

bus. do. at 68c. At the close there were no buyers of car lots, and on the street, operators were paying from 55c. to 60c. for ordinary to fair samples, only strictly choice fetching higher prices when wanted by local malsters. *Oats* have been steady, and selling to a limited extent at 38c. for car lots during the week, holders now asking 39c. to 40c. *Pease* are in some demand, with sales of 10 or 12 car-loads in the course of the week at 70c. f.o.c. Holders are asking as high as 74c. for choice samples. *Hay* has again become dearer, and now sells at \$11 to \$16.50. *Straw* commands \$8 to \$10.

**PROVISIONS.**—The market has been moderately active, though with no large transactions reported. *Butter*—is slightly easier, and in fair demand at 18c. to 19c. for good to selected Dairy, while store packed is neglected and difficult of sale, except for shipping lots of uniform quality. *Cheese*—not much arriving, with sales at 11½c. to 13c., according to quantity and quality. *Eggs*—none coming in; held at 14c. to 16c. for packed. *Pork* is now quoted at \$26 for old mess: new nominal at quotations, there being little or none in market. *Bacon* and *Hams* unchanged. *Lard* 13c. to 14c., with only a small business. *Dressed Hogs* are arriving more freely, are taken at \$8 to \$8.50.

**SALT.**—There is some demand for Liverpool coarse, which sells ex store at from 80c. 85c., according to quantity. No change in Goderich.

**WOOL.**—No change in this market, which is quiet, with not much coming in. Shipping lots of selected are held at 32c.

**MONEY.**—Sterling Exchange, 60 days' sight, or 75 days' date, 109½ to 109¾; Gold drafts on New York, ½ prem.; Currency drafts on New York or Greenbacks, 89 to 89½; American silver, large 5½ to 6½; small 7 to 10 discount. Gold in New York has been weak and declining, falling to 111½ and closing at 112.

**FREIGHTS.**—Are offering more freely, and rates have stiffened, although nominally unchanged. Grain 2½c. to 3c. greenbacks to Oswego, and 2c. gold to Kingston by sailing vessel; from Kingston to Montreal, by barge 4½c. Steamer rates unchanged, fruit being chief freight offering. We quote for flour, 15c. to Kingston; 17½c. to Brockville and Prescott, 25c. to Montreal and 20c. gold to Oswego and Ogdensburg. Apples are taken at 30c. per brl. to Montreal. Some butter is being carried at 17½c. for 100 lbs. to Montreal. Railway rates are without change. Per G. W. Railway:—Flour, from Detroit to Toronto 35c. per brl; grain, 18c. per 100 lbs. From Sarnia, 30c. per brl; grain 15c. per 100 lbs. From the Suspension Bridge, 25c.; grain, 13c. By Grand Trunk to Liverpool and Glasgow no rates are named. Very little freight offering. A few car loads of butter have been taken for Liverpool as well as for Montreal. The following are the current rates of the Grand Trunk Railway: to Halifax 75c. for flour and 38c. for grain; to St. John 75c. flour, 38c. grain. The rates to railway stations are—Flour to Kingston, 25c.; grain 13c.; flour to Prescott, 30c.; grain, 15c.; flour to Montreal, 30c.; grain 18c.; flour to St. John, Quebec, 45c.; grain, 23c.; flour to Point Levi, 55c.; grain, 28c.; flour to Portland 75c.; grain, 38c.; flour to New York 75c., grain 38c.; flour to Boston 80c. grain 40c. gold.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, October 28, 1870.

The fall weather has now fairly set in, and although we have not had any severe frost, we have had sufficient to kill all tender plants. Yesterday morning was cold, with some indications of snow; to-day has been again mild—too much so for the season.

Business in general has been pretty brisk, and wholesale dealers seem well satisfied with the prospects for winter trade.

The failure of the firm of Thos. Hobson & Co. has caused some uneasiness in the produce trade,

owing to the circumstances connected with it. The trade itself is healthy, with a considerable amount of business doing. Ashes are steady; provisions dull; freights are quiet but rather higher.

Stocks are firm and rather higher; Bank of Montreal is now quoted 218 to 220; Merchants' 116½ to 117; sterling exchange is dull and weak at 8½ to 9 for bankers' 60 day bills.

