

mixed 86c. to 87c.; white 40c. to 47c. Sugar unsettled; standard A., 6 1-16 to 6 3-8; cut loaf and crushed, 7c. to 7 3-8. Molasses quiet. Rice steady. Petroleum unchanged. Tallow firm at 6 3-8. Pork steady; new mess, \$17.25 to \$17.50. Beef steady. Cut meats firm; pickled bellies, 9c. to 9 3-8; shoulders, 7 3-8; hams, 12 3-8 to 13c.; middles stonger; long clear, 10c. Lard strong at \$7.85 to \$8. Butter and cheese firm and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Aug. 13th 1884.

Wheat market unsettled, closed at 78 3-8. August; 81 3-8. September; corn excited, opened 51 3-8 and closed 52 3-8; nominal August. Pork \$26 for August; short ribs \$9.70 for September. Flour dull.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Aug. 13, 1884.

A good many dry goods houses still report fair orders, and wholesale grocerymen speak well of the amount of trade doing. In pig iron there is some improvement to be noticed, and prospects are decidedly better. Other lines show no material change. Remittances are not very brisk, but this is a season when country payments generally are slow in coming in, and there is nothing unusual in the present slackness in this respect. Failures are few and unimportant. The money market maintains its former tone call loans being still made at 5 to 5 1-2 per cent. and discounts at 7 per cent. Sterling exchange 8 7-16 to 8 1-2 for 60 day bills. The stock market has been stronger and rather more active; latest quotations for Montreal are 190 1-2 to 191; Toronto, 177; Merchants, 110; Commerce, 121 1-2; Ontario, 106 1-2; Federal, 52 asked.

ASHES.—In this line there is not a great deal doing, receipts are behind last year's at this date but stocks in store are pretty full here, as well as in Liverpool, and shipments are light. No. 1 Pots are quoted at \$3.90 to \$4, seconds, \$3.50. Of Pearls there have been only two lots lately received, and quotations remain at \$4.80 nominally.

CEMENTS.—Portland Cement continues steady at \$3.25 per bbl.; round lots, \$2.90 to \$3; Roman, \$2.75; Canadian, \$1.75; Fireclay, \$2 per bag; Firebricks, \$20 to \$30 as to brand.

DRY GOODS.—Travellers for some houses are coming home, those of others continue out and report fair orders, but it is generally admitted that sales to date are behind those of corresponding period last year. A good many expect to make up the deficiency later, and it is natural to expect a larger proportion of buyers to visit the city this fall than usual, when the bulk of purchasers of heavy woollens, underwear, &c., will be made. At the moment there seems to be a general indisposition on the part of retailers, to buy largely of these goods, as well as of cottons. The Merchants Manufacturing Co. have shut down as anticipated. This is a light month for payments, and there is not much money coming forward at the moment, indeed some find remittances slacker than they should be. Country merchants state that good crops are general, even the farmers have to admit that. It is to be hoped they will push collections this autumn, and not be put-off by the farmer who would rather put his money out at interest than pay his store-bills with it.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The week shows an improvement, and orders are reported heavier. Quinine is rather demoralized at present, owing to the failure of a large Milan factory. It is stated that manufacturing has been done at a loss, and that an advance is probable; other prices remain about the same and we quote: Sal Soda \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; Bi. Carb. Soda, \$2.40 to 2.50; Soda Ash \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$10; Borax refined, 11 to 12 3-8; Cream Tartar crystals, 80 to 81c.; do ground 84c. to 87c.; Tartaric Acid, 54 to 58c. per lb.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$3.25 to \$4.00; Alum \$1.75 to \$1.90; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Ground Sulphur, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Flowers Sulphur, sublim per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to \$3.00; Roll Sulphur, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.75 to \$6.50; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to 9.50; German Quinine, \$1.50 English and American do., \$1.60 to \$1.75, as to makers, per oz. bottles; Opium, \$4.50 to

\$5.00; Morphia, \$2.20 to \$2.30. Gum Arabic, sort, 28 to 33c. White, 40 to 55c. Hellebore, 20 to 24c; Carbolic acid, 70c.

