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FINANCE & COMMERCE.

TRUE WITNESS OFFICE.
Tuesday, January 27.

Financial.

The local money market remains quiet, at unchanged rates of interest and discount. In Sterling Exchange there is little or no business doing; the nominal rates are 8⅜ prem. for round amounts between banks, and 8⅝ do over the counter. The posted rates in New York are $4 82 and $4.84 respectively for long and short dated bills. Gold drafts on New York quiet, at ¼ premium.

The statement for December last of banks doing business in Canada has been published. As compared with the statement for the previous month, the changes in the liabilities are few and not very important. Under the head "deposits on demand and after notice, etc.," we find an increase for the Ontario and Quebec Banks of about $1,700,000. The Government deposits, payable after notice, show an increase of over $6,000,000 as compared with the corresponding date last year. On the assets side of the account, notes and cheques on other banks show an increase of $1,237,734, being almost the same in the total amount as in December, 1878. The balance due from banks in foreign countries is over $2,000,000 more than in November, and nearly $14,000,000 more than in December, 1878, while the balance due from banks in the United Kingdom is nearly $4,000,000 more than at the corresponding date of last year. Advances on back stocks have decreased by some $450,000 since November, and $1,400,000 less than in December, '78. There is a falling off of about $9,000,000 in the amount of bills discounted, and there has been a small decrease since November in the amount of overdue debts both secured and unsecured, but it is not lower than for December, '78. The apparent falling off of about $3,000,000 during the month in bills discounted and current is to be accounted for chiefly by a change in the Montreal Bank account, over $2,000,000 having been transferred from "Notes discounted" to "Loans to Corporations."

$25,000 of the city of Guelph 6 per cent twenty year debentures were purchased on Thursday last by the Imperial Bank of Toronto for British capitalists at one-half per cent above par.

The Bank of England gained £280,000 specie during the week, and its posted discount rate remains 3 per cent., or nearly double the rate at which the bills of leading American bankers are discounted in London. The reserve is up to 45 3-16 per cent. of liabilities from about 42 per cent. (41 15-16) last week.

It is now definitely stated that the Merchants' Bank has completed the sale in London of $303,000 Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway 5 per cent bonds, at about 93, showing as we have foreshadowed a few days ago, a considerable advance on previously estimated values. These bonds were obtained in exchange for some old ones about a year and a half ago, when the railroad was reorganized, and they were guaranteed by the Great Western Railway. In the estimate of the assets of the Bank, the value placed upon the bonds has been some $251,000 taking them as worth 83, so that by the sale the Bank improves its assets $30,000, having obtained $281,000 for them.

The realization of the assets of the Consolidated Bank now appears more favorable than at any time previous since the suspension, and the possibility of even a small call under the double liability clause is becoming more unlikely. A claim of $120,000, placed by the bank among "contingent accounts" in the estimate, has been arranged, payable in full in three years. The claim would realize $60,000 if pressed immediately. Other doubtful assets have also been paid in full, and there is every reason to believe that a dividend of 35 per cent. will be paid the creditors in a few weeks, and another dividend may be expected in a short time later.

Business Troubles.

J. H. Robinson, of St. John, N.B., chemist, has failed.

A writ of attachment has been issued against D. R. McElmon, jeweller, Moncton.

An action for $7,031 has been taken against the South Eastern Railway Company by Mr. James O'Halloran.

The Molsons Bank has made a demand of assignment upon William Lawes, wholesale merchant, for $570.60.

At a meeting of creditors of David Carignan, of St. Henri, John Taylor, of Taylor & Simpson, was appointed assignee.

In the recent statement by Dun, Wiman & Co. of failures for 1879, the figures represented failed traders' estates only.

—A writ of attachment has been issued against H. Gagnon & Co., of Quebec, through the office of Wurtele & Lortie, assignees.

Thomas Lamb has caused a writ of attachment to be issued against Theophile Lagasse, grocer, for $207.89. A. J. Simpson, assignee.

William Lawes, wholesale merchant, has made an assignment to John Taylor, of Taylor & Simpson, on demand of the Molsons' Bank

—Messrs. Lord, Magor & Munn have made a demand for assignment upon Mr. William Morgan, pork packer, for $600. C. Beausoleil, assignee.

