

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 17th, 1880.

This has been a very quiet week in almost all branches of the wholesale trade, and if we except drugs and chemicals, prices have ruled in favor of buyers. In dry goods, business has hardly come up to expectations, but prices have been generally satisfactory, the demand has been good for cottons and woollens, and various woollen mills are said to have orders on hand which will keep them busy for many months to come. Flour keeps still very quiet and business is confined to the supply of local wants, the stock in store on the 15th inst. was 38,805 brls., being a reduction of 855 brls since the 1st inst. and a decrease of 22,630 brls on the stock held here on the 15th of Feb., 1879. In grain there has been very little movement, except in oats which are changing hands more freely. The stock of wheat in store on the 15th inst was 143,181 bushels being a decrease of 11,981 bush. since the 1st inst., and an increase of 57,323 bush. on the stock in store on the 15 Feb., 1879. The weather is fine and seasonable and good for making maple sugar.

ASHES.—Business this week was not active, and prices have been in favor of buyers ranging from \$3.95 to 4.00; a few sales were made at \$4.05 but these were considered exceptional. *Pearls* are very quiet and nominal, the latest reported sale which was a pretty large one was made at \$6.50. Stocks at present in store are *Pots* 902 brls., *Pearls* 293 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Business is quiet, spring orders are mostly all received and compare favorably with late years. Prices are as follows. *Men's Stoga Boots* \$2.00 to 2.75; do *Kip Boots* \$2.50 to 3.25; do *French Calf* \$3.75; do *Buff Congress* \$2.10 to 2.50; do *Split Brogans* \$1.00 to 1.10; *Boys Split Brogans* 90c. to \$1.15; do *Buff and Pebbled Congress* \$1.60; *Womans buff and pebbled balmorals* \$1.20 to 1.35; do *Prunella Balmorals* 60c. to 1.60; do *Prunella Congress* 60c. to \$1.60.

CATTLE.—There was an over supply of cattle on the St. Gabriel market yesterday, the demand being light and prices a little lower than on the previous Monday, ranging from 2½c. for inferior up to 4½c. for good quality. *Live hogs* were scarce, a sale was reported at 5c per lb. *Dressed Hogs* are dull and no sales were reported yesterday, they may be quoted at \$5.00 to 5.25 per car load, the outside price for choice carcasses for butchers.

DRY GOODS.—Wholesale houses are only moderately well satisfied with the amount of business done last week. The retail trade in the country does not appear to show any activity, and until there is some improvement in that direction, which better roads are needed to bring about, we cannot expect much increase in the wholesale demand. Country merchants as a rule have been buying very cautiously, but as goods cannot now be laid down at the same price as they are selling for, it would be wise to take advantage of prices at which they are now offered. Prices of all kinds of goods are firm, especially cottons. Remittances have been sparing, and renewals often sought.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Orders during the week have been pretty numerous, but generally for small lots. The European markets here are firm, and holders are not pressing sales. Our principal changes this week are in *Bi Carb*, *Borax Sugar of Lead* and *Saltpetre*, all of which are advanced in price. We now quote *Bi Carb Soda*, \$3.60 to 3.75; *Soda Ash*, \$2.75 to 3.00; *Bi Chromate of Potash*, \$16 to 17; *Refined Borax*, 10½ to 12c; *Cream Tartar Crystals*, 31 to 33; ditto ground, 32 to 35; *Caustic Soda*, \$3.00 to 3.50; *Sugar of Lead*, 12½ to 13½c; *Bleaching Powder*, \$2.25 to 2.50; *Alum*, \$2.00 to 2.25; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs \$1.25; *Sulphur* \$3.25 to 3.50; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.25 to 2.50; *Epsom Salts*, 1.50 to \$0.00; *Sal Soda*, \$1.50

to 1.75; *Saltpetre*, \$9.00 to 9.50; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$7.00 to 8.00; *Whiting*, 60 to 65c; *Opium*, \$5.75 to 6.00; *Quinine*, \$4.00 to 4.10; *Iodide of Potass*, \$6.50 to 6.75; *Bromide of Potass*, 50 to 55c; *Morphia*, \$3.00 to 3.25; *Castor oil*, 12½ to 13½c; *Cod Liver oil*, \$1.00 to 1.10; *Shellac*, 55 to 60c.

