

—The statement of the grain trade of Buffalo for the season up to 30th June shows it to be lighter than for several years. The receipts of grain by lake are but 14,602,219 bushels against 21,766,234 bushels up to the same date last year. In no year since 1877 have the receipts been so small as the present. Shipments by canal from the opening of navigation to date are 8,108,697 bushels, against 12,490,885 bushels to corresponding date last year and 9,128,907 in 1882. Railway shipments of grain from this point from Jan. 1 to date this year are 2,800,015 bushels, against 4,141,476 bushels for a like period last year and 3,670,119 bushels in 1882. There is an increase in shipments for some of the coarse freight, the receipts of lumber by lake up to date being 74,558,722 feet against 54,317,580 feet for the corresponding period last year, but on the whole the transportation business is dull.

Commercial.

BRITISH MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 6, 1884.

A moderate business reported in cotton at easier prices. Uplands, 6½d.; Orleans, 6 7/16d. Receipts, 12,000 bales, including 6,500 American. Futures flat in the morning, steady at the close. September and October, 6 9/64d.; December and January, 5 59/64d.

LONDON, Aug. 6.

Beerbohm says:—Floating cargoes—Wheat, fewer buyers, probably easier; maize, none offering. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, less disposition to buy; maize, firm. Mark Lane—Wheat, slow; maize, steady. English country markets, quiet. French country markets very dull. Weather in England—Harvest operations proceeding favourably. Liverpool—Spot wheat, dull; maize, firm; No. 1 California, 7s. 10d.; No. 2 do., 7s. 7d.; average red winter, 7s. 7d.; all unchanged; spring, 7s. 5d., being two pence cheaper; maize, 5s. 5½d., and unchanged. Paris—Wheat, slow; flour, rather easier.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Aug. 6, 1884.

We think that the improvement in trade noticeable last week has been fully maintained, and the continued favorable crop reports from all sections naturally induce anticipations of a good fall trade. From the Ottawa valley reports are to the effect that crops have rarely been better; hay, a little light in some districts, but there is still an overplus on hand from last year's heavy yield so that the deficiency won't be felt. Haying is nearly through in this province, and in some parts grain harvesting has been begun. Remittances are reported as a little slow at the instant, but this is readily accounted for by the fact that farmers are all busy a-field. Cotton affairs are not in satisfactory shape, several mills having shut down. Prices are being out more or less, and a good deal depends upon the ability of Messrs. D. Morrice & Co., to meet their extension payment falling due the 19th inst. Money still continues easy at 5 to 5½ per cent. on call, and 7 per cent. for commercial discounts. Stock market has been rather weaker last day or two, leading stocks showing a slight decline.

ASHES.—No. 1 Pots, quoted at \$3.90 to \$4.05, being very poor rates for former figures. Seconds about \$3.50, and few offering. No Pearls have come in for over a week, and nominal price is still \$4.80. Receipts are light. Total from January 1st to August 1st, were 4,099 brls. pots, and 472 pearls, against 5,010 brls. pots, and 270 pearls in 1883. Stocks in store August 1st, 1,581 brls. pots, 129 brls. pearls.

DRY GOODS.—There is a greater disposition to buy among country dealers, and travellers report a fair, steady business. City trade with first-class retailers is quiet, but the suburban trade is good. Payments are a little sluggish, and not so good as at this date in July, but farmers being all busy in the fields may account for this. Cotton matters are not in altogether satisfactory shape, and there is more or less cutting being done pretty generally. The Kingston and Dundas mills have shut down, and the Merchants' Manufacturing Company of this city will most likely close this week.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade has assumed a rather quiet phase, and there is really little new or interesting to report. Bleaching Powder is again firmer, and we advance quotations. Carbolic Acid is also stronger. Other lines show no change, and we quote: Sal Soda, \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; Bi. Carb. Soda, \$2.40 to 2.50; Soda Ash \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$10; Borax refined, 11 to 12½c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 30 to 31c.; do ground 34c. to 37c.; Tartaric Acid, 54 to 58c. per lb.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$3.25 to \$4.00; Alum \$1.75 to \$1.90; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Ground Sulphur, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Flowers Sulphur, sublim per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to \$3.00; Roll Sulphur, \$2.25 to \$2.40; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.75 to \$6.50; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Salt-petre, \$9.00 to 9.50; German Quinine, \$1.50 English and American do., \$1.60 to \$1.75, as to makers, per oz. bottles; Opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Morphia, \$2.20 to \$2.30. Gum Arabic, sort, 28 to 33c. White, 40 to 55c. Hellebore, 20 to 24c.; Carbolic acid, 70c.

CEMENTS, FIRECLAY, &c.—Portland Cement, steady, at \$3.25 per brl.; round lots, \$2.90 to \$3.00; Roman, \$2.75; Canadian, \$1.75; Fire-clay, \$2.00 per bag; Firebricks, \$25 to \$30 as a brand.

FISH.—Some few small lots of new dry Gaspe cod are to hand, and are quoted at \$4.75 to \$5. Some few lots of new North Shore Salmon have also arrived, and \$18 is asked for No. 1. No definite reports as to the catch have yet been received.

FLOUR AND MEALS.—The market continues dull; stocks are not large, but prices show no tendency to firmness, but rather the reverse. We quote superior extra, \$5.20 to \$5.35; extra superfine, \$4.65 to \$4.75; fancy, \$4.25 to \$4.35; spring extra, \$4.20 to \$4.35; superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.40; Canadian strong bakers', \$4.75 to \$5; American strong bakers', \$5.25 to \$5.50. Oatmeal, \$4.60 to \$4.70 for medium; granulated, \$5.25 to \$5.50; cornmeal, \$3.25.

GROCERIES.—There is a good mid-summer trade doing, and all travellers in their letters speak of good prospects for an excellent fall business. Payments are fair; there are some few applications for indulgence, but nothing to complain of. Sugars continue in good demand, more particularly for yellows, which are none too plentiful in low grades, a fact which helps the sales of raws. The refinery price for granulated is still 6½c. In molasses there has been some few sales at 3½c. or thereabout, but the bulk is still held for higher prices, and as it is stated there is no more coming in, the likelihood is that holders will do better later, when the demand becomes more active. For teas there is more enquiry, especially for Japans, and as already stated these goods show excellent value this season. The first Suez steamer is reported in New York, and the bulk of new Japans has yet to arrive. Blacks and greens quiet. Rice still hard to get, though the mill is running to full capacity, \$3.50 to \$3.60 still the price. No currants here at all, but some from London are afloat for this market. Valenciennes are selling at 4½c. to 5c., with stocks reduced. Reports as to crop are good, and the present impression seems to be that fruit will be pretty cheap this year. Black pepper firm at 17½c., other spices unchanged. Sardines likely to be higher. Filberts very scarce and wanted. Almonds and walnuts in good supply and dull.

LEATHER.—A very fair trade has been done during last week, and the current week up to time of writing also shows up well. Prices are well maintained, with a tendency to advance if anything. Splits are rather scarce, but other lines are in fair supply. We can quote no changes: Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A. 25 to 28c.; ditto, No. 2 B. A. 22 to 25c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24c. to 25½c.; No. 2 ditto 22c. to 23c.; No. 1 China 23c. No. 2 ditto Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27½c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 38c. Splits, large, 22 to 29c.; ditto small, 14 to 22c. Calfsplits 30 to 32c. Calfskins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; Russel Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, per ft., 14 to 16c. Enamelled Cow, 15 to 16c. Patent Cow, 15 to 16c. Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15½c. Rough, 23 to 28c. Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russel & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

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