

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKET.

From our own Reporter.

MONTREAL, July 9, 1872.

We have had no rain since last Wednesday, the weather continuing all the time very warm and sultry. Reports from the country districts speak well of the crops, and more than an average yield is looked for. A shower of rain would do good, and is anxiously looked for.

There has been a fairly active business done in most departments of trade, Dry Goods proving an exception. Breadstuffs have been moderately active, at declining prices; Provisions neglected; Ashes hardly so active, and prices have declined.

Tonnage is only in moderate demand; not quite equal to the supply at present.

ASHES.—*Pots*—For this description of Ash there has been a fair demand, and a good many lots have changed hands, but at a decline on the prices of the previous week. Firsts have been placed at \$7.25, 7.15, and 7.10, market closing dull at \$7.00 to \$7.05. Seconds and Thirds are nominal at \$6.50 and \$5.80 respectively. *Pearls*—Are scarce and in demand; prices are well maintained. Firsts command \$9.85 to \$9.90, and Seconds \$8.85 to 9.00. The stocks at present in store are, Pots 2,006 brls., Pearls 43 brls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The general feeling in this department of trade is, that business will be very light this season. Travellers who are now out with fall samples report that many country merchants have carried over large stocks from last year. Prices in the meantime have sustained little change. We quote: Men's No. 1 Stogas, \$2.50 to 2.75; No. 2 do., \$2.25 to 2.30; Kid Clumps, \$3.00; do., DS, \$2.75; Calf Clumps, \$3.75; Calf Congress, \$2.50; Boys' Boots, \$2.00 to 2.25; Women's Calf Boots, DS, \$1.30; Buff do., DS, \$1.25; Split do., DS, \$1.10 to 1.20; Buff Congress, DS, \$1.36; Balmorals, DS, \$1.40 to 1.60.

DRY GOODS.—Trade has been very quiet all week, and has been principally confined to sorting up orders for city retail stores. Canadian goods are in demand, and travellers in the country are receiving large orders. Light clothing is in active demand, and orders coming in for fall goods are satisfactory. Payments from different sections of the country are coming in freely, and regarded as satisfactory.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—There has been a moderately active demand for most kinds of goods this week, and prices tend upward. Refined Borax is placed at 20c to 23c; Sal Soda, in sympathy with the English market, has advanced to 2c to 2½c; Bi Carb has been placed at \$5.00 to 5.25; market now firm at our outside quotations. Bleaching Powder is steady at 4c to 4½c; Caustic Soda is without change, and quiet at 5c to 5½c; Alum, \$2.12½ to 2.25; Cream Tartar Crystals have been moved to some extent at 28c to 30c; Epsom Salts are somewhat easier, and sell from \$1.75 to 2.00; Saltpetre is firm at \$10.50 to 11.00.

FURS.—Business has been dull and quiet all week. The amount of Skins arriving is small, but all coming to hand are at once taken up at the following quotations, which do not show much change since last week. Beaver, \$1.75 to 2.00; black bear, \$10 to 12; fisher, \$7 to 8; silver fox, \$25 to 50; cross fox, \$2 to 5; red fox, \$1.50; lynx, \$1.75 to 2; dark marten, \$5 to 10; pale marten \$2 to 2.50; dark mink, \$4.50 to 5.50; pale mink, \$2 to 3; otter, \$10 to 12; fall muskrat, 14c to 18c; winter do., 18c to 20c; spring do., 25c; racoon, 60c to 80c; skunk, 25c to 50c.

FISH.—We have no improvement to notice in this trade, which is dull and neglected. The following prices are somewhat nominal. Dry

table cod, \$4 to 4.50; green cod, \$3.75 to 4; salmon in brls, \$15 to 16; split herrings Labrador and Canso, \$2.50 to 3; mackerel, \$3.75 to 4.50.

