

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Feb. 20th, 1895.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average price 1894.
Montreal	220	220	51	220½	219½	22
Ontario	90	90	20	100	100	112
People's, xd.				120	115	
Molson's	171	171	10	175	170	163
Toronto				245	239½	239½
Jac. Cartier				115	117	
Merchants	164½	164	85	167	163	156
Commerce	137½	137	34	138	135½	134½
Union				101	101	
M. Teleg	158½	157	266	160	157	145
Rich. & Ont.	96½	93½	1725	97	96½	80½
Street Ry	187½	183½	4919	187	186½	169
do new stock	185½	181½	5505	184½	184	
Gas	193	193	500	194	192	175½
C. Pacific Ry	49½	48½	35½	49½	48½	70
Land gr't b'nds				109½	109	
Bell Tele. Co.	156½	155	275	156½	156	136
do, new stock						
N. West Land				60		
Montreal 4%						

—A tree of enormous proportions was recently cut by Mr. A. McGonigal, jobber for the Rathbun Co. on their Levant limits. It measured 4,391 ft. board measure, or 21 standards and 23 feet.

—The Scotch deposit rates have been one per cent., and a depositor makes the following lament, according to the *Pall Mall Gazette*:

Ye banks that prey on only loon
How can ye act sae gey unfair?
How can ye gie me ane per cent.
And I sae weary, fu' o' care?

Ye'll break my heart ye grasping banks
That wontonly my interest's shorn
Ye'll mind me o' departed rates:
Departed—never to return.

—The annual meeting of the Royal Loan and Savings Company took place on the 13th inst. in Brantford. The report of the year's operations showed a dividend of 7 per cent. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, T. S. Shenston; vice-president, W. Watt, sr. Directors—Judge Jones, C. B. Heyd, J. Mann, W. Buck, H. Cox, W. S. Campbell, W. Roy, G. H. Wilkes. Manager, R. S. Schell.

—Nickel steel armor plates, made by Krupp, on a new system, were successfully tested at Meppen. The plates were about 5½ inches thick, and showed a resistance equal to plates of 9½ inches, made by the old process. The plates were struck without injury by five shots, each from six-inch and eight-inch guns.

—The Canadian Association of jobbers in American watches held its annual meeting in the Windsor hotel, Montreal. Directors were elected as under:—J. A. Pitt and Alfred Eaves, Montreal; W. E. Boyd, Hamilton; H. Ellis and S. H. Lee, Toronto. Mr. J. A. Pitt was elected president, Mr. W. E. Boyd, vice-president, and Mr. S. H. Lee, treasurer. Mr. Edgar A. Wills is permanent secretary.

—Here is the magniloquent beginning of an applicant for the position of Chief of Police in Hamilton, Mr. Michael Joyce being the writer thereof:—"My lords: May it please your excellencies from the altitude of your sublime perch to shed the light of your benign countenances upon your petitioner, who, kneeling in profound humility at the foot of the throne, humbly tenders his application for the chiefship of the force." The applicant admits

that he drinks, chews and smokes. He says:—"The fossils of the old regime had courage, coolness and intelligence, and ability to govern, but they knew nothing of the hypnotic art. This Baldwinian gift do I possess."

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

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ASHES.—The demand is very slack, and receipts also are very light, being only 53 brls. of pots this year to the end of last week. A few brls. of pearls came in a few days ago, and a quotation is now made of \$6.10; No. 1 pots, \$4.00 to \$4.05; seconds, \$3.70.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—There is some little revival of interest in cements, a few western enquirers being reported. Present quotations for English are \$2.05 to \$2.20; Belgian, \$2.00 to \$2.05. There is always a little doing in firebricks at \$17 to \$22 for ordinary; Glenboig, \$25.

DRY GOODS.—The change from the late stormy and severely cold weather to bright skies and a warm sun has caused many retailers to ask that their orders for spring goods be promptly despatched, and the warehouses at present all show much bustle in the laying out and shipping of goods, some of them working nights. Travellers are doing rather better in the country, but the effects of the heavy recent storms are still apparent in very poor remittances. We do not hear of any changes in values.

FISH.—The demand is more active, especially for green cod, which is firmer in price. We quote: No. 1 green cod, \$4.50 to \$4.75; No. 1 large, \$6.50; large draft, \$7.50; dry cod, \$4.25 to 4.50; herrings, \$3.75 to 4.50, according to brand; N. S. salmon, \$13 to 14 for No. 1; B. C. ditto, \$10.50 to 11; sea trout, \$9 to 10; fresh herring, 70c. to \$1 per hundred; cod and haddock, 3 to 4c.; finnan haddies, 6 to 7c. per pound.

FURS.—Receipts are very light at the moment, due to poor communication with back country points. We quote for strictly prime skins: Beaver, \$3.25 to \$4; black bear, \$15 to \$25; cub do., \$5 to \$10; red fox, \$1.25 to 1.50; muskrat, 7 to 10c.; lynx, \$1.50 to 2.50; marten, \$1.25 to 1.75; mink, \$1 to 1.50; skunk, 50c. to \$1.25; otter, \$8 to \$12; fisher, \$5 to \$7.

MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

	Feb. 11, '95.	Feb. 18, '95.
Wheat, bushels.....	661,662	660,022
Corn, "	1,784	2,119
Oats, "	199,061	189,784
Rye, "	5,329	5,329
Peas, "	82,296	84,446
Barley, "	1,824	1,824

Total grain..... 951,956 943,524

GROCERIES.—As the country roads become more settled orders are improving, but business can hardly be called active. A large transaction in cheap grade black teas, involving 2,200 pkgs., was reported several days ago, but particulars are not available. Apart from this teas have been quiet of late, only small lots of Japans selling, at very steady prices, however. Some shading of prices has been talked of in sugars by Lower Province sugar makers, but the Redpath refinery holds to its former quotation of 3½c. for standard granulated; the St. Lawrence company are still making an unbranded line at 3½c.; yellows range from 2½ to 3½c. The jobbing price for Barbadoes molasses is 32c. in puncheons, and 36c. in brls. Canned goods are looking up a little, an improved enquiry being reported; we quote standard brands of tomatoes 90 to 92½c.; corn, 92½ to 95c.; peas, 87½ to 90c.; lobsters, \$7 to 8 a case; salmon, \$1.35 for prime red, inferior \$1.10 to 1.15; very little mackerel here. Dried fruits are dull; off-stalk Valencias are easy at 3½c., currants 3½c. for Provincials in brls., cases Patras 4½ to 5c.; prunes in abundant supply and easy at former quotations; California loose muscatels 6 to 6½c. for 4-crown; 3-crown 5½ to 6c. There is quite an enquiry for dried apples from the West, and prices are stiff at 5½ to 6c., while evaporated are sold at 6½ to 7c. per pound.

LEATHER.—Some houses report rather more doing in a moderate way. A large manufacturing shoe house made a contract for 8,000 sides of No. 2 B.A. sole at 17½c. for future

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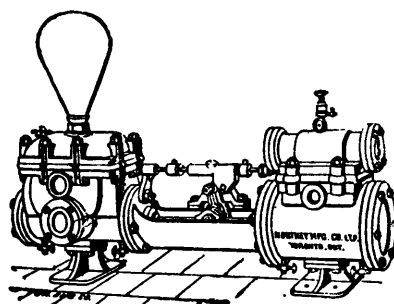
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