FISH.—The cod fishery has proved poor so far, and only small lots of new dry fish are coming forward, \$4.75 to \$5 being the price; New North Shore Salmon is also in limited supply as yet, and prices are hardly fixed, in the meantime \$18.50 to \$19 is being asked for No. 1. No other lines in the market now.

FLOUR.—There is some enquiry on Lower Provinces account, but aside from this there is little doing and the market is really inactive. We quote: Superior Extra, \$5.15 to \$5.25; Extra Superfine, \$4.70 to \$4.80; Fancy, \$4.30 to \$4.40; Spring Extra, \$4.20 to \$4.30; Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.40; Canadian Strong Bakers' \$4.75 to \$5; American do., \$5.25 to \$5.60. Yellow Cornmeal \$3.25; White, \$3.50. Oatmeal, granulated, \$5 to \$5.25 per bbl.; Ordinary, \$4.30 to \$4.60 per bbl.

GROCERIES.—Business is fully up to the standard of the last few weeks, and the general expression of the trade is one of satisfaction. There is an active enquiry for teas and more selling; not quite so much doing in sugars, but in all other lines there is a very fair movement. Lower grade Japans are reported advanced \$2 to \$3 a cask at Yokohama; blacks and greens are unchanged. There have been reported sales of round lots granulated sugar by refiners at 6 3-8, of Yellows there is now a better assortment to be had, and there is less disposition to concede in these lines. We hear of some transactions in Molasses in round lots at 81c., but holders generally are inclined to be stiff in their views. Rice still scarce; the mill is now busy on a better quality than last. Market continues bare of currants, but some on the way are expected to sell at 4 3-8; Valencia raisins selling in a moderate way at about 4 1-2 c.; other lines unchanged.

LEATHER.—Business in this line continues of a very fair character. Prices do not show very much change, except that splits continue very scarce, and advanced quotations are being made as noted. There is a good demand reported in England for buff and splits. In calfskins good bootakins are scarce, and prices firm. We quote, Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A. 25 to 28c.; ditto, No. 2 B. A. 22 to 25c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 44c. to 25 3-8; No. 2 ditto 22c. to 28c.; No. 1 China 28c. No. 2 21c. ditto Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 19 1-2 to 21c. Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27 3-8; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 38c. Splits, large, 22 to 30c.; ditto small, 16 to 24c. Calf-splits 30 to 32c. Calf-kins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness, 24 to 38c.; Buffed Cow, per ft., 14 to 16c. Enamelled Cow, 15 to 16c. Patent Cow, 15 to 16c. Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15 3-8. Rough, 23 to 28c. Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The market for pig-iron at home is assuming a firmer tone, and quotations are sixpence a ton higher for makers' brands. Warrants continue to be cabled at about 41/5d. Locally there is a good deal better enquiry and the prospects seem more encouraging. The Siemens works at Londonderry, N.S., are advertised for sale on the 14th, and should they be closed there will be a considerable demand created for Scotch. Bar iron remains unchanged; Canada plates are scarce on spot and firm in price. Coke tins are a little dearer, owing to an active demand at home, and prices have gone up from 3 pence to 6 pence a box; there is also a good local demand and very little stock. Pig iron is up a little and quotations are firmer; Lead is also reported as advancing. We quote: Gartschert and Summerles, \$18.00 to 19.00; Langlois, \$19 to 19.50; Coltness, \$19.50; Eglington, \$16.50 to \$17; Dalmellington, \$17.00 to \$17.50; Calder, \$18 to 19; Hematite, \$20 to 22.50, depending on brand; Siemens, \$18.50 to \$19.00; Bar Iron still \$1.75 to \$1.80; Canada Plates \$2.85 to \$3.00 as to lot and brand; Tin Plates Bradley Charcoal, \$6.00 to 6.25; Charcoal I.C. \$4.75 to \$4.90 as to brand; do. I.X. \$6.25 to 6.50; Coke I.C., \$4.25 to \$4.40. Galvanized Sheets, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 6 3-8 to 7 3-8; Hoops and Bands per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to \$2.30; Sheets, Boiler, Plate per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.45 to \$2.55; Steel Boiler Plate \$3.25 to \$3.00; heads \$4.50; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 1-2 to 11c. Lead

per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast Steel, 11 1-2 to 12 3-8, firm; Spring, \$3.50, firm; Wire, \$3.35 to \$3.50, firm Sleigh Shoe, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Round Machinery Steel, 3 3-8 to 4c. per lb. Ingot Tin, 23 to 24c. Bar Tin, 25; Ingot Copper, 16 to 16 3-8. Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.25 to \$5.50 Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