—A writ of attachment has been issued against Joseph Dubord at the instance of A. L. Lefaivre. The amount claimed is $200, and the writ has been addressed to Mr. F. X. Cochu, assignee.

A writ of attachment was issued Wednesday against D E Jones and John W McPherson, at the instance of Henry Lewis, for $227; H A Bain, assignee. Another writ has also been issued, at the request of Pierre Vezina, against Adam R Bell; the amount is $200, and L J Lajoie is the assignee in the case.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE CITY WHOLESALE TRADE.

TUESDAY, January 27.

The weather during the past week has, for the most part, been mild and unfavorable to wholesale trade, the roads, both in the country and city, being bad. Business, therefore, in most lines has been quiet but steady at generally firm prices, and the prospects of a good, lively spring trade continue gradually to increase. Remittances are generally satisfactory, for the season, and with a continuance of the present snow roads and seasonable weather, a more active wholesale trade may be expected to be done during the remainder of the season. As an evidence of the general improvement during the past half year, it may be stated that the exports of woollens and general dry goods, machinery, iron and steel, nails, dry salter's goods, raw skins and miscellaneous articles from the Bradford consular district to the United States during the last quarter of 1879 show a net increase of £263,772 5s. 1d. over the amount for the like period of 1878, and the net increase for the month of December was £121,222 17s. 7d.

In produce and provisions there has been scarcely any business doing in this market all week. Flour has continued dull and neglected, with values tending downward; to-day Spring Extras sold at $5.85 to 5.90, and Superior Extra at $6.15. The wheat trade has been at a stand-still, but the Chicago "ring" having been broken this week, an active movement is expected to take place in February. The provision trade continues very dull, and commission dealers here state that they never knew so little produce coming forward or so little demand as at present. There is very little butter in the market, and prices remain nominally unchanged, at the figures quoted a week ago. *Cheese* firm and unchanged. Dressed hogs are dull and not worth handling; quoted at $6 to 6 25 per cwt for car lots. Eggs, dressed poultry, and in fact everything, remains dull and nominal.

Following are the city wholesale prices for flour:—

Superior Extra	$6 10	@	6 20
Extra Superfine	6 10	@	6 15
Fancy	6 00	@	0 00
Spring Extra, new ground	5 85	@	5 95
Superfine	5 65	@	5 75
Strong Bakers	6 10	@	6 40
Fine	5 10	@	6 40
Middlings	4 45	@	4 50
Pollards	3 20	@	3 35
Ontario Bags	2 90	@	3 00
City Bags (delivered)	3 20	@	3 25
Oatmeal, Ontario	4 70	@	4 75
Cornmeal	2 90	@	3 00

ASHES—Receipts during the past week comprised about 225 brls. of pots. The market has been dull, the demand from shippers having fallen off, and prices have gradually declined. The transactions made during the week were at a range of from $1 to 1.10. Prices for *Pearls* remain entirely nominal; there is very little doing in them, but we hear of a large lot having changed hands to-day on p. t., but understood to be at under $6.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Our wholesale manufacturers are now all pretty busy on orders from country dealers for spring delivery. Many of the retailers are said to be buying on unusually short dates this season, in order to save discounts; this is a step toward the cash system, and should be encouraged. Remittances are reported good.

DRY GOODS.—Remittances during the past week have not met the expectations of our wholesale dealers, which may be accounted for by the extraordinary mildness of the weather and consequent bad country roads. Orders through travellers for goods for spring delivery are few so far, but the representatives have only been out a few days. The city retail trade continues fairly active for the season, and the lessened number of shopkeepers in the suburbs of the city is now beginning to tell in favor of those who remain.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Dealers here report very little business doing in the wholesale market as yet. Some Canadian manufacturers are making contracts now for spring shipments of heavy chemicals which they will require next summer, but find it difficult to make engagements in England except at considerably enhanced prices. The local demand, however, continues light. *Soda Ash* de[illegible] the spot may be quoted at $2.25 to 2.50; on [illegible] the soda at $3 to 3.25, and bleaching Caus[illegible] $2.25 to 2.50. Bicarbonate of soda powde[illegible] soda are unchanged. Liverpool advices and sal[illegible]ved here yesterday report the home vices rece[illegible]tinuing to give good support to trade as co[illegible] and paying extreme prices for the market, [illegible]ents. With a good export demand, principa[illegible]ly from the United States, prices have adv[illegible]nced, and even at present quotations there i[illegible] very little to be had. Everything indicates [illegible] the likelihood of a range of higher prices.

