

OATMEAL.

A good deal of business is done in Oatmeal, which the receipts by Railway and Canal do not adequately represent. The deliveries to dealers by farmers are considerable,—and only a vague conjecture of the quantity for any one year can at present be formed. The receipts and shipments during the past three years, of which there are any authentic records, were :—

	1863	1862	1861
Receipts	1,847 brls.	7,544 brls.	25,446 brls.
Shipments	9,655 "	8,410 "	28,380 "

In 1861, 21,134 brls. came to the City *via* Lachine Canal, and the shipments in sea-going vessels *via* St. Lawrence River, were 25,158 brls. Of the shipments in 1863, 7,696 barrels were by the Montreal and Champlain Railway to New York City.

The wholesale price, throughout 1863, varied from \$4.75 to \$5.25 per barrel of 200 lbs. with a quiet market; while during the year the prices per 112 lbs. paid by dealers to farmers, averaged \$2.50,—with very little variation. The wholesale price per barrel was \$3.75 to \$3.95 during the first six months of 1862; \$4.75 in August, receding to \$4.25 in September, and continuing about that value until the close of the year;—while prices paid to farmers, fluctuated from \$1.80 to \$2.55, and closed in December at \$2.35 per cwt. The price per barrel in 1861 was \$3.75 to \$4, the latter rate predominating; prices paid to farmers varied from \$1.55 to \$2.20 per cwt., the highest price being paid in March, and the lowest in June, —closing in December at \$2.

According to this synopsis of prices,—made from actual transactions,—Oatmeal has ruled higher in this market than Superfine Flour, during the past eighteen months.

SEEDS.

There has been a considerable increase in the production of Seeds in Canada, during the past two years; the recorded receipts and shipments, however, do not adequately represent the business done in 1863. Shipments of Seeds of all kinds, *via* the St. Lawrence during that year were 9,353 bushels, valued at \$11,188.; quantities of Clover and Timothy having also been exported *via* the Montreal and Champlain Railroad.

CLOVER SEED.—In Spring of 1863 shipments were made to England at 7c. @ 8c. per lb. for good quality; and orders have been received to be filled this Spring. Prices in February were 8½c. @ 9c. per lb., with prospects of a good season's business.

TIMOTHY SEED.—The stock of fresh Timothy is light, and Seedsmen are having recourse to the Western States for supplies. There has been a good deal of old Seed on the market,—offered at \$1.50 per bushel of 45 lbs., really fine is scarce, recent price being \$2.50 per bushel.

FLAX SEED.—The quantity brought into this city in 1863 was about 50,000 bushels,—price ranging from \$1.80 @ \$1.85 per bushel.

The foregoing
of Breadstuffs

Flour,.....
Oatmeal,.....
Wheat
Maize.....
Peas
Barley
Oats
Rye

Total recorded
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Flour
Oatmeal.....
Wheat
Maize.....
Peas
Barley
Oats
Rye

Total shipped
" "
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The recorded
Quantity

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