

STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, OCT. 27TH, 1885.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average '84.
Montreal.....	276	203½	622	206	205½	189½
Ontario.....	110	108½	25	109½	108½	109½
Peoples.....	77	70	77	77	70	45
Molson.....	125	118	350	123	119½	110
Toronto.....	190½	187½	105	190½	189	173
Jac. Cartier.....	109			100		
Merchants.....	119½	116½	583	119½	119	110½
Commerce.....	131½	127	430	131½	130½	116½
Union.....	61		15	60		82½
Montreal Tel.....	130	126	1340	130	128½	110½
Rich. & Ont.....	60½	59	300	60½	60	56½
City Passenger.....	124	116½	6390	124	123½	111½
Gas.....	194½	192½	2045	194½	194	175½
C. Pacific R. R.....	50½	46½	325	50½	50½	44½
N. W. Land.....	45	40½	50	45	42	40
Montreal.....	201½	198½	540	201½	201	184½

—The action brought against the town of Calgary, N. W. T., by the Canadian Pacific Railway to set aside the assessments of the town site has been heard before Judge Travis. The case excited great interest, as it involved the right of every town along the railway line to tax the property of the Canadian Northwest Company. In this case the railway applied to have the lien created by the assessment on the Canadian Pacific Railway lands removed. The town demurred on the grounds that the action was not properly brought, and that no lien had been created on the argument. The demurrer was allowed. Judgment was given for the defendants with costs, and the Canadian Pacific Railway will appeal the case to Manitoba.

—“Is this Smiths Falls?” enquired a travelled man as he took a turn up and down the platform while the engine was wooding up. “Yes,” hiccupped a station lounge, and straightening himself, he added, “and I’m, hic, Mr. Smith.”

—These are the attributes of a good collector, as given by the American (Ga) Recorder: He must be patient as a post, cheerful as a duck, sociable as a flea, bold as a lion, cunning as a fox, weather-proof as rubber, and as watchful as a sparrow hawk.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 28th, 1885.

The present week does not show any improvement on last as regards the condition of general trade, but rather shows a falling off, notably in the movement of dry goods, which is attributed to the want of colder weather. Metals, hardware, leather and shoes, &c., are also rather quiet, but in groceries there is a very fair trade maintained. Payments as a whole rule slow. This section was visited with very heavy rains last week, the fall for two days being the heaviest known for the last ten years, and low-lying lands were badly flooded, interfering with ploughing, &c. The weather since has been fine and open.

ASHES.—Prices unchanged. No. 1 pots being quoted at \$3.75 to \$3.85; a few brls. of seconds have sold within last few days at \$3.20; in pearls no late dealings are reported. Receipts have been rather freer and stocks in store are increased a little, being now 1,014 brls. pots, pearls 123 brls. We hear of one shipment of 50 brls. the other day, but aside from this nothing of importance.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade continues to be only moderately fair, and there are no striking changes in prices. There seems to be a feeling that cream tartar will be dearer, as the Food Adulteration Act is to be rigidly enforced after January 1st next, and a stop put to the sale of the worthless stuff now sold as cream tartar, of which about 75 to 80 per cent. is terra alba. We quote:—Sal Soda

\$1 to \$1.10 per 100 lbs., Bi-Carb Soda, \$2.50 to \$2.60; Soda Ash, \$1.65 to \$1.75. Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8.00 to \$9.00; Borax, refined, 11 to 12½c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 33 to 35c.; do., ground, 37 to 38c.; Tartaric Acid crystals, 52½ to 55c.; do., powder, 56 to 60c. per ; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.25 to \$2.75 according to lot; Alum 1.65c. to \$1.80; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to \$3.00; Roll Sulphur, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.00 to \$5.75; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to \$9.50; German Quinine, \$1.10 to \$1.20; American do., \$1.10 to \$1.20; Howard's quinine, \$1.20 to 1.25; opium, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Morphia, \$1.80 to \$1.90; Gum Arabic sorts, 40 to 45c.; White, 55 to 70c.; Carbolic acid, 45 to 60c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Iodoform, \$7.50 to \$8.00.

FISH.—Several additional cargoes of Labrador herrings are to hand since last report, but as several owners have wired instructions to hold, prices are rather firmer. We quote Labrador \$3.25 to \$3.50; Cape Bretons, half brls. \$2.25; Nova Scotia Shore, none; Gaspe Cod, \$3.75; Halifax Cured, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Green No. 1, \$4.25 to \$4.50; North Shore Salmon, \$1.10 and \$8.50; Newf'd inspected 50c. less; British Columbia, \$9.00 to \$9.25; Lake Trout, \$3.75 to \$4.00 half brl.; Whitefish very few and hard to get at \$1 to \$1.50.

