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MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, April 9, 1872.

We have had a week of fine warm Spring, under the influence of which the snow is fast disappearing and the ice on the river is showing signs of decay.

ASHES.—*Pots*—We have had an active market all week and sales of firsts are readily effected at \$7.60 to 7.65, indeed all offered have been taken up at these rates; seconds \$6.70; thirds, \$6, market closes very strong at these rates. *Pearls*—Receipts are by no means liberal, but all offered are taken up at \$8.75; seconds are scarce at \$8. The stocks now in store are Pots 401 brls., Pearls \$7 brls., being a decrease of 205 brls. Pots and 10 brls. Pearls on the stock in store at the same period of 1871.

BOOTS AND SHOES—There has been a moderate business doing, but there are very few buyers at present in town. Large orders are awaiting shipment at the opening of navigation. We quote Men No. 1 stozas, \$2.50 to 2.62½; do. No. 2, \$2.25 to 2.30; Kid clump, \$3; ditto D S, \$2.75; calf clump, \$3.75; calf congress, \$2.50 to 3; boys boots, \$2 to 2.25; women's calf boots D S, \$1.30; buff do, \$1.25; split do, D S \$1.10; buff congress, \$1.35; Balmorals, D S \$1.40 to 1.60.

CATTLE.—Market has been well supplied and nearly all offered met a ready sale at about the following rates. Extra and fancy stock, \$9 to 10; first quality, \$8 to 8.50; second quality, \$7 to 7.50; third quality, \$6 to 6.50; milch cows, \$25 to 50. *Sheep*—Price keeps steady at \$6 to 8 according to quality. *Lambs*—\$2.50 to 5. *Live Hogs*—There has not been much doing as yet, prices are pretty steady at \$4.50 to 5.25.

COAL AND FIREWOOD.—The warm weather we have had has lessened the demand, but prices remain firm—for American coal, \$16—and until the opening of navigation no reduction in price is looked for. *Firewood* is also in less request, but prices are kept very high Maple, \$14 to 15; birch, \$13.50 to 14.50; beech, \$13 to 14; tamarack, \$10.

DRESSED HOGS.—The supplies are small, but fully sufficient to meet the demand from butchers and retailers. Prices, however, are well maintained, at \$5.25 to 5.75 per 100 lbs.

DRY GOODS.—Business, owing to late storm, and state of the roads, has hardly been so brisk this week; a good many buyers are now coming into town, and a brisk business is again looked for. Prices of all kinds of goods are reported firm, and the trade very satisfactory. Stocks are beginning to show the inroads which have been made on them. Canadian woollens have been rather quiet, the principal part of the cloth trade being now over.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Di-carbonate of

soda has again advanced in the English market, and it is now held here for \$5½ to 5½; borax is held at 25c to 27½c; saltpetre is nominal, \$9½ to 11; alum has been selling at \$2, the current quotation being \$2 to 2.15; bleaching powder is very scarce and firm at 3½c to 4½c; sal soda is selling on the spot at \$2½ to 2½, and for forward delivery at \$2½; no cream of tartar crystals at present offering; ground cream of tartar, 30c to 35c; caustic soda is firm at 5c to 5½c; copperas, \$1 to 1.10; sulphur, \$3.50 to 4; and other articles are firm and held at late quotations.

FISH.—Market quiet and almost neglected. Dry Cod is nominal at \$3½ to \$4½; green cod is neglected and hardly saleable at any price; salmon is scarce, and would find a ready market at \$16 to 17 per barrel; for herrings there is no demand; splits are offered at \$2½ to 3½.

FURS.—There is nothing doing in this trade, and any quotations we could give would be only nominal. The Hudson Bay Co's. sales in London were satisfactory, and brought high prices, and it is expected that prices will rule high here on the opening of navigation.

FLOUR.—Receipts during the past week were 6,900 brls.; total receipts from 1st January to date, 116,089 brls., being an increase of 22,747 brls., on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1871. There has been a large demand for flour during the week for local wants, indeed above what the receipts were able to supply. No enquiry as yet for flour for future delivery, prices are firm, and full prices can be readily obtained, but the difficulty in obtaining cars for shipment has rather checked business. We quote the market to-day firm. Extra, \$6.20 to 6.25; fancy \$6.05 to 6.10; ordinary supers from Canada wheat, \$5.90 to 5.95; stong baker's flour, \$6 to 6.15; Canada supers No. 2, \$5.40 to 5.50; fine \$4.80 to 5; middlings, \$4 to 4.10; pollards, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Upper Canada bag flour, \$2.75 to 2.80; oatmeal, \$4.85 to 5.

GRAIN.—*Wheat*—Receipts during the week, 1,080 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date, 56,905 bush., being an increase of 54,455 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1871. The lateness of the season causes the inactivity which has so long characterized this market to continue, and as yet we have heard of nothing being done for shipment ex store. Prices are nominal. *Maise*—Some few parcels have been changing hands at from 65c. to 70 per bushel. *Oats*—A good local demand exists for small lots at 33c. to 35. *Barley*—Price of this article is nominally 50c. to 55, but there have been no wholesale transactions for some time on which to base quotations. *Peas*—This market is also nominal, the last sales reported were about 82c. to 85. *Seeds*—Timothy seed sells at \$2.25 to 2.50; flax seed, \$1.50 to 1.60 per bushel; clover seed is in fair demand at 10c. per lb.

