

FREIGHTS.—Grand Trunk Rates.—Rates on flour are as follows:—From Montreal to Point Lewis, 20c.; Sherbrooke, 27c. St. John, N.B., and Halifax via Intercolonial or via Portland or Danville Junction, 40c. *Through Rates to England.*—Rates on flour via Allan line to Liverpool and Glasgow now stand at 3s. per barrel. Beef and pork in brils., 40s. per ton; boxed meats, tallow and lard, 40s. per ton; butter and cheese to Liverpool, 45s.; to Glasgow, 45s.; oil cake, 3s. 6d. per brl. to Liverpool and Glasgow. Cattle, £5 to £6 stg. per head, including stalls.

GROCERY MARKET, WHOLESALE.—The general market this week is unchanged except that Sugars have further declined, creating a somewhat exciting feeling which has interfered with business. Some holders are over-anxious to move their stocks but find very unwilling buyers. Yellows are a $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ cent cheaper. There is also a weak feeling in White Sugars and prices for them are very irregular. The volume of business generally has been very small during the week.

HARDWARE.—Heavy goods remain firm, and from present appearances are likely to continue that way. Freight on iron and similar goods are exactly double the rates at which spring shipments were made and the different lines of steamers and ships act so firmly in concert that shippers in Liverpool have so far been unable to take them. The number of shillings rise in freight considerably overbalances the number of shillings fall in iron and should staples show any hardening tendency or freights further advance, we might even see prices firmer than they now are. Birmingham, Sheffield and other iron trade centres report continued dullness and a marked falling off in the home trade since the close of the last quarter. The French iron trade, according to *Kyland's Circular*, has not presented much change, prices remaining firm and small orders coming in freely; upon the whole there is a tendency to a slight revival in affairs. Large contracts for steel had been recently let. In the United States the market for manufactured iron is described as "unsatisfactory and considerably demoralized." It is anticipated, however, that business will be better during the last half of the year and the report adds, "the outlook warrants the prediction that there will be an increased consumption but what manufacturers particularly desire is more remunerative prices."

LEATHER.—Business continues dull and cutters are buying only for present wants. Prices are weaker but not to warrant any change.

LIVE STOCK.—The arrivals of live stock at Point St. Charles last week were eighteen carloads of cattle from Chicago and twenty-three carloads of Canadian cattle, sixteen horses, 277 Chicago and 231 Canadian hogs, and about 360 sheep and lambs; also Monday and Tuesday there arrived seven carloads of Canadian cattle, 66 Chicago and about 250 Canadian hogs and 95 sheep. All the American cattle were shipped to Britain. A Montreal exporter bought about 150 head of Canadian cattle also for shipment to Britain. Supply of cattle has been large of late. Prices had declined about 25c. per 100 lbs. since previous Monday. The quality of the cattle offered on the market Monday was generally pretty good, although none of them were first class. Prices are lower on the average. The prices of cattle ranged from \$3 to \$4.75 per 100 lbs.; of hogs from \$5.62 to 5.75 do.; of sheep, from \$4 to \$5 do. A dealer sold 31 cattle at \$4.50 per 100 lbs. and 36 cattle for \$3.87 per 100 lbs. Another dealer sold 10 cattle for \$5.6 each; 10 cattle sold at \$4.1 each; also, three fine calves for \$20. A stock raiser, sold to heifers weighing 1,980 lbs. at \$4.12 per 100 lbs. A Quebec dealer bought a carload of cattle at \$1.25 per 100 lbs.; 17 cattle sold at from \$4 to 52 each; 12 oxen and steers sold at \$60 each. A dealer sold 136 hogs at \$7.75 per 100 lbs., they were rather a choice lot; 34 hogs sold at \$5.65 per 100 lbs. A dealer from Edinburgh had a carload of hogs on the market, but had not sold them; 95 sheep weighing 11,630 lbs. sold at 5c. per lb.; they were

shipped to Britain on the SS. "Dominion." The steamship *Lake Nipigon* took on board one hundred and ninety head of cattle to-day for shipment to Great Britain. The Viger Cattle Market, Tuesday, was extremely dull a good many lambs were sold but at prices considerably lower than usual. Only six or seven good milk cows were offered, *milkmen not being anxious to purchase yet as, owing to the good pasturage near the city, they have sufficient milk to supply the wants of customers.* One fine cow from Ontario was sold for \$50, and another pretty good one brought \$36; two smaller ones brought \$28 and \$29; seven dry cows and steers were sold in one lot at \$26 each; a number of heifers were sold at from \$14 to 18 each. There were several good calves offered. For one very fine calf \$9 was unsuccessfully asked; two others were sold at \$5 each; a superior calf was sold at the market boots for \$8; other sales were made to-day at from \$2 to 4 each. There were very few old sheep, but a good many lambs offered; they were dull of sale the general price paid being from \$2.25 to 2.50 each. One drover sold the balance of his stock, 34 lambs, for \$60; a lot of choice lambs were sold at \$3 each. Fat hogs brought on the market boots were sold at from \$7 to 7.25 per 100 lbs. dressed weight. In Hides, there is no change reported.—No. 1, inspected is \$8, No. 2, \$7, and No. 3, \$6 per 100 lbs. Calfskins, 12c. per lb.; sheep and lamb-skins, 50c. to 67c. each; tallow, rough, 5c. to 5½c. per lb.

