to Five Fingers, on the Yukon, there connecting with a line of five steamers to the gold fields. The capital stock of the Yukon company is \$10,000,000.

London, Nov. 12.—4 p.m.—Consols for money, 112 15-16; do., for the account, 113. Bar silver, quiet, 26 5-8d. Money, 2 1-2 per cent. Rate of discount in open market, short bills, 2 7-8 per cent. Rate discount in open market, three months bills, 3 per cent.

It looks as if the increase in the visible supply of wheat Monday would not be less than 2,500,000 bushels. Liverpool in three days received 488,000 bushels of wheat, of which 384,000 bushels were American.

The general stock of the estate of D. Livingston, Yorkton, has been sold to Geo. H. Rodgers & Co., of Winnipeg. J. Doolittle is opening a furniture store at Qu'Appelle.

E. A. Skillter & Co., bankers, of Indian Head, have sold out to the Union Bank of Canada.

On November 12, at Regina, a fire broke out in King's restaurant, and about destroyed the building before it was put out.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

Wheat closed fifth for spot stuff, with sales to-day 82 1-2c. The margin between No. 1 and No. 2 hard has narrowed, No. 2 selling yesterday at 2c under No. 1 hard, No. 1 northern 1c under No. 1 hard, No. 3 hard 5c under No. 1, which shows a narrower margin compared with higher grades, this grade being scarce and in demand for mixing.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday—December 87c, May 88 3-4c.

Tuesday—December 85 7-8c, May 87 1-2c.

Wednesday—December 87 5-8c, May 89c.

Thursday—December 88 1-2c, May 89 1-2c.

Friday—December 88 1-4, May 88 7-8c.

Saturday, Nov., 91 1-2c; Dec. 88 1-4c; May 88 3-4c.

Cash No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 92 1-2c, and cash No. 1 Northern at 91 1-2c.

Last week December option closed at 88 1-4c.

A year ago December option closed at 89 1-2c, and two years ago at 54 1-4c, three years ago December option closed at 60 1-2c, and four years ago at 58 1-2c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, November 13, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 91c for November, 89 5-8c for December, and 87 7-8c for May option. A week ago December wheat closed at 88 3-4c.

NEW YORK WHEAT.

On Saturday, November 13, wheat closed at 96 7-8c for December, and 93 1-2c for May option. November option was quoted at 96 1-8c. A week ago December wheat closed at 97 5-8c.

Exports for the week from Atlantic ports were 5,445,000 bushels.

CHICAGO WHEAT AND PRODUCE.

On Saturday, Nov. 13, wheat opened at 93 7-8, for December option and ranged from 93 5-8 to 94 7-8. Cash wheat and December option show a very strong market, compared with distant futures. Closing prices were: Wheat—Nov. 94c, Dec. 94 1-4, May 90c.

Corn—Nov. 26 1-2c, Dec. 26 1-2c. Oats—Nov. 19 5-8c, Dec. 20 1-8c. Pork—Dec. \$7.35, Jan. \$8.35. Lard—Dec. \$4.20, Jan. \$4.32 1-2. Ribs—Dec. \$4.27 1-2, Jan. \$4.30. Flux seed—Cash \$1.08, Dec. \$1.03 1-2, May \$1.07.

A week ago December wheat closed at 93 3-4c. A year ago December wheat closed at 79c, two years ago at 57 3-4c, and three years ago at 56 1-4c.

For the information of those desirous of making a winter start for the Yukon by dog train it may be mentioned that a dog sleigh route exists from Athabasca Landing to the Wabiceaw lakes, and thence to Fort Vermilion on the Lower Peace river. Thence to Fort Liard on the Liard river. Distance to Wabiceaw lakes from the Landing, 107 miles. Wabiceaw lakes to Trout lakes, 50 miles. Trout lakes to Vermilion, 175 miles. Fort Vermilion to Hay river, 80 miles. Hay river to Fort Liard, 195 miles. Total 525 miles. This should be done in 20 days, good traveling, 100 miles a day.—Edmonton Bulletin.