FURS.—There are fe[illegible] raw furs coming into this market now, the [illegible] bad country roads are against trade, and not [illegible]uch will likely be done before about the [illegible]iddle of next month. The usual January sa[illegible]es in London came off on the 19th and 20th [illegible] instant, and resulted in a slight advance for B[illegible]aver, about 25 per cent, while Muskrats [illegible] sold at the same prices which ruled last [illegible]January. Opossum sold at prices 20 per [illegible] cent higher than in last January. An En[illegible]glish circular states that as compared with the [illegible]ales in September last, Beaver has advanced [illegible] 35 per cent, and Muskrat 10 do, but that it must be borne in mind that the quality of the furs offered on the 20th inst. was superior to that of those offered in September. In this market winter Beaver is now quoted at $1.75 to 2.25, winter Muskrat at 12c to 14c, and Fox at $1.50. See quotations below.

Mink skins, prime dark	$0 75	to	$1 50
Martin skins, prime	0 00	to	1 25
Beaver skins, prime dark, per lb	1 75	to	2 25
Bear skins, black prime large	5 00	to	8 00
Bear skins, black prime small	2 00	to	4 00
Red fox skins, prime	1 50	to	0 60
Muskrat skins, spring	0 00	to	0 00
Muskrat skins, fall and winter	0 12	to	0 14
Do, kits	0 02	to	0 04
Lynx skins, prime large	1 25	to	1 75
Skunk skins, large prime dark	0 50	to	0 00
Skunk, narrow striped	0 25	to	0 40
Skunk, white striped	0 10	to	0 20
Skunk skins, prime white large	0 10	to	0 30
Raccoon skins, prime	0 10	to	0 75
Fisher skins, prime	5 00	to	8 00
Otter skins, prime dark	5 00	to	7 50

GROCERIES.—As is usual at this time of the year the wholesale grocery business continues generally quiet and steady. *Teas* have been more active during the past week, and round lots of Japans have been sold fairly well, at from 34c to 40c for general goods, though fine Japans are held at from about 47½c to 52c. Low sweet Congous are scarcely at 33c to 36c; good to fine worth 40 to 50c. *Sugars* are quiet, and granulated is quoted about ⅛c lower than at the like period last week, at 10¼ to 10½c. Yellows are unchanged; prices for refined range from 8¼ to 9½c, and raw are quoted at 8c to 8½c. *Fruit* remains inactive; Malaga fruit is scarce and higher, loose Muscatels being held at $2.40 per box. Valencia raisins are also scarce and held at about 7½c to 8c. Currants and figs are unchanged. *Molasses and Syrups* are steady; in New York syrups are very scarce, and quoted about 4c higher than at the corresponding time last week; here the range is from 50c to 60c. *Rice* is dull, and quoted at 4⅜c to 4½c; very little demand for it. *Coffees*—There is some little demand for low grades, at 19c to 20c for Jamaica; 26c to 30c for Java, and 30c for Mocha, which is scarce. *Spices*—Pepper is scarce, and held at 11c to 12c; allspice at 15c, and cloves at 40c to 45c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for *hides* is unchanged; sales of green hides from butchers are reported at $10 for No. 1, $9 for No. 2, and $8 for No 3. Tanners are paying $10.50 to $11 for No. 1, inspected. *Sheepskins* continue in good request, at firm prices; choice qualities bring as high as $1.75 each, but the average price is $1.50. *Calfskins* are 2c higher, sales having been reported at 12c.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—The local market is still very firm, with a further upward tendency manifest, as our revised quotations below indicate. Prices for Canada plates have been advanced 50c per box during the week, and under an active demand, good brands remain firm at $5.50. Values for bar iron, of all kinds, band, and sheets and hoops have also been advanced 25c. Business is steadily improving, but with the exception of iron, in which several large lots of Scotch pig have changed hands at high figures, the parcels moving out are not very large. Numerous enquiries from outside dealers come to hand daily by letter, which shows that stocks in the country are generally lower than they were supposed to be. *Nails* rule very firm, with every probability of a further advance, and some few orders for future delivery at present prices have recently been refused. Latest cable advices report the English iron and hardware markets very firm, and just now everything seems in favor of sellers.