BUTTER.—Market very dull; no transactions by shippers they being presented from operating in consequence of unfavorable advices from English market. Prices are nominal to a certain extent.—*Cheese.*—Market very dull, no demand whatever; it is difficult to quote the market as the receipts are little or nothing.—At the Ingersoll Cheese Market this week, 935 boxes were offered. Several thousand boxes represented but reluctant to place on the Board at declining prices. We hear of one factory closing previous offer at 10c. for July to-day and several offered July for 9½c. Cable 31s. At the little Falls Market this week, 12,000 boxes were offered, 8,300 boxes sold at 9½c.; 2,500 boxes at 9½; 300 at 9½c.; balance under. Salesmen and buyers each firm in their opposite views. New York receipts for the week were 107,939 boxes against 59,855 last week, and 101,381 boxes the corresponding week in 1876. Exports for the week were 56,380 bxs. against 122,707 bxs. the previous week, and 73,732 boxes the corresponding week in 1876.

SALT.—Active enquiry; factory-filled 90c to 95c. Coarse Salt selling freely at 52½c to 53c.

TORACOS.—There is but slight improvement in any line. Plug is in better demand, prices unchanged and are quoted in bond. Black worst common and medium, 13½c to 16c; good and fine, 17c to 21c; Favorite brands such as Prince of Wales 10s are quoted duty paid at 40c for No. 1, and 39 for No. 2; Brights and Mahogans, in bond, Common and Medium, 13c to 20c; Good and Fine, 22c to 30c; Fancy, 32c to 50; Solace, duty paid, common, 35c to 37c; good, 40c to 45c. *Cigars.*—Little is doing in any kind, Domestic are quoted: Clear Seeds, \$13 to \$25; Seed and Havana, \$25 to \$40. In Havana goods there have been considerable importations in medium grade goods which range from \$45 to \$75 per M.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.—Return of traffic for week ending August 4th, 1877, and the corresponding week, 1876. 1877.—Passengers, Mails, and Express Freight, \$60,698; Merchandise, \$105,518; Total, \$166,216. Corresponding week, 1876, \$162,564. Increase, 1877, \$3,652.

MIDLAND RAILWAY OF CANADA.—Port Hope, August 6th, 1877. Statement of traffic receipts for week, from 21st to 31st July, 1877, in comparison with same period last year.—Passengers, \$2,299.23; Freight, \$4,698.73; Mails and Express, \$290.76; Total, \$7,288.72. Same week last year, \$5,448.48. Increase, \$1,840.24. Total traffic to date, \$140,095.17; do., year previous, \$146,318.14. Decrease, \$6,222.97.

IMPORTS.

Comparative statement of Imports at the Port of Montreal per Grand Trunk Railway, the Canal and River from 1st January to 16th August, 1876 and 1877:

	1876.	1877.
Ashes.....	9,998	10,118
Butter.....	26,886	37,316
Barley.....	67,626	381,271
Bacon.....	211	145
Corn.....	1,661,616	2,761,135
Cheese.....	142,866	95,853
Flour.....	511,433	374,577
Lard.....	22,893	34,543
Oats.....	1,732,290	71,105
Pens.....	538,845	159,941
Pork.....	7,818	15,709
Wheat.....	3,957,841	1,151,268

REMARKS.

Ashes.—Receipts for the week, 235 brls. Pot, 69 brls. Pearl. Increase, 120 brls.
Butter.—Receipts, 2,851 brls. Increase, 10,430 brls.
Barley.—Receipts, 20,973 bush. Increase, 313,645 bush.
Bacon.—Receipts, — boxes. Decrease, 66 boxes.
Corn.—Receipts, 184,161 bush. Increase, 1,599,519 bush.
Cheese.—Receipts, 3,575 boxes. Decrease, 47,013 boxes.
Flour.—Receipts, 10,730 brls. Decrease, 136,858 brls.
Lard.—Receipts, 2,000 brls. Increase, 11,650 brls.
Oats.—Receipts, 6,124 bush. Decrease, 1,661,185 bush.
Pens.—Receipts, 2,662 bush. Decrease, 378,904 bush.
Pork.—Receipts, 277 brls. Increase, 7,891 brls.
Wheat.—Receipts, 180,032 bush. Decrease, 2,806,573 bush.

EXPORTS.

Comparative statement of Exports of leading articles at the Port of Montreal, from the 1st January to 16th August, 1876 and 1877.

	1876.	1877.
Ashes.....	6,672	8,849
Butter.....	32,998	35,143
Barley.....	545	376,207
Bacon.....	29,304	23,080
Corn.....	1,474,480	2,249,017
Cheese.....	237,860	158,006
Flour.....	198,123	60,747
Lard.....	35,359	31,307
Oats.....	2,190,408	93,052
Pens.....	856,029	294,969
Pork.....	6,382	14,510
Wheat.....	3,517,438	616,445

REMARKS.

Ashes.—Exports for the week, 536 brls. Pot, brls. Pearl. Increase, 2,177 brls.
Butter.—Exports, 35,143 brls. Increase, 2,145 brls.
Barley.—Exports, 21,341 bush. Increase, 375,662 bush.
Bacon.—Exports, 1,636 boxes. Decrease, 6,819 boxes.
Corn.—Exports, 133,320 bush. Increase, 774,537 bush.
Cheese.—Exports, 14,161 boxes. Decrease, 39,54 boxes.
Flour.—Exports, 2,211 brls. Decrease, 137,376 brls.
Lard.—Exports, 323 brls. Decrease, 4,052 brls.
Oats.—Exports, 120 bush. Decrease, 2,097,356 bush.
Pens.—Exports, 16,234 bush. Decrease, 561,060 bush.
Pork.—Exports, 507 brls. Increase, 8,128 brls.
Wheat.—Exports, 45,533 bush. Decrease, 2,900,993 bush.