

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, June, 23 1874.

The weather has been unsettled and rather unfavorable for field operations until Sunday, since when we have had it very warm and seasonable. The caterpillars are very numerous in this neighborhood and are seriously injuring the fruit trees.

Trade has been generally dull during the past week, and as a number of holidays occur between now and the 1st of July it is not expected that there will be much activity in the wholesale business, but as there are about 15,000 excursionists from the United States and the lower Province expected in the City on Wednesday to celebrate the John Baptiste day the retail dealers are expecting to do a good strike of business. Hardware continues quiet with light stocks. Groceries are difficult to move at the moment. Drugs and Chemicals are coming to hand freely and to effect sales lower prices have to be accepted. Leather quiet but easy. Breadstuffs advancing market moderately active. Ashes steady, but a shade easier.

Tonage is plentiful, and rates are a trifle lower. **ASHES.**—*Pots.*—The imports during the week have been very liberal and which has checked the upward tendency the market had at the date of our last report in the early part of the week sales of firsts continued to be made at our last closing quotations, prices then declined \$5.95 to 6.02 and to day the market closes with a fair demand at \$5.90 to \$5.95; seconds \$5.20 to \$5.25 and thirds \$4.70 to \$4.75 but of thirds the market is bare and very few offerings. *Pearls.*—This ash is now in better supply and sales were made at various prices from \$8.50 to \$8.60, some old seconds were sold at \$6.50. The stocks at present in store are pots 1751 brls; pearls 471 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business for the season so far has been on the whole satisfactory and a fair demand exists for summer goods for sorting up purposes, quotations are without any change to note:—Men's kip boots \$2.75 to 3.00; do calf do \$3.00 to 3.75; do do congress, \$2.50 to 3.50; do buff do \$1.75 to 2.25; do split brogans \$1.10 to 1.25; do kip do \$1.40 to 1.50; do prunella congress \$1.25 to 2.00; women's heavy boots, 90c to \$1.25; do pebbled grain balmorals, \$1.20 to 1.50; do prunella do 75c to \$1.75; misses' heavy boots 75c to \$1.00; pebbled buff balmorals \$1 to 1.20; child's do 60 to 80c; Infants shoes \$3.75 to 10 per doz.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Prices of most articles in the trade have a downward tendency owing to the large arrivals by sea—*Bi carb* has been placed to a considerable extent and difficulty was experienced in obtaining \$5.00, and for large lots possibly a shade under that might be accepted. *Sal Soda.*—Stock large demand moderate, sales at \$1.50 to 1.75; *Soda Ash.*—Steady \$2.25. *Caustic Soda* has been moved to a fair extent at \$3.75 to 4.00; *Bleaching Powder* 2½ to 2¾; *Alum* \$2.25. All these articles being in large supply and holders disposed to press sales they could possibly be bought at lower figures on the wharf. *Brimstone* is firm and held for \$2.75.

DRY GOODS.—As usual at this season of the year the dry goods business is quiet, some few orders are coming to hand to replenish stocks which have been pretty well broken in upon and little activity is looked for till towards the end of July. There has been a moderate movement in Fancy Goods. In Canadian Wollens for Fall wear there has been a very fair number of orders coming to hand and prospects are good for the Fall trade. Clothing is showing signs of more activity. Remittances although not quite up to the mark are improving.

FISH.—We have no change to note in the condition of this market which continued very bare of all kind of Fish; what *Dry Cod* is in market is held for \$5.00 to 5.25.

FREIGHTS.—The rates for Tonnage are rather below those of last week vessels being in abundance engagements to London Liverpool and Glasgow by A 1 wooden ships for heavy Grain at 6/1. to 6/6 Flour 3/1. to 3/6; by steam to Liverpool 6/1. 7/1. and 3/3 to 3/9 for heavy grain and Flour respectively. There have been engagements for Lumber to the River Plate at \$21 p m ft.

