

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The shipments last week were hardly as large as expected, being only 43,358 boxes, as compared with 76,862 boxes for same week of last year, but some direct shipments will be made this week, as some ocean steamers have yet to leave. Quotations have been very fairly held at the advance of last week, fine western makers being quoted at 9¼ to 9½c., and fine eastern 9 to 9¼c. per lb. Of butter the shipments last week also dropped off to 2,991 packages. Values in this line have picked up a little since a week ago, and fine creamery in boxes brings 18 to 18¼c., in tubs 17¼c., dairy about 14½c. per pound.

DRY GOODS.—The week opened with fine, clear weather, hardly cold enough to suit the view of all retailers, but still an immense improvement on last week, and the city stores are well thronged with shoppers. In wholesale circles preparations are general for the usual December stock-taking, and quite a few large buyers from outside points are in town looking for clearing out jobs, on which wholesalers are disposed to make concessions at this time, in order to bring stocks down to as small a compass as possible. Collections continue to be favorably reported on.

FURS.—Some few small receipts of new caught mink, rats, etc., are reported. Quotations for the season have been established on about the following basis: Mink, \$1.00 to 1.75; marten, \$1.50 to 2.50; fisher, \$4.00 to 6.00; lynx, \$1.50 to 2.00; otter, \$5.00 to 13.00; red fox, \$1.25 to 1.60; cross ditto., \$3.00 to 7.00; silver, ditto., \$20.00 to 60.00; skunk, 20 to 75c.; coon, 20 to 80c.; fall rats, 5 to 10c.; winter, 10 to 14c.

FISH.—There is now moderate demand for pickled fish. Supplies of green cod are quite scant, and prices stiff. We quote No. 1 green cod, \$4.75 to 5.00; No. 1 large ditto., \$5.25 to \$5.50; N. S. salmon, \$15.00; B.C. salmon, \$13.00; dry cod, \$4.00 to 4.25; Nova Scotia herring, \$4.25 to \$4.50; No. 2 mackerel, \$14.00 to 15.00. Haddies are plentiful at 6 to 6½c.; smoked herrings, 10 to 12c. a box; bloaters, \$1.00 to 1.15. The bulk of the oyster supply is now forward and prices are firmer at \$5.00 to 5.50 for choice hand-picked Malpeques.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Nov. 14.	Nov. 21.
Wheat	108,850	89,902
Corn	288,598	210,028
Oats	375,918	279,791
Rye	33,887	5,658
Peas	113,812	34,428
Barley	14,596	18,557
Total grain...	917,661	638,364
Oatmeal	312	309
Flour	7,722	8,825
Buckwheat	23,313	29,384

GROCERIES.—Quite an active jobbing movement is still reported. Sugars are very firm at the advance of last week, and there has been further strengthening in the New York market, where refined has been put another eighth within the last day or two. Refiners report a continuance of the improved demand noted last week. Molasses holds a strong position, and the sale of a 500 puncheon lot of Barbadoes is reported at 30c. per gallon; the jobbing card has not yet been altered, but revision is not improbable shortly, as there is very little supply now left in first hands. Dried fruits are all firm, and stocks moving out quickly. Evaporated apples are quoted at 8 to 8½c. in a jobbing way, and packers report good demand from Germany; dried apples, 4½ to 5c. for good stock. Tea brokers report a singularly quiet demand for teas from jobbers, but values show no break. In other lines there is nothing new.

HIDES.—Since last report business has been fairly good. Quebec tanners are not very liberal buyers, but some moderate sales are reported to the West, and quite

a fair bunch of hides has been shipped to the United States, to be tanned in bond for export, it is said. Dealers continue to buy from butchers at 9 to 9½c. per lb. for No. 1 beef hides; lambskins, 70c. each. It is reported that the combination of the large dealers here, known as the Montreal Hide & Calfskin Co., is likely to be shortly dissolved, as the purpose for which it was formed, namely, the checking of indiscriminate competition in buying from the butchers, has not been accomplished with any degree of satisfaction.