PIG IRON, per ton—			
Gartsherrie	$30 00	to	32 50
Summerlee	30 00		32 50
Langloan	29 00		30 00
Eglinton	29 00		30 00
Calder No. 1	29 00		30 00
Carnbroe	29 00		30 00
Hematite	35 00		00 00
BAR, per 100 lbs:—			
Scotch and Staffordshire	2 75		0 00
Best do	3 00		0 00
Sweden and Norway	4 50		5 00
Lowmoor and Bowling	6 25		6 50
CANADA PLATES, per box:—			
Glamorgan	5 50		6 00
Garth & Penn	5 50		6 00
F. W. & Arrow	5 50		6 00
Hatton	5 00		5 50
TIN PLATES, ℔ box—			
Charcoal, I.C	9 50		0 00
Bradley	10 50		0 00
Charcoal, I.X	11 25		0 00
Charcoal, D.C	9 00		0 00
Coke, I.C	8 50		0 00
Tinned Sheets, No. 28, Charcoal, Cookley, K, of Bradley, per lb	0 13		0 00
Galvanized Sheets, best brands, No. 28	8 75		9 00
Hoops and Bands, ℔ 100 lbs	3 25		0 00
Sheets, best brands	3 75		0 00
Boiler Plate, ℔ 100 lbs	3 75		0 00
Best do	3 75		0 00
Cut Nails, per 100 lbs. 3 in. to 7 in	3 25		0 00
Do do 2½ to 2¾ in	3 65		0 00
Shingle do	4 00		0 00
Lath do	4 75		0 00
Pressed Spikes	3 50		4 00
LEAD—			
Pig, per 100	5 00		5 25
Sheet	50		6 00
Bar	0 5¼		0 5½
Shot	6 00		7 00
STEEL—			
Cast, ℔ lb	0 11		0 12
Spring, ℔ 100 lbs	3 75		0 00
Best, do warranted	5 00		0 00
Tire, do	3 50		4 00
Sleigh Shoe	3 00		0 00
Ingot Tin	0 28		0 30
do Copper	0 20		0 21
Horse Shoes	3 50		4 00
Proved Coil Chain, ⅞ in	5 00		5 25
Anchors	5 00		6 00
Anvils	0 08		0 10
Wire, ℔ bdl. of 63 lbs Nos 0 to 6	2 30		0 00

LEATHER.—As is usual at this season, the leather trade continues quiet in this market, and prices are unchanged. The export movement in sole leathers continues, and good prices, we believe, are being realized in the English markets. Remittances very fair.

Sole, No. 1, B. A., per lb	0 28	..	0 29
Do. No. 2 B. A., Do	0 26	..	0 27
Buffalo Sole, No. 1	0 23	..	0 24
Do. do. No 2	0 22	..	0 23
Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1	0 26	..	0 32
Waxed Upper, light & medium	0 38	..	0 42
Do. do. heavy	0 36	..	0 40
Grained Upper, light	0 35	..	0 42
Splits, large	0 29	..	0 31
Do. small	0 23	..	0 27
Calf, 27 to 36 lbs., per lb	0 55	..	0 65
Do. 18 to 26 lbs., per lb	0 45	..	0 55
Sheepskin Linings	0 30	..	0 40
Harness	0 26	..	0 32
Buff Cow per foot.	0 14	..	0 17
Enamelled Cow do	0 16	..	0 18
Patent Cow do	0 16	..	0 18
Pebbled Cow do	0 13	..	0 16
Rough Leather do	0 28	..	0 32½

WOOL.—The local market remains steady but firm. Unassorted pulled is now quoted at 30c to 31c, which shows a slight advance on last week's rates. Prices for foreign wools, however, are unchanged, quoted at 22c for Greasy Cape, and 30c to 31c for Australian. In Ontario, domestic wools are firmer, extra super having been sold at 37c, and super and pulled combing at 32c.

