

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The receipts for the last week of navigation for the season were 3,100 brls. of English, and 1,800 brls. of Belgian. All stocks are now in store, and rather stiffer prices are asked, but there is only a reasonably light business doing. We quote British, \$2 to 2.15; Belgian, \$1.90 to \$2 per brl.; firebricks, \$16 to \$21 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The shipments of cheese from this port for the season of 1895, made up to Saturday last, aggregate 1,710,756 boxes, just about equal to the figures of 1894, which were 1,711,685, the largest within the history of the trade. Since then, however, the "Lake Huron," which arrived late from the ocean and only got away Monday morning last, took out 4,700 boxes, which gives the palm to this year by a slight majority. The market is at present very dull; we quote finest late Ontario makes 9½ to 9¾c., Quebec ditto 8¾ to 9c., earlier makes 8½ to 8¾c. Butter shipments this year showed some increase in volume, the figures being 63,853 packages, as against only 26,152 packages in 1894. Values in this line are easier, and an inactive market is reported. For choice creamery 21c. is now about the outside figure; Townships dairy, 17 to 18c.; Western, 14 to 15c. per lb.

MONTREAL GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

	Nov. 18, '95.	Nov. 25, '95.
Wheat, bushels.....	254,588	245,913
Corn, ".....	1,791	2,326
Oats, ".....	26,858	38,884
Rye, ".....	2,851	2,857
Peas, ".....	12,376	876
Barley, ".....	7,288	15,623
Total grain.....	305,752	306,479
Oatmeal.....	41	188
Flour.....	18,440	20,584
Buckwheat.....	19,513	20,446

FURS.—The cold weather and snow of the latter half of last week was very beneficial to the retail fur trade, and occasioned some improvement in the demand for furs for local consumption. Offerings from the interior of raw pelts are yet moderate, and consist mainly of rats, skunk, and mink. We quote for prime pelts:—Beaver, \$3 to 3.50 per

lb.; bear, \$10 to 20; cub, \$5 to 8; fox, red, \$1 to 1.50; cross, do., \$3 to 5; silver, do., \$20 to 75; fisher, \$5 to 6; marten, \$1 to 1.75; mink, \$1 to 1.50; lynx, \$1.50 to 2; coon, 50c. to 75c.; fall rats, 5 to 7c.; otter, \$9 to 12; skunk, 40c. to \$1.

GROCERIES.—Business is comparatively quiet at the moment, and the situation presents no very new features. The scarcity of Valencia raisins has become more marked; the New York market is also reported bare, and agents of Denia houses say that little, if any, stock is available at primary points; local prices are stiff, at 4½ to 6½c. per lb. as to quality. Malaga fruit is also scarce, and some houses report that they are without the full complement of their orders. California apricots and prunes are reported dearer on the coast, though local prices are yet unchanged. New Valencia shelled almonds are now in stock, and are quoted at 23 to 25c. Shelled walnuts will be exceptionally late this season, as the weather has been unfavorable for drying in France, and stocks are not expected here before Jan. 10th. Grenoble walnuts in the shell are expected shortly, and are quoted at 13c.; Marbots, 10c.; Tarragona almonds, 11½ to 12c.; fancy Naples filberts, 12c.; Sicily do., 8c. Canned goods are dull, retailers being pretty well stocked with supplies to last them till after the turn of the year. In sugars, yellows are a shade easier, refiners quoting low grades at three and a sixteenth, with an occasional lot at 3c. per pound to try and stimulate the demand, which is rather slow at the moment; granulated, four and three-sixteenths to four and a quarter, as to lot. Teas are quiet. An auction sale of some \$30,000 worth of Japans and blacks, damaged at the recent warehouse fire, was held a few days ago, prices realized ranging from 7 to 12c. per lb.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The market is unchanged since a week ago, dealers paying 6c. per lb. for No. 1 green hides and 6c. for calfskins, with 60 cents each for sheepskins. The demand from tanners is just moderate, such sales as are being made being at 7c. per lb. for cured. Tallow dull and nominal.

LEATHER.—There is a little more enquiry being made by some boot and shoe manufacturers, but no business of any consequence has

developed therefrom, and the market continues to rule very dull. A couple of English leather men have been around this week feeling the market, but they say they find values stiffer than in Boston, where they picked up some fair lots of splits and glove grain. There have been no further changes in quotations of late. We quote: Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do. No. 2, 21 to 23c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 22 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 22c.; No. 1 slaughter, 25 to 27c.; No. 2 do., 23 to 24c.; common, 22c.; waxed upper light and medium, 33 to 38c.; do. heavy, 30 to 35c.; grained, 22 to 25c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; western splits, 21 to 25c.; Quebec do., 15 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 19c.; 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 30c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 15 to 16c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 25 to 32c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 16c.; pebbled cow, 11 to 14c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 11 to 14c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The movement in metals is slow; some hardware houses report fair orders. Stocks of pig iron are now all in store, and prices are rather firmer. For domestic iron \$18 is about as low a figure as is now quoted. Sheet iron is very scarce, and some dealers are not disposed to sell any gauge below \$2.50. There were some cheap lots of Canada plates sold recently below quotations, but these are now all cleared out. Lead and spelter are firmer. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none here; Calder, No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$20.50 to 21.00; Eglinton, \$18.00 to 18.50; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$19.00; Shotts, \$19.50 ex-yard; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17.00; Niagara, No. 2, \$21.00; Siemens pig, No. 1, \$18.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$18.00; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do., \$12 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.25, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.30; 75 sheets \$2.40; all polished Canadas, \$2.50 to 2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.50; No. 26, \$2.40;

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