

MONTREAL HARDWARE MARKET.
 Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, June 4.
 Turpentine is lower and easy at the decline. Ropes very firm and further advance expected. Cement active. Hardware and paints steady.

White lead, government standard, \$5.62 1-2; No. 1, \$5.25; dry white lead in kegs, 5c. red lead in kegs, 13-4c. linseed oil raw, 49c; boiled, 52c; turpentine, 47c; bar iron, \$1.40 to \$1.50; tin plates, cokes, \$2.75 to \$2.90, I. C. charcoal, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Canada plates, \$2.10 to \$2.15, tern plates, \$5.95 to \$6.25; galvanized iron, 4-14 to 4-1c; lead \$3.75 to \$4. iron pipe, \$3.90 to \$4. putty in bulk, \$1.65; in bladders, \$1.80, ingot tin, 16 1-2 to 17 1-2. Cement, English brands, \$2.25 to \$2.35, Germany, \$2.30 to \$2.45, and Belgium, \$1.80 to \$2 per barrel, ex-wharf.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.
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Montreal, June 4.
 Canned vegetables are quiet and easy. Tomatoes are 5 to 10c lower, and corn and peas 5c lower.

Sugar unchanged, fairly firm. Molasses very firm, and stocks light. Dried fruits active and firm.

Quotations are: Granulated sugar, standard, 41-2c at the refineries; Canadian-German granulated, 43-16c; yellows, 35-8 to 41-8c; molasses 30 to 31; syrups, 2 to 2 1-2 as to quality. Valencia raisins from 43-4 to 51-2c; Valencia buyers, 61-2c; currants, 51-8 to 61-2c, as to brand; coffee, Rio, 10 to 11c; Mocha, 22 to 24c; Java, 22 to 24c; rice, Crystal Japan, 51-1c, B., 33-4c.

Canned goods—Tomatoes, \$1.15 to \$1.20; corn, 80 to 90c; peas, 85 to 95c.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.
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Montreal, May 31.
 Receipts at the East End abattoir market yesterday were 150 cattle, 200 sheep and lambs, and 500 calves. At the Grand Trunk yards 300 cattle and 600 hogs. Choice heaves sold at 41-4 to 41-2c; good at 33-1c to 4c; fair at 3 to 31-2c; and common at 2 1-4 to 23-4c per lb. Sheep ruled steady at 33-4 to 4c for good to choice and at 31-4 to 31-2c for common to fair. Lambs \$2.50 to \$3.75 each. Hogs were all taken at \$5 to \$5.10. The export of live stock from the port of Montreal for the month of May show a decrease of 2,896 head of cattle and 2,672 sheep as compared with the same month last year. Rates to Liverpool are quoted at 12s 6d; London, 30s to 35s; Glasgow, 45s; and Bristol, 35s.

THURSDAY'S MARKETS.

Montreal, June 3.
 At the semi-weekly market yesterday the market was quiet and prices unchanged. Shipments for export this week were: Cattle, 2,370 head; horses, 119. Offerings yesterday were 400 cattle, 1,000 calves, 350 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Choice, 43-8 to 41-2c; good, 33-4 to 41-1c.

Sheep—Shippers, 31-2 to 4c; culls, 3c. Spring lambs, \$2.25 to \$4 each. Hogs—\$5 to \$5.10 per 100 lbs.

MONTREAL GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Montreal, June 4.
 Oats are 2c lower than a week ago, with sales at 36c afloat. Flour quiet.

Millfeed is in good demand. Oatmeal quiet and easy. Eggs 1-2c lower. Hides up 1c. Butter quiet. Export demand slow, but there is a good local demand. Cheese is quiet and cable advices report the British market dull and weak. The burning of the western abattoir destroyed a considerable stock of beef, which increased the local demand this week for choice cattle to replace stock, which was prime beef. Cable offers on flour are considerably lower.

Oats—36c per bushel for No. 2 white delivery afloat.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$6.50, Manitoba patents, \$6.90.

Millfeed—Bran, \$14 per ton; shorts, \$6.90 to \$7.10.

\$16, including sacks. Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$2.10 per bag.

Hides—No. 1 green hides, 9c; calfskins 10c; sheepskins \$1; tallow 3 to 3 1-1c.

Eggs—Fresh, 9 to 9 1-2c per dozen.

Butter—Choice dairy 14 to 15c.

Butter—Creamery 16 to 16 1-4c.

Cheese—7 to 7 1-8c.

Potatoes—75c per bag.

Maple syrup—Barrels, 43-1 to 5c lb.

tins, 4. to 50c; in wood, 41-2 to 5c lb.; sugar 6 to 6 1-4c.

TORONTO WHOLESALE TRADE.

Special to The Commercial.
 Toronto, June 4.