FISH.—The lent demand has nearly cleaned out stocks and only small lots are remaining in the hands of dealers. *Salmon* is scarce and no No 3 is now in the market. We quote No 1 \$18 and No 2 17. *Labrador Herrings* are steady at \$6 25; *Green Cod* No 1 is rather firmer with sales from \$5.50 to 5.75; No 2 is easier at \$4.75 to 5.00; *Dry Cod* unchanged at \$4.00 to 4.25.

FLOUR.—The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst was 38,805 brls against 39,655 brls on the 1st inst, and 61,435 brls on the 15th of February, 1879. Receipts during the past week 5,840 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date, 39,631 brls, being a decrease of 19,383 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1879. Total shipments from 1st Jan. to date 14,191 brls being a decrease of 9944 brls on the shipments for the same period of 1879. Market has been dull with a declining tendency and to affect sales of any magnitude holders would have to make concessions, as it is, business has been in small compass and confined to the supply of local wants, and at the close the market prices were weak but nominally unchanged since last week. We quote: *Superior Extra* \$6.05 to 6.10; *Extra Superfine* \$5.95 to 6.00; *Fancy* \$0.00, nominal; *Spring Extra*, new ground, \$5.80 to 6.00; *Superfine* \$5.50 to 5.55. *Strong Bakers Flour* \$6.05 to 6.40; *Fine* \$5.00 to 5.15; *Midlings* \$4.40 to 4.45; *Pollard*, \$3.15 to 3.30; *Ontario Bags* \$2.80 to 2.90; *Oatmeal* \$4.60 to 4.70; *Cornmeal* \$2.95 to 3.00.

FURS.—In New York beaver is selling well and likely to be in good demand for spring lots, there is also a demand for large sized otter. In our local market there is not much doing, the only furs coming in are a few fox and rats, good fox is now selling at \$1.50 to 1.60, and rats at 10 to 12½c, these being the only changes we make in our price list this week. We quote *Mink* prime, dark large \$1.25 to 1.40; ditto small, 75c to \$1.00; *Marten*, prime, 75c. to \$1.00; *Beaver* prime dark, per lb., \$1.75 to 2.00; *Beaver* large, \$7.00 to 8.00; ditto small, \$2.00 to 4.00; *Red fox*, \$1.50 to 1.60; *Musk rat*, fall 8 to 10c; winter, 10 to 12½c; *Lynx* prime large, \$1.00 to 1.50; *Skunk* prime dark, large, 40 to 60c; ditto white large, 20 to 40c; *Raccoon* prime, 40 to 60c; *Fisher* prime, \$5.00 to 7.00; *Otter*, prime dark, \$6.00 to 8.00.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—The stock in store and in the hands of millers on the morning of the 15th inst. was 143,181 bush. against 155,162 bush. on 1st inst. and 85,858 bush. on the 15th of Feb'y 1879. Receipts for the past week 10,800 bush. Total receipts from 1st January to date 247,770 bush., being a decrease of 3274 bush; shipments during the week 10,248 bush; Total shipments from 1st Jan'y to date 206,383 bush. The grain market continues inanimate and nearly nominal. Spring wheat of which only a few car loads are reported as sold is quoted at \$1.35 to 1.37; *Maize* 70c D. P.; *Peas* 77c; *Oats* meet with more enquiry and sales are reported at 31 to 32c; *Barley* and *Rye* are nominal.

GROCERIES.—*Teas.*—There is no particular change in the tea market, which has been dull and weak, prices continue to favor buyers. We now quote *Japans* at 26 to 50c; *Gunpowder* 35 to 60c; *Hyson* 30 to 40c; *Young Hyson* 35 to 70c; *Twankey* 27 to 30c; *Congou* 30 to 75c; *Souchong* 35 to 60. *Coffee* market quiet prices are weak but not quotably lower except for Java which we now quote 25 to 27. *Sugar.* There has been little done in refined sugar during the week, and in order to effect sales, prices have been lowered, there was some talk this

morning of an advance of ½c; but such is not case and we now quote *Paris Lump* 10½ to 11c; *Granulated* 9½ to 10c; *Grocers A.* 9½ to 9½c; *Montreal yellow* 7½ to 9c; *Raw Ba-badoes* is still selling from 7½ to 8½c; *Molasses* the only movement just now is in Barbadoes 33 to 35c; other kinds are dull and unchanged. *Syrups* are steady and in moderate request at our late quotations. *Rice* is dull at \$4.25 to 4.50; *Spices.*—Although there is not much doing, prices are well maintained, and accounts received from producing markets would almost point to higher prices for pepper, however no change has yet taken place, and we continue to quote *Black pepper* 10½ to 11c; *White ditto* 16 to 17c; *Allspice* 13 to 14½c; *Cloves* 35 to 42c; *Cassia* 16 to 17c; *Nutmegs* 40 to 85c; *African ginger* 7½ to 9c; *Jamaica d'to* 20 to 25; *Mace* 75 to 90c. *Fruit.*—The only change in prices this week is in Valencia raisins, which are firm and advancing, and are now held at 7½ to 8c. other kinds of fruit are as last quoted, but in little request.

