

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 5th, 1894.

ASHES.—The receipts of ashes for the eleven months just closed were 1,830 barrels pots and 206 barrels pearls, figures somewhat in excess of same period last year, which were 1,508 barrels pots and 148 brls. pearls. The deliveries for the same period in 1894 were 1,777 bbls. pots, 237 bbls. pearls, and in 1893 they were 1,550 bbls. pots, 171 bbls. pearls. There were in store Dec. 1st this year 101 bbls. pots, and 9 bbls. pearls. The market remains dull. First pots are quoted at \$4.10, seconds are relatively higher at \$3.70 to 3.75; pearls \$6.50 to 6.75 per cental.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Several of the larger shoe factories which have been closed down during stock-taking have started up. Business, however, is not wholly satisfactory; sorting orders have been moderate only, and in spring goods travellers have not met with a large measure of encouragement thus far.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Business in cements is now, of course, in small compass and winter prices are in force, English brands

being quoted at \$2.05 to 2.15; Belgian, \$1.95 to 2.05. Firebricks are also firmer at \$17.00 to 22.00 per thousand.

MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

	Nov. 26, '94.	Dec. 3, '94.
Wheat, bushels.....	680,240	726,233
Corn, ".....	639
Oats, ".....	172,161	181,191
Rye, ".....	2,758	5,918
Peas, ".....	19,106	24,816
Barley, ".....	17,682	7,412
Total grain.....	891,917	946,209

DRY GOODS.—Stock-taking is now very general among city wholesale dry goods houses, and business is of a very quiet character indeed. Some buyers just back from Britain report nothing of a very important character over there with regard to prices. Canadian purchases have been marked by moderation, and business in Britain has been quiet, but considerable activity is looked for after the 1st January, especially as the revised American duties on woolen dress goods come into effect on that date. It is said some extremely large orders for these goods have been placed on American account, including two for 50,000 pieces each.

Silks are coming into more use for trimming, and are selling more freely, but no advance is anticipated. There has been a good crop of flax, and, if anything, linen prices are likely to be easier.

GROCERIES.—The movement is a moderate one, and the week has brought forth little in the way of change. Some more enquiry is again reported for teas, a few fair lines of which are reported sold to city jobbers. Several agents for Japan houses have been looking around for stock to meet Western enquiries, but without much success. Where last year it is said there were some 40,000 packages of low grade Japans in the country in first hands, it is questioned now if there be one-eighth of that quantity. The London market is reported quiet at the moment, but showing no relaxation of firmness. Granulated sugar is steady at last week's reduction, 4c. per lb. being refinery price; yellows, 3¼ to 3½c. Some little lots of German refined keep dropping along, at a cost laid down of about \$3.50 the cental. The production of our domestic beet shows much fluctuation in quality. Molasses is in fair request, and Barbadoes is quoted at 27½c. per gal. in round lots, 29 to 30c. in smaller lots. Syrups are rather scarce; we quote dark 1¼ to 1½c., brights 2 to 2½c. There is some chance of a stiffening in California loose Muscatels, the consumption of which has been large, and there is some difficulty being experienced in getting further supplies.

HIDES.—The firmness before noted in both light and heavy hides is well maintained, and further business is reported with the United States. Dealers pay 4½c. per lb. for No. 1 light hides, with sales to tanners at 5c.; for heavies 5½c. is the quotation, the price to tanners being 6 to 6½c. Of calfskins there are few offering. Lambskins bring 60 to 65c. each.

LEATHER.—No improvement is to be noted in this line of merchandise, and all the trade report that there is virtually nothing doing. Quotations are unchanged. With a firmer hide market, and the moderate stocks on hand, there are some who are hopeful of an improvement in values when a better demand sets in. There is enquiry from England for splits, but this class of stock is in limited supply, and brings prices fully as good as can be realized by export. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 18 to 20c.; do No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 18c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 17 to 18c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1 slaughter, 18 to 20c.; No. 2 do., 17 to 18c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 24 to 26c.; do. heavy, 20 to 24c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 27c.; splits, large, 13 to 16c.; do. small, 11 to 12½c.; calf-splits, 27 to 30c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 23 to 27c.; Canadian, 19 to 21c.; colored pebble cow, 12½ to 13½c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 18 to 23c.; buffed cow, 9 to 11c.; extra heavy buff, 12½c.; pebbled cow, 8 to 12c.; polished buff, 9 to 11c.; glove grain, 9 to 10c.; rough, 16 to 17c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—We hear of little that is noteworthy occurring in these lines. Sales of pig iron have been few and unimportant. Warrants are cabled at 42/5d., at which figure they have been about stationary for several weeks. Quotations for Scotch and domestic are as below. American Niagara can be laid down at about \$18. Tin and Canada plates are unchanged; the 8,000 boxes of Canadas spoken of lately have gone into store. Some fair sales of heavy galvanized sheets, Nos. 18 and 20, are reported at 3½c. We quote:—Coltess pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none here; Calder No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$21.00 to 21.50; Eglinton, \$18.50; Gartscherrie, none here; Langloan, none here; Carnbroe, \$19.00 to 19.50; Shotts, none here; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17; Niagara No. 2, \$18.00 to 18.50; Siemens, pig, No. 1, \$16.50 to \$17.25; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to 17.00; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do., \$12.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60; British, \$5.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.10; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.00 to 2.05; all polished Canadas, \$2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$5.75 to \$6.00. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.15 to 2.30; No. 26, \$2.15 to 2.20; No. 24, \$2.10; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.25 to \$5.50; charcoal I. C., \$3.50; P. D. Crown, \$3.75 to 4.00; do. I. X., \$4.75 to 5.00; Coke I. C., \$2.75 to 2.90; coke wasters, \$2.65; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4¼ to 4½c.; No. 26, 4c.;

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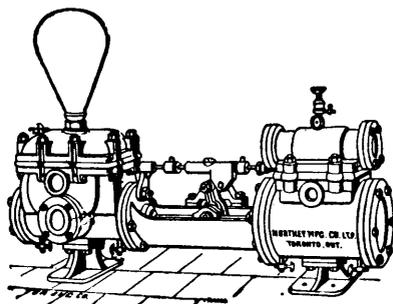
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