

roads over a great area. The railway trains were interfered with besides, and the volume of business is naturally affected. As regards values there is little new to report. Sugars are without change, ranging from 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. for yellows at the factory; granulated 4½c., and Austrian 3 15/16c. The demand from jobbers for this line is reported as rather better. Molasses continues very firm, with supplies in narrow compass on spot, and enquiries made in Quebec and the lower ports show that none is available there. Advices from the island are to the effect that new crop Barbadoes is expected to open at about 10 cents prime cost. Barbadoes is held firm at 28c. in quantity. Porto Rico 26c., and Antigua, 20 to 21c. Teas are still inactive but firm. A representative of a Japan house, who was in town last week, secured only orders for a few lots of first pickings. Dried fruits are quiet; California raisins are easier on coast, owing to large quantities of rain-damaged goods in hands of packers, and fair average 3-crowns could be laid down at about 5½ to 5¾c.; but for standard brands, such as Griffin & Skelly's, there is no pressure to sell. In dried peaches and apricots, good demand on coast is reported with steady prices. Spices are showing increasing firmness, notably pepper and cloves. Canned goods continue high, and canners' agents quote tomatoes \$1.25; corn, 85c.; and gallon apples, \$2.50, all f.o.b. prices at factory.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Jan. 24, 1898.	Jan. 31, 1898.
Wheat, bushels.....	102,288	110,337
Corn, "	62,189	61,089
Oats, "	543,760	591,890
Rye, "	32,382	41,433
Peas, "	160,797	126,694
Barley, "	26,601	31,416
Total grain	928,017	962,859
Oatmeal	223	263
Flour	15,887	15,155
Buckwheat	28,619	31,900

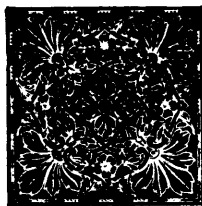
LEATHER.—Firmness marks the situation. Prices of black leather are still low, as compared with hide values; it is claimed that tan-

ners made no money last year, and that quotations for leather must advance sooner or later. The English market shows improvement, and a Nottingham buyer has been in the city picking up several fair lots; some good sales, particularly of sole, are also reported for the other side. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 25 to 27c.; No. 2 do., 21 to 23c.; 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., 18 to 21c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; 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 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 12½ to 13c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—In these lines

the movement is a moderate one, and we hear of no special changes as regards values. Some American iron men have been pushing for pig iron orders, quoting \$15 for No. 2 Niagara, but we do not hear of them securing much business. A 200-ton transaction in No. 1 Hamilton iron is under negotiation, and likely to be put through, at a shade under regular quotations. We quote:—Summerlee pig iron, \$18.00 to 18.50; Carron, No. 1, \$18.00; No. 3, \$17.25; Ayrshire, No. 1, \$17.00; No. 3, \$16.50; Shotts, \$17.25 to 17.50; Carnbroe, \$17.00, ex-store; Siemens pig No. 1, none; No. 2 Siemens, none; Ferrona, No. 1, \$15.00 to 16.00; Hamilton No. 1, \$16.00 to 16.50; No. 2, ditto, \$15.50 to 16.00; machinery scrap, \$14.00 to 15.00; common ditto, \$12.00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to 1.50; British, \$2.00 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, \$2.25; 75 sheets, \$2.35; all polished Canadas, \$2.40; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.90 to \$6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.15; No. 24, \$2.05; Nos. 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.,

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