**ASHES.**—*Pots*—Prices have been on the whole steady at \$6 30 to \$6 35, closing with a fair demand at \$6 35 to \$6 40; seconds are taken up at \$5 25 to \$5 35; thirds \$4 60. *Pearls*—There has been an active business done at \$6 95 to \$7 05, market closing firm at \$6 95 to \$7; stocks now in store are: *Pots*, 532 bbls.; *pearls*, 251 bbls., being a decrease of 350 bbls. *pots*, and 85 bbls. *pearls* on the stock in store on the same date of 1869.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Prices of the principal articles are unchanged; the market is quiet but no appearance of any reduction in rates. Travellers are now out and are sending in orders pretty freely. The following are the city prices: mens' No. 1 Stogas \$2 40 to \$2 50; No. 2 do \$2 20 to \$2 30; mens' kid clump \$3 00; do D. S. \$2 75; mens' calf clump \$3 50; calf congress \$2 50 to \$3 00; Boys Boots, \$1.80 to \$2.00; Women's Calf Boots, D. S., \$1.30; Buff ditto \$1.25; Buff Congress, D. S., \$1.30; Balmorals \$1.35 to \$1.50; Pebbled ditto, F. L., \$1.40 to \$1.70.

**COALS.**—There has hardly been such an active trade during the past week. Large quantities of Welsh anthracite have been offered by ship, but there were few buyers, and most of it has been stored in the yards. The prices are:—Scotch Steam \$5.25 to \$5.50; Welsh Anthracite \$7.50; American Anthracite \$8.00 to \$8.25; Picton Steam \$4.75 to \$5.25; English Grate \$6.50 to \$7.00.

**CATTLE.**—There has been a fair degree of activity in most kinds of live stock. Cattle has been in active demand, and prices have been stiff, with considerable sales at our outside quotation. Hogs are active, but unchanged in price; good enquiry for Sheep and Lambs. Nearly all stock was cleared out of the yards; the following is the prices at to-days markets:—Cattle, 1st quality, 7½c. to 8c. per lb.; ditto 2nd and 3rd quality 7c. to 6c. Milk Cows, \$30 to \$50, according to quality; Sheep 3c. to 5c.; Lambs, 2c. to 3c.; live Hogs 6½c. to 7½c.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—There has been a fair business done, but very little change in prices. Cream Tartar, 21c. to 22c.; Copperas, 90c. to \$1; Epsoms, \$2 to \$2.20; Salt Petre is easier, but not much doing, at \$10 to \$10.50; Caustic is firm, and held for 3½c.; Bleaching powder in small supply, and is firm at 2c. to 2½c. per lb.; Bicarb. is a trifle easier, at \$3.15 to \$3.25; Sal Soda, \$1.40 to \$1.45; Soda Ash, 2c. per lb.

**FISH.**—The amount of fish offered for sale this year has been under the average for the season; a good deal has been offered at auction realizing fair prices. Dry Cod was sold at \$4.75, with some inferior lots at \$4.50; Green Cod brought \$4.00 to \$4.25; Salmon is steady and firm at \$14.00 to \$15.50, mostly all that was offered being taken up for the United States market. Mackerel was sold in limited quantities at auction from \$7 to \$8; Labrador Herrings are stiff and sold at \$6.12½ to \$6.50; Canso brought \$5½ for choice samples.

**FREIGHTS.**—Have been quiet. Rates by steamer to Liverpool—wheat 5s.; flour 2s. 6d.; to Glasgow wheat 5s.; flour 2s. d.; 3s., by sailing vessel to London; wheat 4s. 6d.; steamers rates for Ashes, Provisions, Butter and Cheese are unchanged.

**FLOUR.**—Receipts for the past week, 29,513 brls., total receipts from 1st January to date, 816,565 brls. against 741,487 brls. on the corresponding period of 1869, being an increase of 75,078 brls. Shipments for the past week, 11,054 brls., total shipments from 1st January to date, 628,252 brls. against 667,422 brls. in the corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 39,170 brls. There have been some large transactions during the week, principally of Welland

Canal flour at \$5.30 and \$5.35 free. Market to-day closes firm with a good demand: Super Extra, \$6.40 to \$6.50; Extra, \$6.00; Fancy, \$5.80 to \$5.90; Medium Strong Supers from Canada wheat, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Strong Bakers flour, \$6 to \$6.30; Supers from Western wheat, (Welland Canal) free \$5.50 to \$5.60; Canada supers No. 2, \$5 to \$5.10; Western States No. 2 in bond, \$4.75 to \$4.80; Fine \$4.60 to \$4.70; Middlings \$3.80 to \$4.15; Pollards \$3 to \$3.25; Upper Canada Bag flour \$2.65 to \$2.70. Oatmeal \$4.50 to \$5.