FURS.—Furs continue to arrive freely, which are readily placed within our range of quotations, holders are now rather stiffer in their demands, and some of our quotations are advanced. We now quote:—Beaver, \$1.75 to 2.00 per lb; black bear large \$10.00 to 12.00; ditto small \$6 to 8.00; fisher \$6 to 8.00; silver fox \$25.00 to 50; cross fox \$2. to 5.00; red fox \$1.50 to 0.00; lynx \$2 to 2.25; marten, dark Lab., \$7 to 8; pale marten \$1.75; prime dark mink \$3.00 to 3.50; mink dark 2nds \$1.50 to 2; otter \$9 to 11; fall muskrat 12c; winter muskrat 15 to 17c; spring muskrat 22 to 27c; racoon 25 to 50c; skunk 20 to 30c.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week were 27,153 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 398,986 brls. being a decrease of 27,805 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1873. Shipments during the week 16,972 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date 238,780 brls. being a decrease of 25,577 brls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1873. The flour market has maintained the activity noticed in our last report, and a much firmer feeling and better tone has prevailed, and a considerable advance has been established over our closing quotations of last week. To-day the market closes less active, but firmer. The reduction in the stocks in store which we noticed last week, has had a salutary effect on the market, the advance referred to has been steady since this day week, we now quote the market as closing at: Sup. Extra \$6.40 to 6.57½; extra \$6.10 to 6.15; strong baker's flour \$5.90 to 6.37½; spring extra \$5.60 to 5.80; superfine \$5.40 to 5.42½; fine \$5.10 to 5.12½; middlings \$4.60; Pollards \$3.90 to 4.10; U. C. bag flour \$2.65 to 2.75; Oatmeal, firm and active, \$5.90 to 6.10 as to brand. Cornmeal \$3.50 to 4.00.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 536,070 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 2,685,487 bush. being an increase of 553,475 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1873. Shipments for the past week 379,666 bush.; total shipments from 1st January to date 2,423,547 bush. being an increase of 1,058,948 bush. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1873. This market like the flour has ruled active all week. We quote Red winter \$1.40; Canada spring \$1.35 to 36; No. 2 Chicago spring \$1.29; No. 2 Milwaukee \$1.31 to 1.32; Treadwill \$1.45. Fair sales of all kinds have been reported within our range of quotations, closing steady as quoted. *Maize.*—Market steady, some old ex store was placed at 75c; new fetches 70c. *Peas.*—Market advancing, sales reported at \$1.00 to 1.02½ for cargoes afloat. *Oats.*—Some sales of this cereal afloat were made during the week at 51½c the quotation being 50 to 53c. *Barley* nominal. *Pot* and *Pearl Barley* are unchanged, demand very light.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—Nothing special to notice about this article, a very moderate business has been done within our late range of quotations, for medium Japans, the price being if anything easier, stocks are light at present. *Coffee.*—The market for this bean, under favourable advices from England and Holland has been much firmer and holders are not pressing sales, and hold Java at 28 to 32c; there are sales reported within that range, Ceylon 25 to 27c; Rio 24 to 26c. *Sugar.*—Firm, for refining to choice Mus-

cavado 7 to 7½c was paid, Scotch refined in fair demand at 7½ to 8½; Canada refined, prices are quoted lower, crushed at 9½c; dry crushed 7½c; extra ground 10½c; yellow 7½ to 8½c *Molasses.*—Stocks are getting low, and the kinds in market are held at quotations: Trinidad 35 to 40c; Barbadoes 43 to 45c; sales within that range. Golden syrup scarce, and quoted at 46 to 68c; Amber syrup 63c. *Rice.*—Stock is again getting low, and \$4.60 to 4.75 is paid for lots on the spot; for lots to arrive somewhat lower prices would be accepted. *Fruit.*—Scarcity has caused an advance in the price of layer raisins which bring from \$2.65 to 3.00 according to size of parcel; no Valencias in the market, Sultanias 12 to 13c; some old stock is procurable at from 1 to 1½ less money; Currents in plentiful supply and are procurable at 5½ to 6½c being rather under last weeks prices; almonds and nuts are unchanged. *Spices.*—Reports from producing countries are favourable, and in sympathy with England and U. S. prices here have a hardening tendency but we have not heard of any extensive sales. Black pepper is firm at 15 to 16c; Nutmegs 90c to \$1.10; mace \$1.30 to \$1.35. In other spices we have no change to report.

