

to 55cts.; Red Fox, \$1.00 to \$1.25; Cross-Fox, \$2.00 to \$3.00; Martin Pale, 70cts. to 90cts.; Martin Dark, \$1.30 to \$1.75; Mink, Western Canada, good colors, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Mink, Eastern Canada, prime small, \$1.00 to \$1.50; large, \$1.50 to \$2.00; Otter dark prime, \$5.00 to \$7.00; Fisher, dark prime \$4.50 to \$6.25; Lynx, \$1.25 to \$1.75; Beaver, full clear pelt per lb. \$1.25 to \$1.75; Winter do. \$1.75 to \$2.00; Bear, large prime, \$8.00 to \$10.00.

**GROCERY MARKET, WHOLESALE.**—The decline in *Sugars* seems to have been distinctly arrested, and a reaction has taken place both with raw and refined. The Cuban crop is estimated at 481,000 tons, against 560,000 tons in 1876 and 700,000 tons in 1875. On the other hand the growing beet root crop is estimated at 1,270,000 tons, against 1,045,000 tons in 1876 and 1,343,000 tons in 1875. The advance in United States markets for Yellows for the week is about  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. The market has to some extent, sympathized with the advance abroad; Granulated is 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; Yellows 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. With the exception of Brazil the reports of growing crop are favorable. It may be noted that since July last year, prices have not been as low as of late for Raw Sugars, so that aside from the considerable stock on hand, prospects look pretty strong for holders. *Teas*—Dullness prevails for most kinds, with a range of figures nominally showing little change. *Molasses and Syrups*—Molasses is rather lower than before, also Syrups. *Coffees*—A very large stock of Brazil is reported available. Prices are rather easier. *Rice*—The awful Indian famine doubtless keeps this article up, it is now \$4.30 to 4.45. *Chemicals and Spices* dull. *Fruits*—Layers dull. Sales at about \$1.05 to 1.15 in quantity, held at \$1.30 to \$1.40 in smaller lots. Prospects of growing crop are good as to quality, while quantity is estimated at about one-fourth less than last year. Valencia is 4¢ to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. *Currants*, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. The growing crop was considerably injured by heavy rain about the end of July, thus diminishing probable quantity and keeping prices up.

**HARDWARE.**—Trade shows more signs of life as the season advances, and dealers are ordering with rather more freedom. Travellers report that the prospects are that a fair business will be done. One or two items in Heavy goods continue to be sold without profit. Quotations unchanged.

**LEATHER.**—No change of any note has taken place during the past week. Although there is a scarcity of *Fplits* and No. 1 *Pebble*, the price has not advanced. At the present price of Hides, we should suppose that Tanners must work at a loss.

**LIVE STOCK.**—The arrivals of live stock at Point St. Charles during the past week were much less than for some time past, but the falling off was chiefly in the number of cattle brought from Chicago for ocean shipment. The arrivals were 110 head of cattle from Chicago, fifteen carloads of Canadian cattle, three mixed loads of cattle and hogs, two mixed loads of cattle, sheep and hogs, one carload of Chicago hogs, two carloads of Canadian hogs and a carload of sheep. On Monday last the arrivals consisted of twenty-one carloads of cattle, a carload of sheep, and a mixed load of cattle and sheep, of which eighteen carloads of cattle were for shipment to Britain on the *SS. Mississippi* and *Manitoba*. The market boats coming down the Ottawa and St. Lawrence on Monday brought about eighty head of cattle, and four hundred sheep and lambs. Hogs are much in demand at present and high prices would be paid for them; good sheep are also in demand. Forty of the sheep changed hands at from \$5 to \$6 each, or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. live weight. Several good lots of lambs were sold at \$3 each. Sales at the St. Gabriel market at the beginning of the week were much more numerous, and the prices paid rather better than on the previous Monday and considerably better than two weeks ago, being from \$3.50 to \$5 per 100 lbs.. The price of hogs has advanced from 15¢ to 25¢ per 100 lbs; sheep are unchanged in price. There is no change in the price of hides. We quote: No. 1 inspected is \$8; No. 2, \$7, and 3, \$6 per 100 lbs; calfskins, 12¢ per lb.;

sheep and lambskins, 55¢ to 70¢ each; tallow, rough, 5¢ per lb.

**PROVISIONS.**—*Butter*.—Market quiet and very few transactions taking place. Quotations are nominal to a certain extent. *Cheese*.—Market ruled strong in early part of the week, but at the close the feeling is quiet. At the Ingersoll cheese market for this week ending, Aug. 28th, fifteen factories offered 4,950 boxes August make. During the previous few days over 15,000 boxes had been contracted for at 10¢ to 12¢ for August make, and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ was freely offered to leading factorymen for balance of the season. At the Little Falls market during the week ending August 27th, 8,000 boxes sold. 2,000 boxes sold at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; 500 bxs. at 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; 4,000 at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; balance under. Market active. At Utica, N. Y., same time, 8,000 boxes offered and sold. Leading factories 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ Average 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. These prices are equal in gold as follows:—11¢ U.S. is equal to 10.56; 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  is 10.80; 11 $\frac{3}{4}$  is 11.04; 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  is 10.28; 12¢ is 11.52. New York.—Receipts for the week 66,209 boxes against 60,212 boxes the previous week, and 66,000 boxes the corresponding week in 1876. Exports for the week were 49,828 boxes against 91,605 boxes the previous week, and 66,681 boxes the corresponding week in 1876. Closing quotations fancy factory 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; good to prime 10¢ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢; fair to good 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ to 10¢.