**GRAIN.**—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 172,623 bushels; total receipts from 1st January to date, 5,201,817 bushels, against 5,902,325 bushels in corresponding period of 1869, being a decrease of 700,608 bushels. Shipments for the week 111,408 bushels, total shipments from 1st January to date 4,386,354 bushels, against 4,271,734 bushels in corresponding period of 1869, being an increase of 213,610 bushels. A number of cargoes have changed hands during the week, principally new No. 1 Milwaukie, and Chicago spring at \$1.16 to \$1.20. Market closes stiff, holders asking \$1.22 and \$1.22½, but without finding purchasers. *Oats*—have been quiet all week, only small lots changing hands at 40 to 42½c. *Barley*—There has been a better demand all the week and all offering is readily taken up at 70 to 72½c.; a choice lot was sold at outside figure, and some few cargoes within range of quotations. *Peas.*—Some large parcels were sold as high as 85 and 87c. but of a very superior quality; the price for small lots and car loads is 82 to 83c. *Seeds.*—There is very little doing, and prices of both Timothy and Flax are unchanged.

**GROCERIES.**—*Teas.*—During the week only small lots were sold for local wants. At the auction sale to-day the following parcels were disposed of: Teas—15 half chests extra choice Moyune Twankay, 32c.; 14 do. extra choice Moyune Imperial, 59c.; 14 do. do., 65c.; 15 do. do., 60c.; 10 do. choicest do., 52c.; 51 do. extra choice Moyune Hysons, 51c.; 21 do. do., Moyune Gunpowder, 82c.; 30 do. do. Moyune Young Hyson, 60c.; 26 do. do., 74c.; 20 do. extra fine Padrae Souchong, 41½c.; 20 boxes finest Kaisow Congou, 41c.; 50 do. finest uncolored Japan, 48½c.; 75 do.; 48c.; 10 do. choicest uncolored Japan, 58c.; 50 half chests finest uncolored Japan, 46c.; Salt, 50 bags coarse, in store, 54c. (balance of the lot was withdrawn); Bi-carb., 33 brls. at \$3.15; castile soap, 10 boxes at 8½c.; 60 boxes do. at 7½c.; 36 boxes fancy soap, at 80c.; olive oil, half flagon cases, 7½c.; 22 do. 7c.; preminto, 3 bags 5c.; layer raisins, 20 boxes, at \$2.20; 20 boxes, at \$2.15; 25 do., at \$2.05; 150 qr. boxes, at 2s. 4d.; 400 do., at 2s. 9d.; 500 boxes Valentias, at 9c.; 150 do. at 8½c.; English twines, 50 lbs. at 24c.; 100 lbs., at 20c.; 126 lbs., at 27c.; 100 lbs., at 25c.; 1 hhd. Hennessy's brandy, 10s. 9d. per gal.; 10 cases do., 8½c.; 10 cases do., 8½c.; 2 hlds. DeKuyper's Geneva, 7s.; 2 do. Dutch brand, 6s. 1d.; 25 cases do. red, 7s.; 65 do. green, 3½s.; 50 do. \$3.65; 10 d6. \$3.70; 10 cases Booth's Old Tom gin, \$5½; lots of Ramsay's Islay whiskey, in cases, \$1.75; 8 hlds. sherry, Domecq's A mark, 7s.; 1 hhd. N T mark, 9s.; 1 do. A mark, 13s. 9d.; 2 do. 13s.; 2 hlds. Graham's port wine, 5s. 3d.; 2 do. No. 1 grade, 6s. 9d.; 2 do. No. 3 grade, 8s. 6d.; 5 hlds. do. 8s. 9d.; 2 hlds. No. 4 grade, 10s. 9d.; 4 qr. casks do. 11s.; 1 do. 12s. 6d.; 1 hhd. 12s.

**Fruit.**—Offerings have been small, and sales have been moderate; prices are unchanged. The lots offered at auction had not arrived, and being offered to arrive, there was no competition, and most of the lots were withdrawn. *Sugars.*—Holders are strong in their views, and no change can be quoted in this market. The Refinery prices are unchanged. *Spices* are firm; Pepper, 13½c. to 13¾c.; Cassia, 31c. to 33c.; Nutmegs, 58c. to 65c., according to quality. *Molasses.*—Market has been inactive. Centrifugal, 22c. to 22½c.; Clayed, 23½c. to 26c.; Muscovados, 25c. to 27½c. No particular change in other grades.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—For *Hides* the market was