

\$2.25; California Bartlett pears, \$3 to \$3.25; water melons, 18c., 20c., and 22c. each.

**GROCERIES.**—In general lines of groceries trade is seasonably active. Sugars were advanced 5c. per 100 lbs. this week, and are firm with good demand as is usual in the canning season. Teas are in fair distributing movement. Coffee is quiet and in the local market without special feature. Dried fruits are not much in evidence, although increased attention is being turned to primary markets. Collections in the country are reported improving, although in the matter of prompt payments there is yet much to be desired.

**PROVISIONS.**—The remarkable activity which has characterized trade in pork products the past several weeks has been continued. Some packers are completely out of certain kinds of stock, and trading amongst the different members of this trade is a common practice. All prices are firm at advances recently made and noted in our Prices Current. When the new season opens it is certain that last winter's pack will have been pretty well exhausted.

**WOOL.**—Trade conditions remain without alteration. The course of local trade has been very eventful this season. Messrs. Hellmuth, Schwartze & Co., report of the situation in the London wool market: "The deficit so far is 22,000 bales. England takes 29,000 bales, America 37,000 bales less, but the Continent 44,000 bales more. The commencement of the next two series has been fixed as follows: The fifth series for Tuesday, 19th September. The sixth series for Tuesday, 28th November, the list of entries being closed in each case respectively eight days before the opening date, viz., on the 11th September and 20th November. Allowing for transit wools, but adding the old stock, the net total available in September will probably amount to about 190,000 bales."

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Aug. 2nd, 1899.

**ASHES.**—There has been no change in the situation of the market for pot or pearl ashes during the past few days. The demand is still slow, and although the offerings are small, they are in excess of the requirements. We quote: First pots, \$3.70 to \$3.75; seconds, \$3.50, and pearls, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs.

**CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.**—A better demand has existed for cement, and the market is more active, with a larger volume of business. A sale of 1,000 barrels of English was made on Eastern account at \$2.35 per barrel, ex-wharf. The imports for the past week were 4,900 barrels of Belgian and German and 900 of English, as against 20,827 Belgian and German for the same week last year. The tone of the market is firm, and prices show no change. We quote: Belgian cement, \$2 to \$2.10; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.60; firebricks, \$16 to \$21. The demand for firebricks continues good, and sales of round lots are reported at prices ranging from \$17 to \$23 per 1,000, as to brand, ex-wharf.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—The tone of the cheese market since our last has been very strong, and prices for Ontario goods have advanced 1½c. per lb., and for Quebec makes, 1c. to 1½c. The demand has been good and considerable business has resulted. Western goods are now firmly held at 9¼c. to 9½c., and Eastern at 9¼c. to 9½c. The Liverpool public cable has steadily moved up, colored now being quoted at 45s. 6d., and white at 45s. Exports for the past week were 112,256 boxes, as against 77,192 for the same week last year. The total shipments for the season were 806,018 boxes, as compared with 637,344 for the same period last year.

A much stronger feeling has also developed in the butter market, and prices in the week show an advance of ½c. to ¾c. per lb., round lots of choice creamery for export having sold at 18¾c. to 19c., and in some cases as high as 19½c. has been paid for fancy parcels. The exports for the past week were 23,741 packages, as against 2,449 for the same week in 1898. The total shipments this season to date were 128,256 packages, as compared with 57,405 up to the same date in 1898.

**DRY GOODS.**—In this department of trade there is no special feature to note. Business in all lines is at present rather quiet, as this is between seasons. The general feeling is steady, and prices of textiles, as a rule, show no alteration.

### MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	July 24.	July 31.
Wheat .....	273,738	295,575
Corn .....	134,365	145,286
Oats .....	385,863	312,015
Rye .....	1,145	1,145
Peas .....	46,401	47,234
Barley .....	24,207	16,790
Total grain .....	865,719	818,045
Oatmeal .....	240	310
Flour .....	22,868	21,158
Buckwheat .....	5,177	5,198