THE FARMERS' MARKETS.

Bonsecours and St. Ann's—Prices at Farmers' Sleighs, etc.

TUESDAY, January 27.

The street makets were largely attended today by both buyers and sellers, and supplies of nearly every kind of produce were abundant. Prices, however, as is usual at this time of year, remain nominally unchanged. On Jacques Cartier Square oats sold freely at 70c, 72c, and 75c per bag, as to quality. Common field peas sold at 80c per bushel, and soup peas at $1 do. Potatoes were plentiful at 45c to 50c per bag of 11 bushels. Ordinary wheat flour was offered at $3 per cwt, and buckwheat flour at $1.70 per bag. Beef was in large supply, and sold at all prices, from 3c upwards, as to quality and cut; we quote below the average range. Dressed hogs at $6.50, to $6 60 per cwt., in small lots, and $6.75 to $6.90 singly. Fresh butter and new-laid eggs were firm, the former selling at 25c to 30c per lb., and the latter at 20c to 35c per doz. Tommycods were still plentiful, at 20c per peck, or 70c to 75c per bush. Vegetables unchanged.

In fruit there is no change to note; prices for [illegible]ples remain as previously quoted, at $2.75 to $3 [illegible] for the best winter, and $2 to $2 50 for sec[illegible]s; white fall fruit is sold at $1 and upwards. One [illegible]t seven carloads of winter apples were shipped [illegible] this city *via* Portland to Great Britain [illegible] day.

The fo[illegible]llowing are the prices, corrected up to date:—

VEGETA[illegible]BLES—Potatoes, 45c to 50c per bag; carrots, 2[illegible] to 40c per bushel; choice onions $1.75 to 2.00 [illegible]er barrel, or 60c to 70c per bushel; parsnips, 50[illegible] per bushel; beets, 35c to 40c per bushel; turni[illegible]se, 50c per bag and 25c to 40c per bushel; celery, [illegible] 25c to 30c per dozen; cabbage, 15c to 30c per do[illegible]en, or 4c per head; American lettuce, $1.20 per [illegible] dozen heads; artichokes, 75c per bushel.

FRUIT.—Apples, [illegible] $3.00 to $3.00 per barrel; lemons, 25c to 30c p[illegible]r dozen, or $7.00 to $9.00 per case; Valencia orang[illegible]es, $8 to $8.50 per case or 20c to 25c per doz; ora[illegible]berries, $10 per barrel, or 40c per gallon; Californ[illegible]a winter pears at $4.00 per box; grapes, Malaga, [illegible]6.50 to 7.50 per keg of 50 lbs.

GRAIN, ETC.—Oats, 70c to [illegible] per bag; buckwheat, 45c to 50c per bushel, [illegible]eas, 80c to 85c per bushel; soup peas, 90c to $1.00 [illegible] per bushel; barley, 60c to 65c per bushel; bran, [illegible] per cwt.; corn-meal, $1.20 to 1.25 per bag; C[illegible] 75c to 80c per bush; Canadian corn, $1.20; mo[illegible] $1.00 to 1.20 per bag; buckwheat flour, $1.60 t[illegible] 80 per cwt; oatmeal, $2.50 to 2.60 per bag.

FARM PRODUCE.—Butter—Prints, [illegible] to 30c per lb.; lump, 18c to 20c per lb; Eastern [illegible]vnships, tub, 20c to 22c. Fresh eggs, 25c to 35c [illegible] per dozen; packed do., 18c to 22c. Fine cheese, [illegible] 9c to 12½c per lb; ordinary, 10c to 11c. Maple sug[illegible] 8c to 9c per lb. Lard, 9c to 10c.

POULTRY AND GAME.—Turkeys, $1.00 t[illegible] per pair; geese, $1.20 to $1.75 per pair; ducks, [illegible] 60c to 80c per brace; pigeons, $1.00 to 1.50 per dozen, or 20c to 25c per pair; chickens 50c to 75c per pair; quails, $3 per dozen; prairie hens, 00c to $0.00 per pair; snipe, $2.50 per dozen; plovers, $2.00 per dozen; partridges, 50c to 60c per pair; black ducks, 60c to 75c per brace; hares, 18c to 25c per pair.

