

as already noted by us, and dealers are now better able to calculate their probable wants. Collections are matter for very general complaint. No changes are reported in prices of late. The flannelette war is still raging, but supplies of the goods are very short of the demand, and some houses, who have booked large orders for these goods, are being much embarrassed by inability to get anything like their wants from the mills.

MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

	Aug. 24, '96.	Aug. 31, '96.
Wheat, bushels.....	280,428	237,067
Corn, "	60,127	55,764
Oats, "	258,284	187,374
Rye, "	6,484
Peas, "	68,920	76,151
Barley, "	35,673	36,342
Total grain.....	709,916	592,698
Oatmeal	3,091	3,066
Flour	32,374	31,671
Buckwheat.....	3,978	3,978

GROCERIES.—Owing to the re-opening of the schools, and the cooler weather, seaside and country resorts are being deserted by city people returning to their homes, and as a consequence jobbers report a better demand from town retailers. In the country the fall fairs are absorbing the attention of storekeepers very largely, and the demand from that quarter is not very brisk. Collections are generally styled poor. The sugar market rules easy; refiners' nominal quotations for granulated are $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{3}{4}$ 16c., but the feeling is that rather than lose the sale of a round lot the inside figure would probably be shaded a sixteenth; yellows range from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{3}{4}$ c. per lb. Molasses in light demand at the present. The card quotation is 30 to 31c per gal. as to quantity, barrels, $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. more, half barrels, $3\frac{1}{4}$ c. more. Between houses in lots, Barbadoes is quoted at $27\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Porto Rico, $28\frac{1}{2}$ c. A better demand is reported for teas, more particularly for Japans, ranging from 14 to 16c per lb., but very few cheap goods are available yet, and some reports to hand claim a shortage of nine million pounds. Some first deliveries of new Valencia raisins are expected, via Liverpool, about the 15th inst., and opening jobbing price for fine off stalk will probably be 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. The first direct steamer with currants, is now loading at Patras; she was to have sailed on the 1st inst., but is delayed till the 4th. She has to make a round of calls at other Mediterranean ports, and will only be due here early in October. The local market is expected to open at about $3\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb. for ordinary Provincials in barrels, a little higher than last year. Figs are expected to be rather cheaper than last year.

HIDES.—Tanners continue to be very light buyers, and a considerable proportion of the present receipts are accumulating in store. Dealers continue to pay 5c. per lb. for No. 1 beef hides, green, and quote 6c. to tanners for cured. Lambskins are also slow of sale; they are quoted at 40 to 45c. each.

HOPS.—A leading dealer who has just returned from a visit to the hop districts of northern New York, and the western part of this Province, reports the crop short, but the quality good. Some few parcels of choice early pickings have been marketed, but prices have not transpired. General opening price is expected to range at about 10c. for best. Last year's hops quote from 4 to 7c. per pound.

LEATHER.—Nothing of interest has transpired in leather circles since last report, and the market remains comparatively lifeless, none in the trade reporting any transactions of consequence. There is a hope that shoe travelers may be able to pull up some of the deficiency in orders on the sorting trip, in which event some moderate business may be calculated on in September and October. Prices of leather continue fairly steady on the whole. Some fair purchases of splits and buff are reported to have been made recently in Kingston on English account. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do. No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2, 18c.; No. 1 slaughter, 21 to 22c.; No. 2 do., 19c.; common, 17 to 18c.; waxed upper light and medium, 26 to 29c.; do. heavy, 24 to 27c.; grained, 25 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 30c.; western splits, 16 to 20c.; Quebec do., 12 to 14c.; juniors, 13 to 16c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calf skins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 14c.; russet



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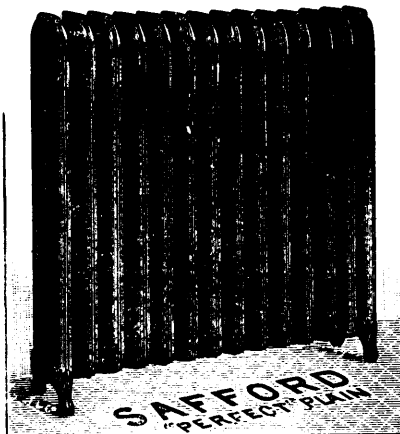
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