

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 16th March, 1898.

ASHES.—The market is without a new feature; the English demand is very quiet, and local dealing of the lightest. Values rule at about \$3.55 to 3.60 for first quality pots; seconds, \$3.15 to 3.20; pearls, nominally about \$4.75 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The calling for tenders by the Government for 120,000 brls. of cement to be used on the Soulages Canal, has created considerable interest in the trade, and will lead to a large amount of figuring among contractors. It is expected there will be a further call shortly for 80,000 brls. for the Trent Canal. Since last writing advices are to hand advising a further advance of sixpence a brl. by English makers, who it is reported, find difficulty in keeping deliveries up to present contracts. Local prices are as yet unaltered for either cements or firebricks.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The cheese market remains without any feature of interest, and the business doing is of the most limited character. Some dealers are said to be holding out for 8½c. per lb. for finest, but find it impossible to put through any transactions at this figure, and from 7 to 8c. about represents the level of the market. Butter is moving more freely, and new made creamery sells at 20 to 21c. in this market, held makes 18 to 19c., fine new Townships dairy 18 to 20c., Western 16 to 17c. New laid eggs are down to 14 to 14½c. per doz., with plentiful supplies and a good demand.

DRY GOODS.—The very mild weather of the past ten days has given a decided fillip to the retail trade, and wholesale houses report continued steady despatch of orders. The continuance of cheap railway fares has favored the visits of buyers from local, as well as Western points, and several buyers from the distant provinces have also been making fair selections. Collections are very fairly maintained, although the break-up of the snow roads in the interior has had some effect in this direction.

FISH.—For salt fish there is now but slow sale, and in fresh fish there is an easier feeling, owing to the continued mild spell. We quote:—Green cod, No. 1, \$3.25 to 3.50; No. 1, large, \$3.75 to 4.00; dry cod, \$3.25 to 3.75; No. 1 herrings, \$4 to 4.50; N. S. salmon, \$12 to 13.00; B. C. ditto, \$10.50 to 11.00; sea trout, \$6.50 to 7.50; haddies, 6 to 6½c.; bloaters, \$1 to 1.25 per box; boneless cod, 4½ to 5c. per lb.; whitefish, \$4.75 to 5.00 per barrel.

FURS.—Only partial cable advices are as yet available regarding the London fur sales now in progress, and complete information will not be to hand for several days. As far as indicated, some decline is shown in otter and fisher, and a little advance in marten. We quote:—Mink, large dark \$1.50; small, do., \$1.00 to 1.25; marten, \$1.75 to 2.25; fisher, \$4.50 to 7.00; lynx, \$1.00 to 2.00; otter, \$1.00 to 12.00 for dark; pale, \$5.00 to 7.00; red fox, large, \$1.30 to 1.50; small, \$1.00; cross fox, \$3.00 to 6.00; bear, cubs, \$3.00 to 7.00; medium, \$7.00 to 10.00; large, \$12.00 to 15.00; skunk, 15 to 70c., as to color and stripe; coon, 20 to 75c.; rats, fall, 7c. to 10c. kits, 2 to 5c. Beaver, not quoted, killing being forbidden by law.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

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Wheat, bushels.....	110,346	461,084
Corn, ".....	95,361	22,403
Oats, ".....	783,664	563,335
Rye, ".....	36,024	59,161
Peas, ".....	94,546	182,294
Barley, ".....	36,201	42,819

Total grain	1,156,142	1,331,096
Atmeal	176	3,417
Flour	17,792	43,215
Buckwheat.....	49,464	60,231

