

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: Butter receipts during the past week were 1,722 pkgs., against 3,752 pkgs., for the week previous. The market remains almost the same as quoted by us last week. The really fresh late made creameries are getting into much smaller compass as usual at this season of the year, and fancy brands command their price, while on the other hand there appears to be no diminution of secondary or next best qualities, for which holders seem willing to accept concessions in order to realize. For instance, early made creamery, which was held at 18c a short time ago, can now be bought at 17c and 17½c, and there is said to be plenty of this class offering. But choice late made goods would command 21c to 21½c, good sized quantities, and possibly a fraction more might be made. In dairy we learn of a lot of Kamouraska being offered at 15½c, and another lot at 15c. Western dairy is not much enquired for. We quote prices as follows:

Creamery, finest full	20½c to 21½c per lb.
Creamery, early made	17½c to 19c per lb.
Eastern Townships dairy	16½c to 19c "
Western	15c to 16½c "
Add 1c to 2c per lb. to above for single tubs of selected.	

Several lots of Western rolls have been placed during the past few days at prices ranging from 15½c up to 18½c as to quality, one lot of choice bringing 19c.

Cheese receipts during the past week were 8,443 boxes against 60,207 for the week previous. No change of any importance has taken place during the past week, although the drop of 6d in the Liverpool public cable has had rather a discouraging effect, and it would not be surprising if the present quiet spell continued until after the holidays. Of course there is business doing over the cable in underpriced goods all the time at current rates, but on the whole the feeling is sluggish. Holders of finest Septembers

are not offering, as they believe in better values later on. The market, therefore, is awaiting one on the finest qualities:

Finest Western colored	10½c to 10¾c
" " white	10c to 10½c
" Quebec	9½c to 10c
Under grades	9c to 9½c
Cable	50s 6d

TACOMA TRADE.

The *Tacoma West Coast Trade* says: "Trade is moving fairly well in all lines of staple merchandise and consumption appears to be up to the average for the season, while every line of business is feeling the effects of holiday demands in the increased movement of specialties. Dealers seem justified in anticipating a full average business for the mid-winter holidays. There is a general feeling that the outlook for spring trade is unquestionably good. Eastern advices indicate that there is going to be considerable revival in building operations, and Washington manufacturers and dealers in lumber products are assured of a large increase in the use of our lumber and shingles, which will be all the greater, because lumber yards are at this time generally poorly stocked and must be replenished generously from Washington mills. The importance of a good demand and prospects of improved prices for lumber cannot be over-estimated by the Puget Sound country, and with the subsidence of unfair competition among mill men themselves, the industry can be made to enhance our prosperity immeasurably. The latter suggestion, if acted upon by the general business world, could make immediate and permanent improvement in the situation, and it is probable that within the course of a short time, as the system of doing business comes nearer and nearer the cash basis to which the present tendency is driving it, the evil must be corrected. The dealer who buys his goods and knows that he will be called upon to pay 100 cents

on the dollar on a short credit, will not indulge in the pastime of slaughtering his assets below jobbing prices, and the practice will drive him to the wall as soon as his own reserve capital is exhausted. One of the favorable features of the week has been the marked advance in wheat, a full gain of three cents a bushel being shown for the week, bringing just so much more cash into the state for improving trade conditions. Shipping has ruled active and the probabilities of a number of new manufacturing concerns of large capacity locating in Tacoma during the coming season are good."

COAL AT SAN FRANCISCO.

J. W. Harrison, coal and metal broker, reports as follows relative to the present condition of the San Francisco coal market:

"The arrivals this week have been very light; from the coast collieries, 13,424 tons, from foreign ports, 7,586 tons. Business, both wholesale and retail, has been very brisk during the week, as the rainfall has increased the demand for house uses. There is no change of values. Prices appear to have become established, especially so, for domestic coals. Large consumers who buy in cargo lots for steam purposes cannot complain of ruling rates, as the average prices they have paid in 1894 for their fuel are lower than ever known before. The scale of prices for the Australian output has been established for 1895; there will be no change from the present schedule. Present quotations are so low it was anticipated that higher figures would be named for next year. Competition can be the only cause, as present values leave no profit to the collieries. Freight rates on coal from Great Britain and Australia are quoted firm at last week's quotations, and there is but little hope of any reduction until our outward grain freights show a material improvement."