HIDES.—Market is steady and all offering continue to bring \$10. \$9. and \$8.00 for Nos. 1. 2. and 3. *Sheepskins.*—There are none worth speaking of and lambskins have not begun to come in yet. *Calfskins* 12½c.

HARDWARE.—Business generally has been dull for the past week, although prices continue firm and with little appearance of their being any lower for some time to come. Still with an absence of demand some merchants are inclined to sell at somewhat less than the present cost of importation, but as stocks are light any few cheap lines will soon find buyers. We cannot make any change on our last week's list and we still quote *Pig Iron* Glengarnock, \$32 to 33; *Summerlee*, \$32 to 33; *Eglinton*, \$30; *Carnbroe*, \$32 to 33; *Hematite*, \$40. *Bars* per cwt, *Scotch* and *Staffordshire*, \$2.75 to 2 85; best ditto, \$3.00 to 3.10; *Swedes* and *Norway*, \$4.50 to 4.75; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling*, \$6.25 to 6.50; *Canada Plates*, *Swansea* and *Penn.*, \$6.00 to 6.00 *Hatton*, \$5.00 to 5.50; *Arrow*, \$6.00. *Tin Plates* ordinary brands, *Charcoal I C*, \$10.00 to 10.50; *Charcoal IX*, \$12.00 to 12.50; *Charcoal D C* \$9.00 to \$9.75; *Coke I C* \$9.00 to 9.25. *Tinned Sheets*, \$14 to 15. *Galvanized Sheets* best brands, No 28, \$8.50 to 8.75. *Hoops* and *bands* \$3.25 to 3.50; *Sheets* best brands, \$3.25 to 3.50. *Steel*, cast, per lb, 13 to 14c; spring per cwt, \$4.00; best ditto, warranted, \$5.25 to 6.25; tire ditto, \$3.25 to 3.50; *Sleigh shoe*, \$2.75 to 3.00. *Boiler Plates*, ordinary brands per cwt, \$3.25 to 3.50; best ditto, \$3.75 to 4.00; *Lowmoor* and *Bowling*, \$7.25 to 10; *Lead* per cwt, *Pig*, \$5.50 to 5.75; sheet ditto, \$6.00 to 6.25; bar ditto, \$6.00 to 6.25; shot, *Canadian*, \$6.50 to 7.00; *Ingot Tin*, \$28 to 30; *Ingot Copper*, \$22 to 23; *Horse Shoes*, \$3.50 to 3.75. *Sheet Zinc*, \$6.75 to 7.00.

LEATHER.—The market is unchanged and dull *Sole Leather* continues without animation, and very little has changed hands during the past week. The decline in foreign hides has had a weakening tendency on *Sole Leather* both here and in New York; though the large shipments of *Sole* to Europe during the past week has steadied the market somewhat, and stocks are considerably reduced. *Slaughter Sole* is also quiet, though there is a little more enquiry. All kinds of *Black Leather* are moving off slowly for the season, but light splits are still scarce and wanted. We now quote *Hemlock Spanish Sole*, No. 1, B. A. 27 to 28½c; ditto No. 2, B.A., 25 to 26½c; No. 1, *Ordinary*, 26 to 27c; No. 24, ditto, 25c to 2; *Buffalo Sole*, No. 1, 23 to 24c; ditto No. 2, 21 to 22c; *Hemlock slaughter*, No. 1, 28 to 30c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 37 to 40c; ditto, heavy, 35 to 38c; *Grained*, 36 to 42c; *Splits*, large, 28 to 34c; ditto, small, 25 to 30c; *Calfskins*, (27 to 36 lbs.), 50 to 80c; per lb., ditto (18 to 26 lbs.), 50 to 65c per lb; *Sheepskin linings*, 30 to 50c; *Harness*, 24 to 34c; *Buffed cow*, 14 to 17c; *Enamelled cow*, 15 to 17c