Dry goods—Hot weather has increased the demand for summer dry goods. Light dress goods are meeting with a big demand. Sales of fall goods are increasing. Orders for foreign lines could not be repeated except at an advance of about ten per cent. Canadian manufacturers of oil cloth have reduced prices five to ten per cent, owing to United States competition.

Grain—Inactive. Sugars slow and firm. A Montreal factory is offering a dark yellow sugar at 1-16c below former lowest yellow sugar. This is a new line. Rice firmer. Stocks of Ceylon teas are light and the market is firm.

Hardware—Active business done in in this branch, but the trade complain of small profits. Galvanized buckets are dearer. Castor oil 1-2c lower. Ingot tin scarcer and firm.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.
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Toronto, May 31.
 Receipts of live stock of all kinds at the semi-weekly market to-day were 77 carloads, including 1,100 hogs and 114 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Export cattle were slow, at \$3.90 to \$4.35 per 100 lbs. Butchers' cattle firmer, and all sold, at \$3.75 to \$4.15 for choice, and ordinary at \$3.25 to \$3.50. Export bulls, \$3.30 to \$3.65. Stockers firm and active, for Buffalo shipment, at \$31-4 to 4c per lb.

Sheep and lambs—Ewes brought 31-2c, bucks 3c, yearlings 41-2c to 5c and spring lambs \$3.50 to \$4.50 each.

Hogs easier. The best price was principally \$5, a few extra bringing \$5.70 per cwt. Thick fat and light hogs, \$4.65 to \$4.75 per cwt; sows, \$3 to \$3.25; stags, \$2 to \$2.25.

FRIDAY'S MARKET.

Toronto, June 3.
 Receipts to-day were 71 carloads, including 1,500 hogs. Export cattle were 16c per 100 lbs lower. Butchers' cattle easier. Hogs weak. Export cattle ranged at 33-4 to 41-1c. But-

others, 3 to 4c. Hogs \$5 per cwt for choicest.

TORONTO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.
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Toronto, June 4.
 More export demand for wheat. Flour 10 to 20c lower for all grades. Shorts scarce and \$2 per ton higher. Eggs 1-2c lower. Butter easier. Creamery tubs 1-2c lower. Cured hides 1-4c higher. Calfskins 1c higher. Dressed hogs 1-4c lower.

Flour—Manitoba patent, \$6.75 to \$6.80; bakers, \$6.25 to \$6.50. Ontario straight roller, \$4.75 to \$4.80.

Wheat—Ontario winter wheat, \$1 for cars at country points; No. 1 hard, Owen Sound, \$1.30 to \$1.31.

Oats—White, 32 to 33c for cars at country points.

Millfeed—Shorts, \$13.50 to \$15 ton, at country points. Bran, \$10.50.

Oatmeal—\$4.30 per barrel for car lots and \$4.20 in bags.

Eggs—10c

Butter—Dairy, large rolls, 11 1-2 to 12c; tubs, 12 to 13c for choice; creamery, tub, 15 1-2c.

Hides—No. 1 green, 81-2c; cured, 9 1-4c; sheepskins, 90c to \$1.35 for fresh killed; calfskins, 9 to 10c.

sheepskins, 90c to \$1.35 for fresh Honey—6 1-2 to 7c per lb. in bulk. Beans—\$5 to 90c per bushel.

Wool—New washed 16c, unwashed 10 to 10 1-2c.

Seca—Timothy, \$1.60 to \$2.25 per bushel. Red clover, \$3 to \$4 per bush. Maple syrup—65 per gallon.

Dressed hogs—Lower at 61-1c per pound.

LUXFER PRISMS.

The wonderfully effective but extremely simple discovery for lighting stores and buildings generally is being introduced in Winnipeg. The principle is simply the refraction of light by means of plates of glass, having the outer surface plain and the inner surface moulded into semi-prisms. By the use of these plates light can be conveyed to all parts of a large room, and the back of a long store can be made as light as the front. Every child knows that light can be thrown by means of a piece of glass. The application in the Luxfer prisms is so simple that it seems a wonder that it was not discovered long ago. In large buildings there is often a great amount of waste space through the necessity in the past of having light wells. These can now be done away with. A small plate is sufficient to light a dark passage. By the use of these plates in transoms and at the tops of show windows, the most delicate colors can be matched at the rear of a long store, where under ordinary circumstances it would be hard to distinguish colors at all. The whole thing is so simple and so effective that it seems ridiculous that we have been going on for years disfiguring buildings by great, ugly light wells, which cause drafts and make it inconvenient for heating purposes. This mode of lighting will now be adopted in all modern buildings. G. F. Stephens & Company, Winnipeg, have the agency for the Luxfer prisms in the west.

TENDERS.

Tenders for the erection of a grain elevator at Dominion City, Man., are asked for.

Tenders are called for the purchase of \$2,400 debentures of the Clearwater, Man., school district.