GROCERIES.—*Teas*—A steady business has been doing in this department and prices for all desirable grades are firm. Young Hysons bring from 40 to 87c; Gunpowders and Imperials, 45 to 88c; Twankays, 32 to 38. The demand for Japans has considerably improved and prices have an upward tendency. *Sugars*—Market for raw sugar is steady, but the offerings at present are by no means large. A considerable sale of Scotch refined was made at 10c; We quote low refining to good grade of raw at 8½ to 9½c, but some choice samples in the market for ½ to ¾c more. Local refined is firm; dry crushed, 12½c; ground, 12½c; extra ground, 13½c; crushed A., 12½c; yellow refined, 9½ to 10½c. *Molasses*—There is no alteration to note in the prices given last week, and the amount of business done has been exceedingly limited. Standard Syrup 44c; Golden do., 48c; Amber do., 80c. *Spices*—Pepper is very firm at 15½ to 16½c; Nutmegs are again quoted higher being now 95c to \$1.10; Cloves, 11½ to 12½c; Jamaica Ginger, 16 to 19c;

Pimento, 6½ to 8c; Cassia, 25 to 27½c. *Coffee*. The market is poorly supplied at present with low grades, and in choice coffees a fair business has been done at full rates; Laguayra, 19 to 21c; Maracaibo, 19 to 21c; Jamaica, 18 to 20c; Java, 24 to 26c. *Fruits*—Layer raisins are dull of sale, prices have ranged from \$1.65 to \$1.80, according to the size of lot, some old layers have been offered at \$1.50; for Valencias there has only been a light demand at 6½c; currants, some small sales are reported at 5½ to 6c being about ½c under last weeks quotation. *Rice* very low in stock, but the demand is light, prices firm at \$4.25 to 4.50. *Starch*—A moderately active business is being done in Canadian at 7½ to 9c; American, 6 to 9c; and English at 11 to 14c.

HARDWARE.—There has been considerable excitement in this market during the past week, and an advance will be noticed in the price of many articles in this department. English advances seem to indicate that prices will still go higher. A good deal has been done in pigs on American account, but Canadian buyers seem to be holding off for the moment. Almost all goods are held for extreme prices. Nails continue very firm. The following are our revised quotations:—Pig Iron,—Calder or Summerlee, \$36 to 38; other brands \$32 to 36; Hematite, \$35 to 40; Bars—Scotch or Staffordshire, \$70 to 75; best refined, \$75 to 80; Swedes, \$100 to 120; Hoop and band, best, \$3.75 to 6; Sheets, \$4 to 5; Plates, \$4 to 4.50; Lowmoor or Bowling, \$7 to 8; nails, cut, \$4.50 to 5.25; Pressed, \$5 to 8. Spikes, pressed, \$5. Canada Plates, Hatton, 5.50 to 6; Swansea, \$6.50 to 7. Tin plates, IC. \$10.75 to 11; IX, \$12.75 to 13; coke, IC, \$9.50 to 10. Sheet Lead, \$7 to 7.50; pig lead, \$6 to 7; sheet zinc, \$7.50 to 8. Cast steel, 13 to 16c.; spring steel, 4½ to 6c.; sleigh shov, 4½ to 5c. Potash kettles, \$2.50 to 3; camp ovens, \$3.50 to 3.60; window glass in good demand; stocks light, and prices have advanced a little; the prices run from \$2.20 to \$2.70 for fourth quality, according to size.

HIDES.—Market rather quiet; receipts are not large. Green inspected hides, No. 1, 11c; ditto, No. 2, 9½c; ditto, No. 3 and bulls' hides, 7½c. Calfskins are selling at 13c, 14c, 15c, and 16c, according to quality.

LEATHER.—Business in this department during the week has been slow, buyers and sellers holding very different views, and as the price of hides has forced up sole leather, manufacturers are not willing to meet the advance when they cannot get higher prices for the manufactured goods. Stocks are getting larger as the receipts have been more liberal, without a corresponding demand. We quote sole leather, No. 1 B. A., 27c to 28c; ditto, No. 2, 25c to 26c; buffalo sole, No. 1, 23c; ditto, No. 2, 21c; oak sole, 50c to 55c; light waxed upper, 44c to 46c; heavy ditto, 42c to 44c; grain upper, 43c to 45c; large splits, 30c to 35c; small ditto, 27c to 30c; russets, 30c to 40c; harness, 31c to 33c; rough leather, 28c to 30c; pebble grain, 16c to 17c; cow kidd, 14c to 16c; pink linings, \$4.50 to 5.50; red roans, \$6 to 8; patent cow, 19½c to 20c; enamel cow, 19c.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy*—Demand is light and prices are steady, from \$1.90 to 2.25 in wood, and \$6.75 to 9 in cases. *Gin*—Du Kuypers has sold at \$1.32½ to 1.33 in wood; ditto, green cases, \$3.45 to 3.50; red cases, \$6.50 to 6.62½. *Rum*, \$1.90 to 2.10 for 16 o.p. *Highwines*—Upper Canada brands, \$1.47½ to 1.50; rye whiskey, 85c to 95c.

NAVAL STORES.—There is a fair demand for spirits of turpentine at \$1 to 1.05. Rosins are held at our quotations, they are getting scarce, and as the prospect of a supply soon is unlikely, owing to the late opening of navigation. Strained \$4.75 to \$5 for No. 1; No. 2, \$5.25 to 5.50;