

India merchants states that "business of that description has been fairly profitable this year, good markets having ruled for our exports for some months past, and many good voyages having been made. The prices of fish here, however, are now so high that the business of shipping this winter will be rather risky." A shipping and commission house declares that "business has been vastly better here (Halifax). All classes can find employment, and in some lines men are even advertised for. The N. P. has conduced to the improvement. There are fewer failures, and thus more earnings are saved. A leading brewing house says they "have found this year's business prosperous."

**MONTREAL MARKETS.**

MONTREAL, 22nd November 1882.

Navigation being now virtually closed at this point a complete lull has taken place in all departments of wholesale business during the week. This state of affairs is likely to prevail until after the holidays as merchants will be engaged in their stock taking. Importers are generally well satisfied with the result of the year's trade and expect it will show largely in excess of 1881, payments throughout have been remarkably prompt and there has been a singular absence of failures as compared with other years in all lines of business. On the whole the condition of commerce is viewed as sound, and the outlook was never considered brighter. Travellers just from their late trips report the state of the retail trade in the country districts as excellent. The demand for all kinds of goods, even to luxuries, by the rural population and lumbermen, has been larger and better than ever before. There are still serious complaints, in this province especially, of the farmers holding back their grain for higher prices. And this state of affairs is doubtless injurious to prompt payments to store-dealers. Still the latter have confidence that a change will soon occur, since the prospects of much higher prices are not now entertained.

**ASHES.**—Market dull, and without demand, at last week's quotations.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Manufacturers have been very actively employed, but a difficulty has cropped up with their lasters which is likely to embarrass them seriously unless the matter is soon settled. The workmen in Cochrane, Cassils & Co.'s factory struck because the firm engaged two non-union lasters. The Employers' Protection Association then gave notice that the members would discharge these men if the recalcitrants do not return to their work on Saturday. This extreme course if it has to be resorted to will temporarily stop almost all manufacturing in this department. Up to this morning the strikers showed no disposition to come to terms. Quotations of last week are still in force.

**CATTLE.**—The market during the week has been only moderately supplied from the west. Prime beef ranges from 4 1/4 to 4 3/4 c.; second quality 3 1/4 to 4 c., and third class 2 1/4 to 3 c. per lb. live weight. Sheep sold at from \$5.00 to \$7.00 each; lambs from \$2.50 to \$4.50 each.

**CHEMICALS AND DRUGS.**—Prices are without change, but business has lapsed into quietness, where it is expected to remain for some time to come. Soda Bicarb \$2 90 to \$3.00; soda ash, \$2.00 to 2.15 for high; bichromate of potash per 100 lbs., \$12.50; cream tartar crystals \$2 to 3 1/2 cents, and ground \$4 to 3 1/2 c. Other articles same as last week's quotations.

**DRY GOODS.**—Trade in all descriptions of soft goods has been exceptionally quiet, and business is practically over for the season. Even the return of travellers from their sorting-up towns in the Ottawa and other districts has not created any flurry, as their appearance had been anticipated by their orders coming in in advance of their arrival. The travelling salesmen give encouraging reports, however, of the state of business in this department wherever they have been. Should cold succeed the present long spell of almost summer-like weather, they anticipate additional orders for heavy woollens, as dealers' shelves are almost bare.

**FURS.**—Are slow and dull of sale, the genial weather seriously injures the trade.

**FISH.**—is meeting with ready sale at the steady prices of last week.

**GRAIN.**—There has not been much demand since the close of navigation; prices however, are firm and unchanged. Receipts of grain since 1st January last, 7,822,000 bushels; shipments, 6,484,000 bushels. Sales to-day were for Canada red \$1.02 to \$1.04, and for white \$1.02. Flour is easy, with no demand except local. Receipts since 1st January last, 764,000 bbls.; shipments, 705,000 bbls. Sales to-day were, for extra at \$4 82 1/2, pring extra \$4.85 to \$5.

**GROCERIES.**—Grocers' goods share in the comparatively depressed state of trade, and the movement has been of the most limited kind. In refined Sugar there is a very quiet feeling; Granulated is quoted at 8 1/2 to 9 c. A good turnover of Yellows is noted, prices ranging from 7 1/2 to 7 3/4 c. for dark grades 7 1/2 to 8 1/4 c for brighter qualities. Fruits have been very dull considering the approach of the holidays. Holders of Valencia Raisins have withdrawn from the market; other fruits are without any new feature.

**LEATHER.**—The market has shown no improvement in demand, and prices if anything are easier than last week's quotations.

**METALS.**—The feeling in pig iron is exceedingly firm which is not to be wondered at seeing that stocks here are unusually light and that there is little chance of a material augmentation until the opening of navigation again. Gartsherrie has advanced to \$26; Eglinton \$22.75 to 23; Calder \$25.00. These prices are for car lots only. Bar iron is very firm also at \$2.25 per 100 pounds for large lots. Tin and Canada plates are quiet, round lots being placed on p.t., said to be under late quotations. General hardware is rather dull since the inland steamers ceased running; prices are unchanged.

**PROVISIONS.**—Dairy products have been firm. Receipts of butter for week, 8,500 pkgs.; shipments, 6,500 pkgs. Receipts of cheese for week, 25,000 boxes; shipments, 32,000 boxes.

The shipments of produce from Montreal, from January 1st to 15th November, 1881 and 1882 were as under:

	1882.	1881.
Wheat, bushels.....	6,464,932	6,224,697
Corn, ".....	687,022	3,323,578
Peas, ".....	1,917,347	2,011,780
Oats, ".....	511,588	1,184,048
Barley, ".....	121,588	123,578
Rye, ".....	99,321	459,666
Flour, brls.....	705,422	580,774
Oat & Cornmeal, brls....	44,153	61,965
Ashes.....	8,111	8,901
Butter.....	109,504	176,891
Cheese, bxs.....	740,178	584,901
Pork, brls.....	16,792	14,561

**TORONTO MARKETS.**

TORONTO, 23rd Nov., 1882.

The share market has maintained tolerable activity during the week, and closed yesterday slightly higher on the whole than a week ago. Loan companies' shares are quiet. The increase of dividend by the Standard Bank sent its shares up several points. The banks continue shy of lending on stocks. Prices of stocks in New York are irregular, rising rapidly on Wednesday, and declining nearly as fast.

The following is from the New York Public. "There has rarely been a time when the speculators were more completely at sea than they are now. Powerful cliques are at work on both sides, and in reference to almost every active stock, so that the immediate result depends to an unusual degree on the courage and skill of opposing parties. But there can be little doubt that the prevailing tendency in the long run must be downward, until the public begins to

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buy, and of public buying there is as yet very little indication."

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—A satisfactory trade is reported in this line; satisfactory, that is, as to amount, and generally speaking payments are good, a tolerably large aggregate of slow customers or "lame ducks" must, however, be admitted. Orders of medium size come in from travellers, who report that many customers request long terms, having been offered by houses in Eastern cities goods to be delivered in November which can sell only in May or June. This sort of folly is not dead, therefore, but rather more alive than ever before. It deserves

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