PROVISIONS.—A scarcity of the finer grades of Butter exists in the city, and buyers are looking for supplies through the country, causing quite an amount of strength in the market. For creamery 20 1-2 to 22c. is being asked; townships, 18 to 20c.; Morrisburg, 17 to 18c.; Western, 13 to 16c. Cheese has been rather easier the last few days; fancy quotes 10 to 10 3-8; medium 8 3-8 to 9 3-8. Pork is steady with only a moderate trade passing. We quote Canadian Mess \$21 to \$21.50; Western mess \$19.50 to \$20; hams, 14 to 15c.; bacon, 13 to 13 3-8; Lard, 10 1-2 to 11 3-8. Strictly fresh Eggs bring 19c.

PAINTS AND OILS.—There have been some rumours of an advance in Britain in leads, but positive information is yet lacking. Business with paint and color men is a little better, but payments are not so good. We quote:—White Lead (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.35 to 6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to 6.00; No. 2, \$5 to 5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry White Lead 6 to 6 3-8; Red do. 5 to 5 3-8. These prices for round lots. London Washed Whiting 55 to 60c.; Paris White \$1.25 to 1.50; Cookson's Venetian Red \$2.00 to 2.50; Yellow Ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; Paris Green, 19 to 20c. Oils do not show any material change, and we quote Raw Linseed 54 to 55c; Boiled, 58 to 59c; Steam Refined Seal 62 1-2 to 65c; Pale vat. 55 to 57 3-8; Cod oil is firm at 60 to 62 3-8 on spot, or 60c to arrive; Cod liver, \$1.25 to 1.30; Turpentine, 50 52 3-8.

SALT.—Trade in this line remains in the usual rut. Elevens are still quoted at 40 to 42c; twelves 35 to 37 3-8; there is no importation of tens; factory-filled \$1.10 to \$1.20. Eureka, \$2.40.

WOOL.—Some signs of improvement are apparent and mill men are making rather more enquiry resulting in some moderate sales. We quote: Australian, 19 to 26c; Cape 16 1-2 to 18c; Canadian A supers 26 to 28c; B ditto 23 to 24c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, 14th August, 1884.

So little public interest has been shown in stocks during the holiday season that the afternoon session of the Stock Exchange has been discontinued during the remainder of the month of August. In spite, however, of the dullness, prices have continued to seek a higher range. We again record an advance, which, in some cases, has been very decided. Dominion Bank closes at 193 bid, a rise of 4 1-2 per cent. Montreal Bank advanced 4 1-2 per cent. to 191 1-2, being now as high as at any time since the beginning of April last. Bank of Commerce sold as high as 122, with closing quotations slightly easier at 121 to 121 1-2, a gain of 3 3-8 per cent. for the week. Merchants' Bank was 3 per cent. better. Toronto and Standard banks each improved 2 1-2 per cent. Federal was again stronger, and sold up to 51 1-2 on Monday, declining to 49 bid, with sellers at 50 to-day. Other banks improved to a less extent. Insurance stocks and Canada North West Land Co. have been quiet and steady, with quotations about unchanged. There has been very little doing in Loan Societies, though we have to notice a further advance of 2 per cent. in London and Canadian Loan.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—We have only one change to note in our list of prices this week, i.e., opium, \$4.60 to \$4.75, all other items are as last quoted. Business still keeps on the quiet side. Quinine is being watched with some interest. Some disquieting reports are to hand from Europe, as to a Milan factory, but as yet the market here is not affected. A large London operator in cinchona bark has failed, and the price of that article is said to be lower than ever before known.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—This is a dull market for breadstuffs at present, and prices are tending