

CAMERON & ROSS.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
443 Commissioners Street, Montreal, are regularly receiving and selling on Commission all kinds of country produce—such as Flour, Grain, Butter, Cheese, Pork, Pot and Pearl Ashes, Leather, Wool, Clover, and Timothy and Flax Seeds; also purchasing on country account, Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, and General Merchandise.

Last week we referred to the evil resulting to retail merchants from buying goods from too many different houses; and thus getting themselves embarrassed by spreading their accounts which prevents their position from being properly known by any of whom they purchase, neither can a proper confidence be placed in such accounts. Whereas if the account was only with two or three houses, the position of their customer would be well known to them, and they would repose in him the full confidence that his account would merit. If you should happen to fall behind in making some of your payments, let that by no means cause you to change your account, although very likely you may be received in a cooler manner than is pleasant to your feelings; let your purchases be light; only what is necessary to assort your stock properly; clear out the old stock as much as you possibly can; collect all you can of what you may have standing out in the country; by which means you will soon be able, if your expenses are kept within proper bounds, to reduce those arrears which created that cool atmosphere which surrounded you both in the counting room and warehouse when making your last purchase; and as they diminish so will you find the atmosphere of the counting-room and warehouse to be more genial to your feelings when you return to make your next purchase. If you have suffered any grievance by any undue pressure which may have been brought to bear on you in way of forcing payments from you; which cannot be otherwise amicably settled than by your removing your account; the best introduction you can have to any respectable house is a receipt in full from any other houses which you have been in the habit of dealing with to considerable amounts for any length of time; there is nothing in his business in which the wholesale merchant is so much interested as in the welfare of his customers; and wherever this principle is found to prevail invariably do we find a class of customer, worthy of the interest taken in their behalf.

We will from time to time as opportunity affords, place before our customers such suggestions as we think might be of use to them.

In our next we will refer to a very injurious practice which prevails throughout the country trade.

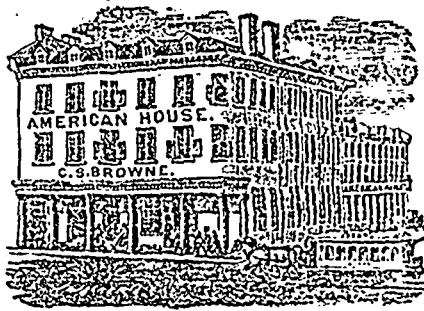
DRY GOODS.—Although stocks are large, in the majority of instances it cannot be said that the assortments are as yet quite complete, about the end of the present month stocks will be in their best assortment. Not many country merchants have as yet been in the market; we would recommend them to exercise caution in making their purchases, as there are no indications of a lively spring trade, nor is it very likely that the trade of the country in general will be very brisk till May and June.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—Owing to the high prices prevailing, transactions are limited chiefly to present wants, there being not much disposition to engage in operations based on the uncertainty of the future in face of such prices as now prevail. For quotations we refer you to those contained in the Review.

BUTTER.—During the week there has been a better demand for the finer qualities for local trade, and a fair price is likely to be realised for all good parcels, allowed to be absorbed by the regular city trade. The large quantities placed, by country merchants, in so many different hands not engaged in the trade, who are pressing and making sales at any price to meet payments operated, materially against the trade this season. Sales for the week were from 12s. to 15c. per pound according to quality. Our city trade being considerable, we are enabled to work off to good advantage any choice parcels that may arrive for local trade.

EGGS, 9c. to 9½c. per lb.
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SEEDS.—Clover 12c to 12½c per lb. Prices not quite so firm, a larger quantity being in the country than was supposed to be earlier in the season. Timothy, 4c to 4½c per lb. Flax Seed, \$1.00 per bushel.
ASHES, per 100lbs—First pots, \$5.60 to \$5.65; seconds, \$4.75 to \$4.80; thirds, \$4 to \$4.05; First pearls, \$8.90 to \$7.
N.B.—All consignments carefully attended to, all charges as low as is consistent with a view to responsibility. Drafts accepted for two thirds value of consignment, when bill of lading is attached.

