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Montreal, July 30th. Business in Montreal has been quiet for some time past and merchants are not feeling any too pleased at the prespect of a continuance of present conditions for some weeks to come. Several firms, who all through the depression of last fall and winter made no change in their arrangements, have recently been cutting down their expenditure and reducing sail to a marked degree, being evidently of the opinion that an improvement will not take place for a considerable time to come.

The market is slightly easier, finest Townships Butter. having sold at 23<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to 23<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>c. in the country. Sales cannot be made at over 24c. here, that figure having been accepted both for export and local account. This could hardly apply

to frésh made stock, however. **Cheese.**—The market, after a temporary easiness, has again strengthened and is now quoted at 11% to 12c. for again strengthened and is now quoted at 11% to 12c. There is a good inquiry Easterns and 12 4 c. for Westerns. at present.

**Eggs.**—The market has advanced again, owing to hot weather and reduced receipts. Dealers are paying 18c. per dozen, in the country and selling these here at about 19<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>c. No. 1 candled eggs are selling at 20c. and selects at 24c. per dozen

The market continues to improve and trade 15 Hides,now fairly active. Prices continue firm at 5½, 6½ and 7½c. per pound for Nos. 3, 2 and 1, respectively, lambskins being 20 to 25c. each and calfskins 11 and 13c. per pound, respec-

tively, for Nos. 2 and 1. Wool.-Now that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has made it clear to the woolen mills that they need not look for increased protec-tion, the market for wool is extremely dull. Prices are steady at 17c. per pound for Canada pulled, unbrushed, and 19 to 21c. for brushed. Canada fleece is 15 to 18c. per pound for washed and 12c. in the grease, North-West wools being 12 to 14c. per pound.

Toronto, July 30th.

Fish.-Both supply and demand are good. Prices :-Whitefish, 12c,; trout, 11c.; salmon, 18 to 20c.; cod, 8c.; sea perch, 12c.; mackerel, 2oc.

**Fruit.**—Trade is excellent with a plentiful supply. The warm weather and general scarcity of lemons all over the continent is creating a very active and advancing market. Pears are now in season. Peaches are falling off in quantity, Pears are now in season. Pears are now in season. Peaches are falling off in quantity, the heaviest part of the crop having been marketed. Prospects are now for lighter shipments. We quote:—Lemons, \$4.25 and \$4.50 box; California plums, \$1.25 to \$1.50; California peaches, \$1.25 to \$1.35; Georgia peaches, \$2.50 crate; late Valencia oranges, \$4.25 to \$5.25; water-melons, 30 to 35c.; pineapples, \$2 to \$2.25; raspberries, 10 to 11c.; cherries, \$1, to \$1.15. to \$1.15.

Hides .- The market shows still further advances, particularly in the United States. In consequence, other countries are following suit more or less sympathetically. The prices in the United States and elsewhere are unwarrantably high, and out of all propertion to the recovery in the leather trade. The rise is due to the other recover then the shortene in hides The rise is due to no other reason than the shortage in hides. The kill this year is abnormally small. It is anticipated that The kill this year is abnormally small. if hides again become plentiful as in other years there will be a big slump. The keynote of the market to day, therefore, is a big slump. The keyhole of the market to hay, thereic, is to sell quickly. Prices:—Inspected hides, steers No. 1, 9C.; No. 2, 8c.; cows, No. 1, 8½c.; No. 2, 7½c.; country hides, 7½ to 8c.; city calfs, 12c.; country calfs, 10½c.; sheep skins, goc.; lambs, 4oc.; horse hides, No. 1, \$2.50; horse hair, 28c.; tallow, 5-6c.

**Provisions.**—Receipts of eggs are slightly larger, but the quality is very poor. Creamery butter keeps plentiful. Dairy butter is very scarce. Supplies of new honey are coming in and the prospects are for a very large crop. Prices are from 12 to 14c. per lb. We quote:—Creamery prints, 23-25c.; dairy prints, 22-23½c.; eggs, 22c.; lard, tubs, 12¼c.; pails, 12½c.; beans, \$2.10-\$2.15 bushel.



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