**GROCERIES.**—The feature of the sugar market has been an advance in prices of 5c. per 100 lbs. on all grades, which is due chiefly to the exceedingly small stocks held by refiners, and the continued strong advices from abroad on the raw article. The demand is good, and an active trade is now selling at \$4.55, and yellows at \$3.65 to \$4.30 per 100 lbs. The cutting in prices among some of the wholesale grocers still continues. In molasses business is quiet but the tone of the market is firm. A sale of 400 puncheons, Barbadoes, to arrive was made at a price equal to 34½c. laid down here. In a jobbing way car-load lots are selling at 35c., and single puncheons at 36c. The market for new pack canned vegetables is quiet, but prices are firmly held. A bid of 72½c. per dozen was made for 1,500 cases corn and refused, 75c. being the inside figure now. The fruit market is strong on spot. Stocks in first hands are now completely exhausted, with the exception of one small lot held in Toronto. Sales of Valencia raisins, fine off-stalk, were made at 3¾c. to 4c. Mail advices from Patras on currants say that the crop is estimated to be 20 per cent. short of last year, and prices for provincials are 11s. 6d. per 100 cwt. c. & f. In teas business is still quiet but prices for new crop goods are firm, while old teas have weakened, and round lots of Japans are offering at 11½c. to 12c. Sales of 300 packages of new crop Japan were made at 16 to 17c., and a lot of 400 at 17½c.

**HIDES.**—The only change in this branch of trade has been an advance of 10c. in the price of lambskins; dealers are now paying 40c. each. Beef hides are steady at 9c. per lb. for No. 1; 8c. for No. 2, and 7c. for No. 3. Calfskins are unchanged at 11c. and 9c. per pound, for Nos. 1 and 2.

**LEATHER.**—The feature of this market is the fact that stocks of sole leather are smaller than they have been for some time past, consequently prices for such are firm. The demand on the whole is only fair, and trade is quiet, sales being in small lots to fill actual wants: We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24 to 24½c.; No. 2, 23 to 23½c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 26c.; 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, 21 to 24c.; 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, 11½ 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.**—There is no important change in any line in this department of the trade. The tone of the market is exceedingly firm for pig iron, and full prices are being obtained. Ingot tin is strong but not quotable higher. Copper is steady. Trade on the whole is active, and the prospects are that it will continue so. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$22 to \$23; Carnbroe, \$20.00 to \$20.00; Hamilton No. 1, \$21.50 to \$22; No. 2, do., \$19.50 to \$20.50; Ferrona No. 1, \$20.00; machinery scrap, \$20.00 to \$20.00; common ditto, \$20 to \$20; bar iron, Canadian, \$2; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.35 to \$2.40; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.45 to \$2.50; 75 sheets \$2.55 to 2.60; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.25 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7 to \$7.25; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.30; No. 26, \$2.25; No. 24, \$2.20; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.45; tin plates—Charcoal, I.C. Alloway \$4.25 to 4.50 do., I.X., \$4.75 to \$5; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$5.50 to 5.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$3.90 to \$4; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 26, \$4.25; No. 24, \$4.00 in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch, and upwards, \$2.95 for Dalzell and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$3; tank steel \$2.75, ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, \$3; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.95; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 9½c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$3.90; sheet, \$4.50 to 4.60; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 11 to 12c.; toe calk, \$2.75 to 3.00; spring, \$2.75 to 3.00; sleigh shoe, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50; round machinery steel \$3 to 3.25, as to finish; ingot tin, 35c. for L. & F. Straits, 34 to 34½c.; bar tin, 36 to 37c.; ingot copper, 18½ to 19c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.50 to \$8; Silesian spelter, \$6.25 to \$6.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$6.50 to \$7; American spelter, \$6.25 to \$6.50; antimony, 10½c.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Nothing new to note in this market. The feeling generally is steady, and prices show no change. The demand for all lines is about the average for the season, but on the whole business is quiet. Glass is said to rule very firm. We quote: single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 57 and 60c. per gal., for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 56 and 59c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 64c.; five to nine barrels, 63c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 34 to 36c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8 to 8½c. in quantity; tins, 9 to 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6; No. 1, \$5.62½; No. 2, \$5.30; No. 3, \$4.87½; No. 4, \$4.50; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 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, 37 to 40c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.90 per 50 feet for first break; \$2 for second break. Paris green, 14c. in 50 and 100-lb. packages; 15c. in 25-lb. packages; pound packages, in boxes, 15½ to 16c.