GROCERIES.—Business in this line is being fairly maintained; orders especially from the West are fairly numerous, and collections are better than in most lines. Sugars are not very strong, though within last few days refiners are striving for higher rates on the strength of a firmer market in New York; granulated at refinery is 6½, yellows 5 to 5½c. Molasses firmer at 28½ to 29½c. in large lots; lowest grades of sugar-house molasses are about exhausted. Syrups active and not too plentiful, very dark exceedingly scarce, and goods ranging from 24 to 28c. wanted. In teas sales of 300 half chests light chaffy Japans at 17 to 18c. (not desirable goods) and 1,500 packages at 22 to 24c. are reported. All Japan advices show a firm market, and a continued scarcity of all grades below good medium. Blacks and greens; new teas of latter kind show exceptionally good value. Both currants and raisins show firm values; desirable Valencia still at 8½c. in quantity; good Provincial currants in brls. 5½c. in half brls. 6c., some fair quality have been at 5½c.; choice Patras cases 7½ to 7¾c.; Vostizzas 8½ to 9c. The “Avlona” from Mediterranean is expected on Friday; she has no consignments on board, and importers count on a profit on their fruit this year, especially as importations are very light. There are no prunes offering except to arrive at 4½ to 4¾ for French. Eleme raisins 8 to 8½c., choice Sultan 7½c. Eleme figs, one lb. boxes, 12 to 13c., choice in 8 lb. boxes 13c., extra do. 15 to 16c. In spices pepper and allspice are firmer, the former at 18c. and latter at 7 to 7½c. In canned goods the offerings of tomatoes are very light, \$1.20 is asked; the supply of sardines is ample, and lower prices would be accepted for round lots.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Leather is again quieter; one large lot of pebble, about 3,000 sides, mostly Quebec, changed hands a few days ago at an average of 11 to 12c., and some fair lots of Quebec splits at 19c., but aside from this business has been very light. Among shoe mfrs. there is not much activity, except in cases of one or two houses who make for jobbers; travellers' sorting orders are small. In all lines of leather, except slaughter sole, stocks are ample, and there is little doubt quotations would be shaded to induce sales. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 24 to 27c.; ditto, No. 2 B. A. 21 to 24c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 22 to 23c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; oak sole, 45 to 50c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 39c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.; Splits, large, 22 to 28c.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 12½ to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—In iron and heavy metals generally the movement is very light indeed, and the general tendency of values is

towards weakness, in the absence of any activity. The American market is reported very dull, and in Glasgow warrants are down to 41/10d., makers' brands fairly steady. In tin plates, cokes are a little firmer locally, owing to one or two large lots having been sold to go West at figures which have not transpired, but it is not likely anything under \$3.75 would now be accepted, even for good round lots; the Liverpool market is still reported strong. Canada plates are moving only slowly, the season being about over; bar iron no stronger and we hear of even broken lots selling at \$1.60. Tin plates firm at home; lead and copper unchanged. In general hardware orders while fairly numerous are in themselves, as a rule, of only moderate amount. We quote:—Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$16.50 to \$17; Langlois, and Colless, \$17 to \$17.50; Shott, \$17 to \$20.00; Eglington and Dalmellington, \$16.00; Calder, \$16.50 to \$17; Hematite, \$17 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$17.50 to \$20; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.90; Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina \$2.40; Penn & C. \$2.50. Tin Plates Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.35 to \$4.75; do I.X., \$6 to \$6.25; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½c to 7c, according to brand; Tinned Sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c; No. 26, 7c, the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.90 to \$2; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$3.00; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.50 to \$4; Sheet, \$4 to \$4.25; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb.; Ingot tin, 23c. to 24c; Bar Tin, 26c.; Ingot Copper, 12½ to 14c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS.—Linseed oil has recovered the slight falling off from its advanced position reported last week, and is firm at 61 to 62c. for raw, 63 to 64c. for boiled; castor 8½c. per lb.; olive, \$1.00 to \$1.10; there is little or no Nfld. cod oil here, and very little Gaspe, 52½c. is asked for latter; a lot of 250 brls. of Halifax is just arrived for which no price has been fixed at writing; steam refined seal 51 to 54c. according to lot. Turpentine dearer at 55 to 56c. Leads and colors unchanged. We quote:—Leads (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6 to \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5.00; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red, do. 4½ to 4¾c. These prices for round lots, London washed whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's venetian red \$1.75, other brands venetian red \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.70 per 50 feet for first break.

PROVISIONS.—The butter market is in no way improved, and there is little export demand. Stocks in the country must be large. We quote creamery 19½ to 21½c.; good to choice Townships, 14 to 18c.; Morrisburg, 12 to 16c.; Western 10 to 14c. for new; old, 5 to 8c. Cheese is quiet and if anything easier, we quote September 9 to 9½c., fine August 8 to 9c.,

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