**Tobacco.**—The demand improves. Manufacturers now expect a fair trade for this fall. Plug remains unchanged in prices and is quoted in bond. Black work, common and medium, 13¢ to 16¢, good and fine, 17¢ to 21¢; Prince of Wales 10s; No. 1, 40¢ do.; No. 2, 38¢ duty paid. Brights and Mahogany in bond: Common and Medium, 13¢ to 20¢; Good and Fine, 22¢ to 30¢; Fancy, 32¢ to 50¢. Solace, duty paid: Common, 35¢ to 37¢; Good, 40¢ to 45¢; Navy 3s. such as Chancellors, Myrtle and Vice Regal, 48¢ to 56¢. Leaf is unchanged. Crop prospects in most sections looks well. *Cigars* shows also some improvement. Domestic are quoted, clear seeds, \$13.00 to \$25.00; Seed and Havanas, \$2 to \$40; Imported Havanas range \$27 to \$50 for common to medium, and good to fine, \$60 to \$150. Cigarettes are now being made to some extent here and are quoted for paper wrappers, from \$3.00 to \$6.50, and all tobacco from \$10 to \$15.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**—Business in this department shows little change. A prominent firm on St. Sacrament Street has shipped considerable quantities of goods during the week, principally to Manitoba. There is no change in quotations.

**WOOLENS.**—The Mills are nearly all working on full time, but prices are low and the margin for profit small. The wholesale houses are busy filling orders, and the trade promises to be fair. There is no change of any consequence in prices.

**Wool.**—An improved feeling has been observed of late which seems to auger for a continued good demand for Wool. Stocks held in hands of the dealers are light, and as the daily receipts are small, no accumulation is likely to occur for some time to come. Prices remain about as quoted. We hear of large parcels being bought in Boston and New York of Cape Wool in the grease, on Canadian account, at 17¢ to 18¢ per lb., gold.

## IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal per Grand Trunk Railway the Canal and River from 1st January to 30th August, 1876 and 1877:

	1876.	1877.
Ashes.....	10,497	10,555
Butter.....	35,682	45,059
Barley.....	67,626	381,455
Bacon.....	211	145
Corn.....	2,685,932	3,128,866
Cheese.....	171,827	137,668
Flour.....	553,215	400,223
Lard.....	24,393	37,638
Oats.....	1,913,584	141,676
Peas.....	552,095	160,267
Pork.....	8,557	16,635
Wheat.....	4,420,731	1,519,417

## REMARKS.

*Ashes.*—Receipts for the week, 183 brls. Pot, 73 brls. Pearl. Increase, 58 brls.

*Butter.*—Receipts, 2,453 brls. Increase, 15, 113 brls.

*Barley.*—Receipts, 18 bush. Increase, 313,829 bush.

*Bacon.*—Receipts, — boxes. Decrease, 66 boxes.

*Corn.*—Receipts, 291,740 bush. Increase, 1,042,934 bush.

*Cheese.*—Receipts, 28,395 boxes. Decrease, 34, 159 boxes.

*Flour.*—Receipts, 13,034 brls. Decrease, 152, 992 brls.

*Lard.*—Receipts, 1,000 brls. Increase, 13,245 brls.

*Oats.*—Receipts, 28,402 bush. Decrease, 1, 771,908 bush.

*Peas.*—Receipts, 280 bush. Decrease, 391, 829 bush.

*Pork.*—Receipts, 200 brls. Increase, 7,978 brls.

*Wheat.*—Receipts, 263,908 bush. Decrease, 2,901,314 bush.

## EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 30th August, 1876 and 1877.

	1876.	1877.
Ashes.....	7,758	9,182
Butter.....	46,205	39,860
Barley.....	545	386,769
Bacon.....	30,204	24,076
Corn.....	2,036,634	2,602,130
Cheese.....	288,773	218,436
Flour.....	216,048	77,877
Lard.....	35,359	31,409
Oats.....	2,379,392	113,584
Peas.....	904,046	311,077
Pork.....	7,051	14,913
Wheat.....	3,819,302	770,628

## REMARKS.

*Ashes.*—Exports for the week, 225 brls. Pot, 20 brls. Pearl.—Increase, 1,424 brls.

*Butter.*—Exports, 1,823 brls. Decrease, 6,345 brls.

*Barley.*—Exports, 10,562 bush. Increase, 386,224 bush.

*Bacon.*—Exports, 461 boxes. Decrease, 6,128 boxes.

*Corn.*—Exports, 169,566 bush. Increase, 565, 496 bush.

*Cheese.*—Exports, 13,525 boxes. Decrease, 70, 337 boxes.

*Flour.*—Exports, 5,818 brls. Decrease, 138, 171 brls.

*Lard.*—Exports, 102 brls. Decrease, 3,950 brls.

*Oats.*—Exports, 20,330 bush. Decrease, 2, 265,808 bush.

*Peas.*—Exports, 230 bush. Decrease, 592, 969 bush.

*Pork.*—Exports, 403 brls. Increase, 7,862 brls.

*Wheat.*—Exports, 41,699 bush. Decrease, 3,048,674 bush.

## RAILWAY RETURNS.

**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.**—Return of traffic for week ending August 18th, 1877, and the corresponding week, 1876. 1877.—Passengers, Mails, and Express Freight, \$62,739; Merchandise, \$109,001; Total, \$171,740. Corresponding week, 1876, \$161,955. Increase, 1877, \$9,785.

**MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.**—Port Hope, August 21st, 1877. Statement of traffic receipts for week, from 14th to 21st August, 1877, in comparison with same period last year:—Passengers, \$1,541.84; Freight, \$3,747.17; Mails and