HARDWARE.—The usual quiet midsummer prevails nor is it expected that much improvement will take place until the fall trade opens, and which it is thought will be large, as stocks in the hands of country merchants has been reduced to a very low point, prices remain steady but do not show much margin to the importer. Remittances are moderately satisfactory, our quotations are:—*Pig Iron* per ton: Calder, No. \$29 to 130; Gartsherrie, \$32 to 33; Glengarnock, \$30 to 31; Carnbroe, \$31.50 to 32; Summerlee and Langloan, \$30 to 31; Eglington, \$29 to 30; Hematite, \$41.50 to 42. *Bar Iron* per 100 lbs. Scotch and Staffordshire, \$3 to 3.10; best ditto, \$3.25 to 3.50; Swedes and Norway, \$5.50 to 6.50; Lowmoor and Bowling, \$8.50 to 9.00. *Canada Plates* per box—Glamorgan and Budd, \$6.25 to 6.50; Arrow and Garth, \$6.25 to 6.50; F. and W. Crown, \$6.50 to 6.75; Hatton and Penn., \$6.25 to 6.50; Squares and 14 x 20, 75c extra. *Tin Plates* per box—Charcoal IC, \$10.75 to 11; ditto IX, \$12.50 to 13.00; ditto DC, \$9.75 to 10.; Coke IX, \$9.00. *Tinned sheets* No. 26 Charcoal best 15c; *Galvanized sheets* 10½c. *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs, \$3.75 to 4.00; Sheets, best brands, \$4.00 to 4.25; Boiler plate per 100 lbs, \$4.00 to 4.50; Russia Sheet Iron, per lb, 16c to 17c. *Cut Nails* per 100 lbs, 4.00 to \$5.50. *Wrought Spikes* per 100 lbs, \$0.00 *Pressed Spikes* per 100 lbs, \$5.50 to 6. *Shot*, Canadian, per 100 lbs, \$7 to 7.25; ditto, English, \$7.50. *Lead* per 100 lbs—Pig, \$6.50; Sheets, \$6.50; Bar, \$7.00. *Steel* per lb—Cast, 13 to 14c; Spring per 100 lbs, \$5.50 to 6; best ditto, warranted, \$6 to 6.50; Fire ditto, \$6 to 6.50. *Ingot Tin*, 24 to 25c; *Ingot Copper*, \$22.00. *Harve Chains* per 100 lbs, \$5.75 to 6. *Proved Coil Chain*, ¾ in., \$7.25 to 7.50 *Anchors* 7 to 8c; *Anvils* 10 to 12c; *Iron wire* 6 per bdl \$3.00 to 3.10; *Boilertubes* 2 inch 17c, 2½ 20c, 2½ 22c, 3 23c, 3½ 32c, 4 inch 40c per foot. *Window Glass*, 4th quality, per 50 feet, 10 25 added inches \$2.60; to 40 added inches \$2.80; to 50 added inches \$3.00.

HIDES AND PELTS.—There has been a better demand experienced during the week than for sometime past, but nothing like activity. We quote. No. 1 inspected, \$9.25 to 9.50; No. 2 ditto, \$8.50 to 9.00; No. 3 ditto, \$7.50 to 8.00; *Calfskins*, 13c per lb; *Lambs*, 40 to 50c.

LEATHER.—Business still continues moderately active for the season, but there is nothing calling for special remark, changes in quotations are not very important. We now quote:—Hemlock Spanish sole No. 1 B. A. 26 to 27c; do No. 2, 23 to 24c; Buffalo sole No. 1 22 to 23c; ditto No. 2 18 to 21c; Hemlock slaughter 26 to 30c; waxed upper light and medium 38 to 44c; ditto