

## FISH AND FISH OIL.

The quantities of Green and Dried Fish received during the season of 1865 were much in excess of the receipts of 1864. The Custom-house returns for the Port of Montreal show that the value of all kinds of Fresh and Salt Fish entered inwards in 1865 was \$207,347, against \$115,539 in 1864, and \$138,379 in 1863. The quantity of Crude Fish Oil received in 1865, was 132,535 gallons, valued at \$103,256; against 131,569 gallons valued at \$94,679 in 1864, and 77,599 gallons valued at \$55,095 in 1863.

The Lachine Canal returns for the season of navigation 1865, show that 2,766 tons, or 19,362 barrels, of Fish were shipped westward by that route, against 1,547 tons, or 10,829 barrels, in 1864.

The strictly wholesale trade takes place in the Fall; and the following comparative prices were current in the years mentioned.

*Wholesale Prices of Fish and Cod Oil, during Fall of past Three Years.*

	1865		1864		1863	
	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.
Dry Codfish.....per quintal	5.50	@ 6.50	4.50	@ 5.00	4.25	@ 4.50
Green Codfish.....per barrel	5.50	.. 6.50	4.50	.. 5.00	2.50	.. 3.00
Split Herrings, Labrador, ditto	6.25	.. 6.50	5.00	.. 6.00	3.75	.. 4.75
Split Herrings, Common, ditto	5.00	.. 6.00	2.50	.. 4.00	2.00	.. 3.00
Round Herrings..... ditto	3.25	.. 4.00	2.50	.. 4.50	2.50	.. 2.75
Salmon..... ditto	18.00	..21.00	15.00	..16.00	12.00	..13.00
Cod Oil.....per gallon	0.85	.. 0.90	0.65	.. 0.75	0.75	.. 0.80

It has generally been the case in former years that prices declined considerably after the close of navigation; the condition of the market in 1865 was an exception to that state of matters, for in December all kinds of Fish were firm at the rates obtained several weeks previously,—these prices being kept up until the end of the year.

The business of 1865 was brisk and profitable. A comparison of the figures in the foregoing statement will show that the average values were much beyond those of 1864 and 1863. The market for Pork ruled very high in 1865, and this fact undoubtedly gave an impetus to the trade in Fish; for although the latter were dearer than in previous years, they were relatively cheaper than Pork, and consequently went more into consumption.