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AMERICAN HOUSE,
Corner of St. Joseph and St. Henry Streets,
MONTREAL.
C. S. BROWNE, Proprietor.

The above well known house having been enlarged by the addition of the large house heretofore known as the Exchange Hotel, and entirely refitted and newly furnished in first class style, will be kept as a First Class House in every respect, except as regards price, which will be as moderate as possible.

JESSE THAYEE,
WHOLESALE GROCER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,
540 ST. PAUL STREET,
(opposite Albion Hotel)
MONTREAL.

Orders for Flour, Oatmeal, Tobacco, Cheese, Hams, Brooms, Pails, Leather, or any description of Merchandise, promptly attended to.

Consignments of Fish, Cod and Seal Oils, Wool, &c., respectfully solicited and returns promptly made.

References kindly permitted:

HENRY STARNES, Esq., Manager Ontario Bank.

Messrs. Greene & Sons. Messrs. J. L. Cassidy & Co.
" Starke, Smith & Co. " Rimmer, Gunn & Co.
" Henry Joseph & Co. " L. Chaput, Son & Co.

JOHN RHYNAS,
COMMISSION AND SHIPPING MERCHANT,
MONTREAL.

Consignments of General Merchandise received and advances made. Orders for the products of Canada carefully executed.

DAVID E. MACLEAN & CO.,
PRODUCE AND GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT,
Shippers and Ship Agents,
MONTREAL, C. E.

DAVID E. MACLEAN. BENJAMIN HAGAMAN.
THOMAS C. CHISHOLM.

E. D. TUCKER & CO.,
SHIPPING AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Bank's West India Wharf,
HALIFAX, N.S.

REFERENCES:
Messrs. R. Simms & Co., Montreal.
Joseph Tillin, Esq., Montreal.
Messrs. Henry Chapman & Co., Montreal.
Messrs. Cudlip & Snider, St. John, N.B.
Messrs. Harvey & Co., St. John, N.B.
The Union Bank of Halifax, Halifax. 3-6m

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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS AND IMPORTERS
42 St. Sacramento Street, Montreal,
Sole Agents in Canada for
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Wolfe's Schiedam Schnapps.
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FERRER & CO.,
Wholesale Dealers in
HEAVY AND SHELF HARDWARE,
IRON, STEEL, &c.,
24 and 26 St. Francois Xavier Street,
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EAGLE FOUNDRY, MONTREAL,
GEORGE BRUSH, Proprietor.
Builder of Marine and Stationary
STEAM ENGINES,
STEAM BOILERS of all descriptions
MILL and MINING MACHINERY,
All kinds of CASTINGS in BRASS and IRON,
LIGHT and HEAVY FORGINGS, &c.
PATTERNS AND DRAWINGS FURNISHED.

THOMAS PECK & CO.,
Manufacturers of
IRON, NAILS, SHIP AND RAILWAY SPIKES,
No. 391 St. Paul Street,
MONTREAL.

LYMAN, ELLIOT & CO.,
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,
TORONTO,
Manufacturers in Bond of
CHLOROFORM,
SULPHURIC ETHER,
SPIRITS OF NITRE, and
MEDICINAL TINCTURES,
Proprietors of Beaver Drug Mills and Laboratory.
Catalogues mailed on application.

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WHOLESALE IMPORTERS
OF DRY GOODS,
1-1y No. 377 St. Paul street, Montreal.

MCCULLOCH, JACK & CO.,
WHOLESALE IMPORTERS OF
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426 & 423 ST. PAUL STREET,
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MONTREAL. 3-1y

JAMES LOCKHART,
COMMISSION MERCHANT AND
MANUFACTURERS' AGENT, No. 3 St. Sacramento street, Montreal.