FUEL.—*Coal*—There has been an active trade doing all this week and prices owing to high rates of freight for American coal have advanced. We now quote American anthracite, egg, \$6.50; do. stove, \$7; do. chestnut, \$7. An advance on these prices is shortly looked for. Scotch steam is scarce and in demand at \$6.50 to 7; smiths coal are also in limited supply and are placed at \$8 to 9. *Firewood*—Is in plentiful supply but the demand at present is light no change to note in prices.

FREIGHTS.—The amount of tonnage offering just now is fully equal to the demand which is moderate. The last engagements we have heard of for heavy grain to Liverpool and Glasgow were at 5s 9d to 6s 3d and 2s 6d to 2s 9d for flour. The rate for orders are 6s 3d to 6s 6d for whole cargoes of heavy grain. Pot ash, 30s; pearl ash, 37s 6d by steamers to Liverpool and Glasgow. Flour to Gulf ports and St. Johns, Newfoundland, 45 to 50c per brl.

FLOUR.—Receipts for the past week 18,172 brls; total receipts from 1st January to date 400,864 brls, being an increase of 2,166 brls on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1871; shipments for the past week 11,435 brls; total shipments from 1st January to date 230,391 brls; being an increase of 3,709 brls on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1871. The absence of any demand has caused a considerable decline in prices since last week and towards the close sellers seemed more willing to operate at the decline, and a number of buyers have taken the opportunity of filling orders a large amount having changed hands at the following rates: Extra, \$6.70 to 6.85; fancy is scarce and nominal at \$6.60; ordinary supers from Canada wheat, \$5.80 to 5.95; strong bakers flour, \$6.40 to 6.70; Canada super No. 2, \$5.50 to 5.55; fine, \$4.85 to 4.90; middlings, \$4 to \$4.20; pollards, \$3.50 to 3.75; Upper Canada bag flour, \$2.75 to 2.90 delivered; Upper Canada oatmeal, \$4.70 to 4.75; cornmeal, \$3 to 3.15.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Receipts for the past week 36,180 bush.; total receipts from 1st January to date 645,995 bush., being a decrease of 2,099,431 bush. on the receipts for the corresponding period of 1871; shipments during the past week 51,381 bush; total shipments from 1st January to date 605,512 bush., being a decrease of 1,620,137 bush. on the shipments for the corresponding period of 1871. Prices of wheat at present are nominal; almost no business transpiring here; some sales of Upper Canada white reported at \$1.42½. *Maize.*—Not much business doing, latest sales was at 51 to 51½c. *Peas* are in demand; large sales are reported at 80 to 81c, market closing firm at these prices. *Oats.*—Market dull; cargoes are offering at 30c without leading to sales. *Barley* is nominal at 45 to 50c, according to quality. *Seeds.*—No business doing.

GROCERIES.—*Sugars.*—There is a good demand for raw sugar at prices varying from 8½ to 9½c, according to quality. Yellow refined is firmer at 9½ to 10½c; local refined is moderately active; loaves 13½c; dry crushed 12½ to 12½c; extra ground 13 to 13½c; crushed A 11½ to 12c. *Molasses.*—We hear of no transactions, and the market is quoted as dull and neglected. *Teas* are firm, and a fair demand has prevailed for the best green and Japan teas, for which full prices are readily obtained. *Rice.*—Market is quiet; Rangoon rice commands from \$4.10 to 4.25, and Arracan \$4.20 to 4.35. *Spices.*—A quiet trade has been doing at about the following rates:—nutmegs 87½ to 97c; pepper 15½ to 16c; cloves firm at 15 to 15½c; no change to note in prices of other spices. *Fruit.*—Layer raisins are dull; crop of 1871 sell at \$1.75 to 1.90, and

old stock at \$1.25; Valentia raisins are almost out of stock here, nominal prices are 6½ to 7c; currants are easier but not quotably lower, 5 to 5½c being the prevailing prices. *Coffee.*—Only a small amount of business doing, market is very quiet. We quote Laguayra 19 to 20c; Maracaibo 19 to 21; Jamaica 18 to 20c; Java 22 to 26c; Rio 18 to 19c; Ceylon 21 to 22c.

