

## Commercial.

## BRITISH MARKETS.

London, Aug. 27th 1884.

Beerbohm's report. Floating cargoes—Wheat, inactive; maize, none offering. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, heavy; maize, dull. Mark Lane—Wheat and maize, very slow; good cargoes red winter wheat, off coast, 35s. to 35s. 6d., was 35s. 1d. to 36s.; good cargoes No. 1 California wheat, off coast, 35s. 6d., was 36s.; good cargoes No. 2 spring wheat, off coast, 34s., was 34s. 6d. No. 2 red winter, shipment during present and following month, 34s. 3d., was 34s. 6d.; do. prompt shipment, 34s. 3d., was 34s. 6d.; English and French country markets heavy.

Liverpool, Aug. 27th 1884.

Breadstuffs, firmer, but not quotably higher. Flour, 10s. to 11s. 6d.; spring wheat, 6s. 11d. to 7s. 1d.; red winter, 7s. 0d. to 7s. 3d.; No. 1 Cal. 7s. 4d. to 7s. 9d.; No. 2 Cal., 7s. 0d. to 7s. 2d.; corn, 5s. 6d.; barley, 5s. 6d.; oats, 5s. 5d.; peas, 6s. 8d.; pork, 7s. 6d.; lard, 40s. 0d.; bacon, 50s. 0d. to 51s. 6d.; tallow, 36s. 0d.; cheese, 50s. 6d.

## AMERICAN MARKETS.

New York, Aug. 27th 1884.

Cotton, firm; uplands, 10 13/16c. Orleans, 11 1/16. Flour, firm. Rye flour and cornmeal, steady and unchanged. Wheat, No. Chicago, 86 1/2c.; No. 2 red, 85 1/2c. to 90 1/2c.; No. 1 red and white State, \$1.01; No. 2 red for September, 89 1/2c. to 91 1/2c.; for October, 91 1/2c. to 93c. Rye, unchanged. Barley, steady. Malt, inactive. Corn, firm; No. 2, nominal; for September, 61 1/2c. to 61 3/4c.; for October, 60 1/2c. to 61c. Oats, higher; mixed, 34 to 35c.; white, 36 to 42c.; No. 2 for August, 32 1/2c. to 32 3/4c. Tallow, unchanged. Pork, unsettled; new mess, \$18.50. Lard, firm at \$7.90 to 8c. Butter, firm, at 16 to 16 1/2c. Cheese, quiet and unchanged.

CHICAGO, Aug. 27th 1884.

Flour, quiet; Wheat, stronger; Aug. 78 1/2c. to 79 1/2c.; September, 79 1/2c. to 80c.; October, 80 1/2c. to 81 1/2c.; No. 2 Chicago, spring, 78 1/2c. to 79 1/2c.; No. 2 red, 82 1/2c. Corn, unsettled; 52 1/2c. to 53 1/2c.; August, 52 1/2c. to 53 1/2c.; September, 52 to 52 1/2c. Oats, active, 25 1/2c. to 25 3/4c.; August, 35 to 35 3/4c.; September, 25 1/2c. to 25 3/4c. Rye, firm, 56c. Barley, firm, 62 to 62 1/2c. Pork, dull, \$18.50 to \$19. August, \$27.50; September, \$19. Lard, irregular, \$7.50 to 7.55; September, \$7.42 1/2 to \$7.55. Freights, corn, 1 1/2c.

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Aug. 27, 1884.

Trade is quiet. Dry goods travellers are all home, and the warehouses show no signs of bustle, most of the first fall orders being filled. In groceries there is still a very fair movement, and in pig iron there is an improvement, but other lines are unmarked, by any amount of activity. Payments are on the dull side, but this is not unusual to the season. Failures are singularly few, and of an unimportant character of late. The drought complained of last week, has been relieved to some extent by showers, but frost has been experienced in some sections. Stocks are duller than a week ago, and prices weaker, the rise then noticed having had apparently no real foundation. Latest sales are Montreal at 19 1/2; Merchants, 112 1/2; Commerce, 121 1/2; Ontario, 112; Richelieu, 59 to 60. The money market is unchanged.

ASHES.—Since last writing the market has ruled rather dull and depressed, with few transactions of any importance; No. 1 pots are quoted at about \$3.75; seconds \$3.50 to \$3.60. Sales of pearls were reported a day or two ago on private terms at something under \$4.50, but the nominal figure is \$4.50 to 4.75.