MEAT.—Beef—Roast beef (trimmed), 10c to 12c; sirloin steaks, 12c to 15c; mutton, 8c to 10c; veal, 8c to 12c; pork, 8c to 10c; ham, 10c to 13c; bacon, 12c to 13c; fresh sausages, 9c to 12½c; Bologna sausages, 12c to 15c; dressed hogs, $6.50 to 6.90 per 100 pounds. Dressed beef, fore-quarters, $3.00 to $4.50; hind-quarters, $4.50 to $6.00; venison, 6c to 15c per lb.

FISH.—Haddock, 6c; codfish, 6c; mackerel, 12½c; bass and dorey, 40c to 50c per bunch; olivet, 12½c per lb; lobsters, 10c do; perch, 10c to 30c per bunch; rock bass, 15c per bunch; smoked eels, 25c to 40c per couple.

THE CATTLE MARKETS.

St. Gabriel.

MONDAY, January 26.

The receipts of live stock per the Grand Trunk at Point St. Charles during the week ending to-day comprised about 16 carloads cattle, part of a car of sheep, and 1 car horses.

At St. Gabriel market this morning business was extremely dull. The offerings included about six carloads of cattle, of which fully one-half were driven to the lower market to find buyers. Dealers offering one carload each for sale were:—M. Elliott, Newcastle: James Eakin, Port Hope; H. Moulett, Lancaster; F Ritchings, Toronto; Alfred Boisey, St. Madeline, and R Jones, Mitchell. Wm Head of this city, sold 11 head of first-class cattle at 4c per lb, and Fred Ritchings sold out his load at 3¾c. A very fine ox weighing 1,500 lbs was purchased by a leading exporter at 4c per lb live weight. Mr. Armstrong, a western dealer, has 2 carloads at the Point, yet unsold, having been unable to dispose of them at a profit. The range of prices paid to-day was from 2½c to 3¾c per lb.

SHIPMENTS.

J. Kennedy, an American buyer, has now about 50 head of cattle in the stables at this market, ready for shipment at an early date. This morning he purchased from George Patterson, Guelph, 12 head of very choice cattle at $56 each. Mr. Patterson drove the remainder of 3 carloads (nearly 60 head) to Viger market, but up to noon he had not been able to sell.

Between now and the 1st of May a leading cattle exporter in this city will load 14 steamships with cattle for Great Britain, at Halifax, Portland and Boston ports.

AT VIGER MARKET

to-day there were about 200 head of cattle in the yards and stalls, of which number 150 head arrived from the St. Gabriel market, being driven down by western drovers. The attendance of local butchers was comparatively small, and the demand continuing slow, business was dull, and the market assumed a more than usually quiet aspect. Drovers again complained of the low prices offered, and although the quality of the beeves offering was generally good, they state that at present obtainable prices there is little or no profit to traders or dealers in cattle. R. J. Hopper bought 25 head from Matt Elliott, of Kingston, at the Point, at $27 each, and resold 9 head, at Viger market, at almost $30 each. Sam Price bought 22 head choice cattle, at the Point, at $48.50 each, and resold 11 head, for shipment, at about 4½c per lb., live weight; he drove the remaining 11 head to Viger market, where he sold only 3 head, up to noon, to a butcher for $118. Jas. Eakins sold 7 head, out of a load of 20 cattle, to different butchers, at from $25 to 35 each. Mr P Darragh, of River Beaudette, sold 6 out of a dozen head cattle at from $20 to 25 each. Mr Jones, of Mitchell, also sold out, at about the same range of prices as already quoted, viz, about 2½c to 3¾c. About a dozen good sheep were in the stalls, and sales were reported at $4 to 4 50 each. No lambs offering.

Montreal Fuel Market.

WEDNESDAY, January 21.