LEATHER.—Though cutting on spring foot-wear is now general among the shoe factories, manufacturers are not large buyers of leather as a rule, because stock-taking will be in full swing in course of a week or so. Nevertheless the sale of a \$15,000 lot of dongolas has been reported within the past few days, and other moderate business is reported in fancy leathers and sole. Some sales of Quebec splits have been reported of late at cut prices, but values generally are very steadily held. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c; No. 2, 21½ to 22½c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 21c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 25c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do., heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec do., 16 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 12½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The fall activity in general hardware is beginning to slacken off, and preparations for stock-taking are beginning to be made. A very satisfactory year is reported. In a good many lines of heavy metals a very fair movement is still reported, and values are generally firm. Tin, which showed a little easing off last week in cable quotations, is as stiff as ever; ingot zinc is advanced this week to 6c.; copper very firm at 13¼c. even for round lots. With the close of navigation Canada plates are firmer, some dealers having advanced jobbing price to \$2.20 for 52 sheets, and are also asking \$3.00 for coke tins. Pig iron quiet, but steady at quotations. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$17.50 to 18; Hamilton No. 1, \$15 to 15.50; No. 2, do., \$14 to 14.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$14.50 to \$15; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15; common ditto, \$12 to 13; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.35 to 1.40; British, \$2 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.10 to 2.15, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.20 to 2.25; 75 sheets, \$2.30 to 2.35; all polished Canadas, \$2.40 to 2.45; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$5.75 to 5.90; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.15; No. 24, \$2.05; No. 17, \$2; No. 16, and heavier, \$2.15; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I.C. Alloway, \$3.15 to 3.25; do. I.X., \$3.90 to \$4; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$2.90 to 2.95; do., standard, \$2.75 to 2.80 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4; No. 26, \$3.75; No. 24, \$3.50 in case lots; Morewood, \$5 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to 1.75; English hoops, \$2 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate ¼-inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell and equal, ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ¼-inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths, do., \$2; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths, and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$3.60 to 3.65; sheet, \$4 to 4.10; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best

cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel, \$2.25 to \$3, as to finish; ingot tin, 20¼c. for L. & F. Straits, 20c.; bar tin, 21 to 22c.; ingot copper, 13¼ to 13½c.; sheet-zinc, \$6.50; Silesian spelter, \$5.65; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.75; American spelter, \$5.65; antimony, 9½ to 10c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Matters are beginning to quiet down in these lines, and some few weeks of comparative dullness are now likely to ensue. Values, however, are all steadily held. Stocks of linseed oil are not large, and now that the season's supplies from England are all forward, some dealers profess to look for some possible stiffening. Window glass is strong at the recent advance; some further moderate supplies are reported on a belated slow-going tramp now in the gulf. We quote: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 50 and 53c. per gal.; two to four barrels, 49 and 52c.; 5 to 9 barrels, 48 and 51c., net 30 days or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 55c., five to nine barrels, 54c., net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 37½ to 40c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8½ to 9c. in quantity, tins, 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.62½; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.92½; No. 3, \$4.50; No. 4, \$4.12½; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red do., 4¾ to 5c.; No. 1 red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; kegs, \$1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.80; smaller quantities, \$1.95; 25-lb. tins, \$2.05; 12½-lb tins, \$2.30. London washed whiting, 35 to 40c.; Paris, white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.80 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.90 for second break.

WOOL.—Importers of raw wool report quite an improved movement within the last few weeks, and as stocks here are now quite small, they have been able to get prices from 5 to 7½ per cent. better than a month or so ago. No very desirable Capes are now available below 15 to 16½c., a few small lots can be had at 14½c., but the quality is poor; Natal, 17 to 19c., and in B.A. scoured prices are stiff at 33 to 36c. per pound

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