HARDWARE.—We have again to notice a considerable advance on quotations of the previous week, especially in pig and bar iron and tin plates. There has been a fair amount of business doing for this season of the year, but merchants are by no means anxious to push sales, and will not book orders for future delivery except at very extreme rates. Stocks are coming fast down, and importers do not feel like ordering in new supplies at the exorbitant prices which are now prevailing in England. It is not expected that any decline in prices will take place here before the close of the present year, and the general expectation is that still higher prices will rule in this market. The following are our quotations for this week:—*Pig Iron*—Gartsherrie, \$41 to 42; Coltness, \$41 to 42; Summerlee, \$40 to 41; Glengarnock, \$40 to 41; Eglinton \$39 to 40; Clyde 38 to 39; Hematite, \$44 to 46. *Bars*—Staffordshire, \$3.50 to 3.75; refined, \$3.75 to 4; Scotch, \$3.50 to 3.75; Swedes, \$5.50 to 7; hoops, for coopers, \$4; sheets, \$4.50 to 4.75; boiler plate, \$4.50 to 4.75; cut nails, \$5 to 5.25; pig lead, \$6 to 6.75; sheet lead, \$6.50; cast steel, 13 to 15c; spring steel \$6 to 7. *Canada Plates*—Glamorgan, \$7.50; Swansea, \$7.50; Staffordshire, \$7.25. *Tin Plates*—Charcoal IC, \$13 to 13.50; ditto IX, \$15 to 15.50; ditto DC, \$12 to 12.50; ditto DX, \$14 to 14.50; Coke IC, \$12 to 12.50.

HIDES.—There is a much easier feeling noticed in this market for green hides, and prices are weaker, but as yet not quotably lower. Salted hides are firmer, and are now quoted at \$10.50 to 11; calfskins, 12c to 14c; clipped sheepskins, 25c to 30c; lambskins, 35c to 50c.

LEATHER.—The stocks of most kinds of leather are larger than the demand can consume at the moment, the sales for this week footing up to a very small amount. Choice light upper leather is in demand. Harness is dull and nominal. Prices for all kinds are easier; we quote: No. 1 Spanish sole, 26 to 27c; No. 2 do., 24 to 25c; No. 1 buffalo sole, 23c; No. 2 do., 21c; light waxed upper, 42 to 45c; heavy do., 40 to 43c; grained upper, 40 to 43c; large splits, 26 to 34c; harness, 29 to 33c; buffed cow, 14 to 18c; patent cow, 19 to 20c; pebbled cow, 14 to 18c.

LIQUORS.—*Brandy.*—Market is quiet and no change is reported in prices. The same report is given of gin in which a steady business is doing at the decline noticed last week. *High wines.*—In active demand; Upper Canada brands bringing from \$1.47½ to 1.50 and Montreal brands, \$1.55.

NAVAL STORES.—The market is very bare of almost all articles in this trade consequently prices are very firm, but not quotably higher than last week. We continue to quote Spirits turpentine, 72½ to 75c; strained rosin, \$4.10 to 4.30; rosin No. 2, \$4.50 to 4.75; do. No. 1, \$5 to 5.50; tar, \$4.25 to 4.50.

OILS.—This market has been very firm all week, but there are no large sales transpiring. We quote *Boiled linseed*, 77½ to 80c; *Raw do.*, 73 to 75c; *Cod oil*, 54 to 55c; *Pale seal*, 67½ to 70c; *Straw seal*, 57½ to 62½c; *Olive oil*, \$1 to 1.10; *Bleached whale oil*, 85 to 90c. *Petroleum*—The demand for this article has much improved, especially for wholesale lots. Carloads were placed at 31c, but holders are now firm asking 33c, but we have not heard of any large lots at that figure, for retail lots, 33 to 35c have been paid.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*—Receipts 133 kegs; shipments 879 kegs. The warm weather which prevails at the present time keeps this market