The coal trade in this city has, for the most part, been dull during the past week, owing, dealers state, to the continued mild weather. The cold atmosphere of yesterday had the effect of improving the demand, and following the heavy fall of snow last night, a more active business is expected to be done during the remainder of this week. It seems likely now that for some time to come, business will depend almost entirely upon the weather; consumers never seem to discover their need of fresh stocks of fuel until a renewed "spell" of sharp, cold weather overtakes them, and then it is wonderful how they rush into the coal offices with orders for immediate deliveries. Large sleigh loads of coal continue to arrive almost daily from the Chambly Canal, and considerable quantities from other points on the Richelieu River have arrived by rail during the week, but notwithstanding that it is reported that all this coal, when laid down here, costs an average of $8 per ton, we have no changes to note in selling prices here, the figures being the same as quoted in our previous reports for several weeks.

The demand for hardwood continues steady, and stocks in the yards are being gradually reduced at unchanged prices, but trade is not yet brisk. Considerable quantities of cordwood are being brought into this market per the Q., M. O. and O. Railway.

COAL—Retail prices per ton, delivered, for cash: Stove, $7 to $7 50; chestnut, $6 75 to $7 25; egg, $7 to $7 25; furnace, $7 to $7 25; Scotch grate (soft), $5 50; Scotch steam, $5 50; Sydney steam, $4 50; Pictou do, $4 50 to $5; coke per chaldron, $4.

WOOD—Retail prices per cord delivered from the yard: Long maple, 3½ feet, $6; long birch, 3½ feet, $5 50; long beech, 3½ feet, $5; long tamarac, $4 50; short maple, three feet, $5 50; short birch, three feet, $5 00; short beech, three feet, $4 50; short tamarac, 2½ to 3 feet, $3 50; short hemlock, 2½ to 3 feet, $3.

Montreal Hay Market.

SATURDAY, January 24.

As is usual at this season of the year, the supply of hay offering on the city markets just now is very large; the receipts on College street market during this week included from 800 to 1,000 loads, of which only about 150 loads were straw. The demand is fairly good for the best Timothy hay, but there is very little first-class hay now offering, as owing to the demand which has recently sprung up from the Americans, the farmers residing in the districts of St. Constant, St. Phillip and St. Remi are all sending their good hay to St. Johns, Que., where it is readily bought up for the American markets at prices which pay equally as well and better than those obtained in this city. Common hay is only in moderate request, and frequently sellers have had to remain over night on this market in order to sell their loads. Prices are easy but steady, quoted at $6 to $7.50 per 100 bundles for fair average Timothy, and $4 to $6 do for common cow hay. Straw unchanged, at $2 to $4 per 100 bundles of 12 lbs. each, as to quality. Pressed hay brings $7.50 per ton by the carload, and $8.50 to $10 do, in smaller lots. Pressed straw dull, at $5 to $7 per ton, as to quality.

Montreal Horse Market.

SATURDAY, January 24.

The demand for good Canadian horses from American buyers has continued good in this market since last Saturday, and although the aggregate of shipments from this city to the United States during the week show a decrease of six in the number of horses, their total value shows an increase this week of $94.50. The figures are 150 horses costing $11,190, against 156 horses valued at $11,095.50 for last week. The quality of horses placed under offer at the American House yards during this week are reported to have been somewhat better than for a few weeks past, and sales of desirable animals standing 15½ to 16 hands high were freely made at from $70 to $80 each, the average prices being about $74 50 to $75. There were altogether seven carloads shipped from these yards during the week, as follows:—Messrs. Snow and Baker, each 1 car to Boston; Adams & Austin, 1 car to Hartford, Conn; J. H. Carpenter, 1 car to North Adams, Mass; C. W. Cottle, 1 car to Kittery, Maine; J. H. Erwin, 1 car to Berlin, N. Y., and H. Benson, 1 car to New Bedford, Mass. There are at present about a dozen American buyers sojourning at the American House, and some 50 horses are in the stables ready for shipment.

Following is the official list of horses shipped from this port to the United States during the week:—January 19—20 horses at $1,475, 3 do at $245, 4 do at $244, 6 do at $463, 4 do at $230. January 20—2 horses at $285, 18 do at $1,377.50, 21 do at $1,720, 12 do at $892, 16 do at $1,170. January 21—4 horses at $301.50, 14 do at $880, 7 do at $536. January 22—18 horses at $1,240. January 24—1 horse at $125.

