

The quantities of Pork and Beef inspected during the past two years were as follows :

	1863	1862
Pork	36,134 barrels.	44,057 barrels.
Beef	2,401 "	2,726 "
Beef	1,016 tierces	1,427 tierces.

The quantity of Pork inspected in 1863, therefore, appears to have been equal to 72 per cent. of the receipts.

The weight of Pork, in carcase, brought to Montreal by Grand Trunk Railway in 1863 was 2,715,421 lbs., or about 13,580 carcasses.

BEEF.—This article has been quiet throughout the year. Prices of Prime Mess in tierces varied from \$17 @ \$20, and in barrels \$8.50 @ \$9.50. Prime in barrels \$5 @ \$6.

LARD.—There has not been much variation in prices, barrels and tierces bringing 8c. per lb., kegs 8½c. @ 10c. The year closed with small stock in hand.

HAMS.—A large business was done ; prices ranged from 7c. @ 9c. per lb. for uncanned plain-cured, and 9c. @ 13c. for sugar-cured canvassed.

CHEESE.

The quantity exported in sea-going vessels *via* St. Lawrence River, in 1863, is set down in the official returns at 815,110 lbs., valued at \$68,454. It appears that 14,531 boxes were shipped to Glasgow, and 9,950 boxes to Liverpool. The entire shipments seaward were 24,583 boxes ; in river trade 3,638 boxes. Higher wholesale rates were obtained in 1863 than in 1862, as appears from the annexed quotations :—

Comparative Prices of Cheese.

1863		1862		1863		1862	
Per lb.		Per lb.		Per lb.		Per lb.	
DATE.		DATE.		DATE.		DATE.	
June	12	September	11	June	12	September	11
.....	19	.....	18	.....	19	.....	18
.....	26	.....	25	.....	26	.....	25
July	3	October	2	.....	3	October	2
.....	10	.....	9	.....	10	.....	9
.....	17	.....	16	.....	17	.....	16
.....	24	.....	23	.....	24	.....	23
.....	31	.....	30	.....	31	.....	30
August	7	November	6	.....	7	November	6
.....	14	.....	13	.....	14	.....	13
.....	21	.....	20	.....	21	.....	20
.....	28	.....	27	.....	28	.....	27
September	4	December	4	.....	4	December	4