CEMENTS.—Portland Cement continues steady at \$3.25 per brl.; round lots, \$2.90 to \$3; Roman, \$2.75; Canadian, \$1.75; Fireclay, \$2 per bag; Firebricks, \$20 to \$30 as to brand.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in these lines is only moderate at the moment, and a good many travellers are home; remittances are somewhat sluggish. The market for quinine is

is still very much demoralized, and weaker if anything, prices being altogether nominal, other lines show no marked change. We quote Sal Soda \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; Bi. Carb. Soda, \$2.40 to 2.50; Soda Ash \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$10; Borax refined, 11 to 12 1/2c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 30 to 31c.; do ground 34c. to 37c.; Tartaric Acid, 54 to 58c. per lb.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$3.00 to \$4.00; Alum \$1.75 to \$1.90; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Ground Sulphur, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Flowers Sulphur, sublim per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.25; Roll Sulphur, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.75 to \$6.50; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Salt-petre, \$9.00 to \$9.50; German Quinine, \$3000 to \$1.40; American do., \$3000 to \$3000; Howard, \$3000; Opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Morphia, \$2.20 to \$2.30; Gum Arabic, sort, 28 to 33c. White, 40 to 55c; Hellebore, 20 to 24c; Carbolic acid, 60 to 70c.

DRY GOODS.—In dry goods circles the present is a very quiet time, and the week, since last writing, has been devoid of interest. Travellers are all home and letter orders are few. The exhibition, will, it is hoped attract a certain number of buyers to town, and some western men are expected on the cheap excursion which takes place the first week in September, but until travellers get out on the sorting trip about the beginning of October, there will not probably be any degree of activity. City retail trade is also quiet, and remittances rather sluggish.

FLLOUR.—The market continues to rule dull with few transactions reported "on change." We quote: Superior Extra, \$4.60 to \$4.65; Extra Superfine, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Fancy, \$4.25 to \$4.00; Spring Extra, \$4.10 to \$4.15; Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.35; Canadian Strong Bakers' \$4.75 to \$5; American do., \$5.25 to \$5.60.

FISH.—New Dry Cod is dropping in slowly, and is a shade easier being quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.75; there is little doubt that the catch will be below the average. New Cape Breton Herrings are beginning to arrive in fair supply, and are being sold at \$5 to \$5.25. New North Shore Salmon, \$18 for No. 1, \$17 for No. 2; British Columbia, \$15.

GROCERIES.—The volume of business is being fairly maintained and most houses report satisfactorily as to the amount of orders coming in, payments too are on the whole encouraging. In Teas there is an active demand for Japans bringing about 20 cents, which are not obtainable, and better grades are somewhat neglected, though relatively cheaper than the commoner grades. Advices from Yokohama, Hiogo and Nagasaki all speak of the scarcity of cheaper lines, and announce an advance of from \$2 to \$3 a picul in low priced goods. The first cargo of new blacks is reported in New York. In Sugars prices still rule low, 6 1/2c. being refinery prices for granulated, yellows too are beginning to accumulate, and prices are easier if anything. In grocery raws we do not hear of anything doing. There is still a very marked difference in the ideas of holders and buyers of Molasses, and there is little doing in this line. Rice continues in demand and the mill has not yet overtaken the demand, price as before. Currants are very scarce, stocks ordered some time ago not having yet arrived. Estimates of the new crop place the yield at about same figures as last year, but first shipments will likely be a fortnight earlier than last season. Filberts, scarce, a shipment of 100 bags received by a house here this week were exhausted in one day. Lobsters scarce and firm in price; Sardines dearer, and will cost 10 to 10 1/2c.

LEATHER.—Trade is assuming a quiet aspect, and outside a fair enquiry for splits, and No. 2 Spanish, there is not much business to report. There is still a considerable export of splits going on, and stocks are light, but all other lines are in fair supply. Trade is likely to remain quiet until shoe travellers get on their sorting trip, which it is to be hoped will prove a very fair one. We quote: Hemlock Spanish Sole B.A. 25 to 28c.; ditto, No. 2 B.A. 22 to 25c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24c. to 25 1/2c.; No. 2 ditto 22c. to 23c.; No. 1 China 23c. No. 2 ditto Buffalo Sole No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 19 1/2 to 21c. Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27 1/2c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 38c. Splits, large, 22 to 30c.; ditto small, 16 to 24c. Calf-splits 29 to 32c. Calf-skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 80 to

50c; Harness, 24 to 38c; Buffed Cow, per ft., 14 to 16c. Enamelled Cow, 15 to 16c. Patent Cow, 15 to 16c. Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15 1/2c. Rough, 23 to 28c. Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Shortly after writing last report, advices from the home pig iron market announced an advance of two shillings a ton in favorite brands, for the American market, which is still maintained. The American market is also reported stronger, probably due to a proposed general suspension of production there. Business locally is rather more active, sales of some considerable lots were reported last week, and there is an improved enquiry. Stocks here are not at all large, and now that

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