

DRY GOODS.—Business reports continue of satisfactory character, with country collections of generally satisfactory character, some houses reporting last week's payments ahead of the corresponding week of last year, which was considered a good one. The millinery openings here are fixed for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, and are expected to draw a good attendance, though no special excursion rates have been arranged. As indicated last week, there has been a general revision of the price list for domestic flannelettes, shirtings, tickings, denims, etc., practically covering all the lines produced by the Canadian Colored Cotton Company. The Montreal Cotton Co., whose special lines are linings, solid colored goods, etc., have made no change as yet, but some revision of prices by them, as well as the other companies, would not be wholly surprising.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels. Aug. 14.	Bushels. Aug. 21.
Wheat	160,587	281,407
Corn	133,192	173,414
Oats	202,810	178,499
Rye	1,145	1,413
Peas	25,406	26,076
Barley	12,687	16,810
Total grain	535,827	677,619
Oatmeal	255	225
Flour	24,524	23,490
Buckwheat	34,887	2,967

GROCERIES.—The attention of the trade is now being pretty generally directed to the fruit markets, but as yet not many actual orders are reported as placed. A good many cable orders are expected to be placed during the next few days, as the first direct Mediterranean steamer is reported as likely to leave Patras on the 28th inst., filling up cargo as she proceeds westward to Valencia and Denia. The feature of the currant market this season will be the shipment of cleaned currants from the producing point at Patras, and this is considered to be an advantage, as the cleaning can be done there before the fruit has become matted by packing for export. Besides being shipped in bulk, Schsisas & Co., a leading shipping firm, notify their customers that they have also to offer these goods in pound cartons. Notwithstanding the retention of the 15 per cent. duty by the Greek Government, the market opens slightly lower than last year. Reports regarding Malaga raisins are to the effect that packing has commenced under favoring conditions, and the quality is said to be ahead of recent years. First shipments of Sultana raisins are already afloat, and at prices lower than 1898, with the probability of later lower prices. Definite information regarding Valentias is not yet available, but the yield is expected to be larger than last year; the market, however, is comparatively bare of old fruit, and prices are not expected to materially differ from last year's figures. Some fair purchases are already reported of Hallowi dates, for second tide delivery, via New York. Figs are being quoted for October shipment, at lower prices than for past several years, and a larger business is consequently expected. Previous reports of a short Tarragona almond crop are fully confirmed, but prices are not likely to go so high as first expected, owing to average crops elsewhere, and shelled Valentias are in more liberal supply than last year. Grenoble walnuts are expected to show better quality than last year, and reports as regards Marbot and Corves nuts would indicate a good yield. Orders for imported candied peels have been placed at about same figures as last year. There has been some wholesale enquiry for evaporated apples of late, and we hear of some 1,500 cases being placed to-day at 8c. In sugars there is a continued good movement from the refineries, at exactly

same figures as last week. In teas the movement is yet comparatively slow, but more demand is expected shortly. Low grade Congous are wanted, but are very scarce, and cheap gunpowders are also in very light supply.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Though the United States market is reported stronger for dry hides, there is no noteworthy change in local affairs in this line. Receipts are just moderate, being readily absorbed, and no accumulation of stock is reported. Dealers continue to buy at the following figures: No. 1 beef hides, 9c.; calfskins, 11c. for No. 1, and 9c. for No. 2; lambskins, 40c. Tallow is not as active as some weeks ago, but 4c. is a pretty steady figure for best rendered.

LEATHER.—No additional degree of activity is noted since last week. Values hold very steadily in all lines. The American market is reported stiffer, dry hides being up half a cent in New York, and the American Upper Leather Trust is now said to be an accomplished fact. Some Western tanners write their local agents instructing them to hold to quotations, and not to sell any large bills. We hereunder 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 23c.; 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.—No special changes are chronicled since last report. A round sale of Summerlee is reported at \$24; no other brand of Scotch iron is on the local market, and the Canadian furnaces will not undertake any deliveries before January. Ingot tin has showed some variation in London, declining to £140, but is again cabled at £143 2s. 6d., and local jobbing prices are stiff at 34 to 35c., though a fair transaction is said to be reported at 33c. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$24 to \$25; Carnbroe, \$20.00 to \$22.00; Hamilton No. 1, \$20.00 to \$22.00; No. 2, do., \$20.00 to \$22.00; Ferrona No. 1, \$20.00; machinery scrap, \$20.00 to \$22.00; common ditto, \$20 to \$22; bar iron, Canadian, \$2; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.60; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.70; 75 sheets, \$2.80; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.25 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.50; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.55; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.45; No. 16, and heavier, \$3; tin plates; Charcoal, I.C., Alloway, \$4.80 to \$4.90; do., I.X., \$5.25 to \$5.50; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$5.50 to \$5.75; do., I.X., \$4.75; coke, I.C., \$4.40; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 26, \$4.25; No. 24, \$4 in the 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; spring, \$2.75 to \$3; 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, 10½ to 11c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—The further advance in turpentine anticipated at moment of writing last week, materialized the next day, the price for single barrels going up to 75c., a jump of full three cents. There is decided scarcity, and more or less uncertainty as to the future of the market. Linseed oil is showing further signs of strength, prices in London having gone up 5s. the ton, and Western dealers have advanced a cent per gallon, but the local trade has made no move as yet. Other lines are unchanged. Fall orders are beginning to come in well, the season being a fortnight ahead of last year in this respect. We again 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, 75c.; five to nine barrels, 74c.; 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.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Messrs. Gillespie & Co.'s Prices Current, dated Liverpool, August 11th, say: "Sugar.—Raw: Small supplies restrict business. Refined is steady at our advanced quotations.

"Rice shows no alteration, but prices are very firm.

"Chemicals, with exception of caustic soda, which has advanced 20s. per ton, remain at about our last month's figures. Tin crystals are dearer at about 10d. per lb.

"Oils keep fairly steady. Palm and Olive are about 10s. per ton higher since our last report. Coconut rather lower at £24 to £27 10s. per ton, according to quality.

"Freights are open to engagement. On groceries or chemicals at 15s. to 20s. for Toronto, Hamilton, or London, and at 5s. to 7s. 6d. for Montreal."

THE EDMONTON FLOODS.

Says a despatch from Edmonton, N.W.T., dated Saturday last: The water reached its highest stage yesterday, and commenced to fall last evening. The electric light company had to shut down, as the works were completely covered by water, and the loss to machinery will be considerable. Several thousand logs were swept away. Walter and Humberstone and Dr. Fraser are the chief losers in this line, the former expecting to lose 10,000 logs. One span of the Red Deer traffic bridge is carried away. A miner from the Rockies states they had ten days of steady rain and intense heat. Mail was delivered last night for the first time, being brought across in small boats. All ferry cables are carried away, and traffic with vehicles will be stopped for a few days till ferries are put in running order.