On the Corporation Horse Market there were 3 good Upper Canada beasts sold privately this week at $80 each, and a four-year-old Shetland pony sold for $45. Mr. J. H. Smith, of Buffalo, left Guelph yesterday with a car of heavy draught horses for the American market.

Canadian Live Stock Shipments.

Between the 1st May and 20th December of last year there were shipped from this port to Liverpool, per steamers of the Beaver line, 1,966 head cattle, 4,771 sheep, and 54 horses. Of these 1,951 head cattle, 4,700 sheep and 54 horses were landed alive; 7 head cattle and 25 sheep were landed dead; and 8 head cattle and 46 sheep were thrown overboard during the passage; 14 calves were landed. The percentage of loss, was, therefore, very small, being only 0.41 per cent. on cattle and 1 per cent. on sheep—a very gratifying exhibit.

British Cattle Markets.

LONDON, Monday, 5th January, 1880.—Cattle at market, 2,690; sheep at market, 13,220. Best beef, 8½d to 9d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6d to 8½d per lb. Mutton, best, 9½d to 10d per lb; inferior and secondary, 7½d to 8½d per lb. The cattle trade has ruled quiet in tone, but the cold weather has strengthened the value of some descriptions. Supplies were rather short; the aggregate offering was, however, equal to the demand. As regards beasts, the Lincolnshire season is now drawing to a close, consequently receipts from the midland and home counties have fallen off. The sheep pens were fairly supplied; dull enquiry prevailed.

LIVERPOOL, Monday, 5th January, 1880.—Cattle at market, 1,743; sheep at market, 6,971. Beef, 6d to 8d per lb.; mutton, 7d to 9½d per lb. The supply of stock was larger this week. Demand fair for both cattle and sheep, at full prices for each.

GLASGOW, Thursday, 8th January, 1880—Cattle at market, 1,250; sheep at market, 4,780. Best beef, 8½d to 8½d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6½d to 8d per lb. Best mutton, 9d to 9½d per lb; inferior and secondary, 6d to 8½d per lb. There was an ordinary supply of cattle at market this day, many of them of good quality. Demand for all kinds dull. Of sheep there was a fair supply; top sorts in fair demand, inferior dull.

Liverpool Provision Market.

CHEESE.—A good business has been done this week at 68s to 70s for choicest Septembers, dealers having now become convinced that there is no prospect of any decline in America, and that this is now the cheapest market for buying in, and necessity compels them to renew their stocks. There is no stock of any grade below fine. Shipments from America and Canada from this time forward may be expected to be small, as the bulk of the finest lots there will be wanted by the home trade dealers, who can probably outbid shippers. Total quantity leaving New York for week ending to-day, 33,474 boxes.

BUTTER.—The demand continues good, and being in excess of the imports stocks are being gradually reduced. The best enquiry is for finest Canadian Townships, Brockville and similar quality at 110s to 115s per cwt. We quote fine dairy 95s to 105s; for medium grades, 70s to 80s is a nominal quotation, as there is very little of this class to be had.—*Hodgson Bros.' Circular for January.*

London Grocery Market.

LONDON, January 23.—In Mincing Lane the markets remain very dull, the severe weather here and on the Continent and the lull in the speculative demand having, since the 15th inst. rendered transactions unusually small. Crystalized West India sugar declined about 1s, and other kinds 6d per cwt, but at the close there is rather more demand for refined. The deliveries of sugar have improved, and the surplus stock is beginning to disappear. The coffee market is inactive. The export demand is delayed by frost. Plantation Ceylon is 2s to 3s lower than on Friday last, except for fine colory. Native is easier. Most of the foreign on offer has been withdrawn. The Netherlands Trading company declare 90,700 bags of Java for their sale on the 28th inst. This supply is slightly above that of last year. Good ordinary is valued at 47¾c to 48c. More business was done in new Burmah rice for arrival. Tea was firm but quiet for common congous. Indian grades are slightly lower. Sago declined 6d to 1s per cwt. White pepper is firmly held, but the spice market is generally depressed. Cochin ginger and cassia lignea have fallen several shillings.

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