GROCERIES.—The breaking up of the snow roads, owing to the heavy thaw of the past week, is felt to some extent in this line, and the movement is not as brisk as it was. Sugar refiners report quite a slack demand, but values are fairly steady, and we quote factory prices as follows: Standard granulated, 4½c.; Austrian refined, 4 to 4½c.; yellows, from 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. Molasses is reported rather firmer on the island, and one of the local refineries is reported to have placed a first order for 1,000 puncheons, for refining purposes, at a figure equal to about 22½c. laid down here. On spot about 28c. is the figure for single puncheons, and 25½ to 26½c. for fair lots. Rice is still being sold on the old schedule, but the new price list for the

ensuing year is expected to show quotations a shade lower. Teas continue somewhat dull, but importers are calculating on some improved demand from the West, as the result of the very considerable destruction of stocks warehoused with R. Carrie & Co., Toronto, whose premises were destroyed by fire a few days ago. In Japans values rule firm, and the impression seems to prevail that the market for new season's teas will open rather higher than last year. London advices indicate that Ceylons are a shade easier. The high price of canned goods is affecting the demand to some extent, but values are held pretty steady, and it is held that in some lines there will be a shortage before new supplies will be available. In most lines of California dried fruits there is some scarcity, with firmer values prevailing.

HIDES.—The quality of the hides now coming in is very poor indeed, and it is said to be a difficult matter to get 10c. from tanners for No. 1 hides. The Chicago market is reported off a quarter of a cent for the week, and Eastern tanners are said to have bought some moderate lots in Toronto at low figures. Dealers are buying on the basis of 9 to 9½c. for No. 1. Receipts of calfskins are becoming more liberal, and they continue to be bought at 10c. for No. 1; and 8c. for No. 2. Spring lambskins are also beginning to come in, and realize 10c.; sheepskins average about \$1, and clips 10 cents.

LEATHER.—Matters are rather quieter in this line. Shoe manufacturers are pretty well through with the cutting on spring stock, and the easier tendency in the hide market may have some withholding effect on buyers, though this weakening, which is really slight in character, is mainly due to the falling off in quality usual at the season, and it is held that leather prices are really low as compared with hide values. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 25 to 26c.; do. No. 2, 22½ to 23½c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 21c.; No. 1 slaughter, 27 to 28c.; No. 2 do., 22 to 24c.; 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, 22 to 25c.; Quebec do., 20 to 21c.; juniors, 18 to 20c.; 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 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 13 to 13½c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—No important transactions are reported in heavy metals since last writing. Pig iron values remain unchanged, and warrants are cabled at 46s. 3d. Domestic bars sell at \$1.40 to 1.50 as to quality, and bands at \$1.65 to 1.75. Plates unchanged: Terns might be bought in fair quantity at \$5.75, but in jobbing lots \$5.90 to 6.00 is the prevailing figure. Lead continues to ease off, and the market in the United States is reported particularly dull. We quote:—Summerlee pig iron \$18.00 to 18.50; Carron, No. 1, \$18; No. 3, \$17.25; Ayrson, No. 1, \$17.00; No. 3, \$16.50; Shotts, \$17.25 to 17.50; Carnbroe, \$17.00, ex-store; Ferrona, No. 1, \$15 to \$16; Hamilton No. 1, \$16; No. 2, ditto, \$15.50; machinery scrap, \$14.00 to 15.00; common ditto, \$12.00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to 1.50; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.10 to \$2.15; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.25; 75 sheets, \$2.35; all polished Canadas, \$2.40; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.90 to \$6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.15; No. 24, \$2.05; Nos. 17, \$2; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.15; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I. C., Alloway, \$3.15 to 3.25; do, I. X., \$3.90 to 4.00; P. D. Crown, I. C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do, I. X., \$4.50; Coke I. C., \$2.90 to 2.95 for standard, \$2.75 to \$2.80 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28 ordinary brands, \$4; No. 26, \$3.75; No. 24, \$3.50 in case lots; Morewood, \$5.00 to 5.10, tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, etc.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to 1.75; English hoops \$2.00 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate, ½-inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Daltell, and equal; ditto three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ½ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do.; \$2.00; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-six-

teenths and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.50 to 3.55; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel \$2.25; ingot tin, 16 to 16½c. for L. & F.; Straits, 15½ to 16c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 12½ to 12¾c.; sheet zinc, \$5 to \$5.25; Silesian spelter, \$4.60 to 4.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$4.60 to 4.75; American spelter, \$4.50; antimony, 8 to 9c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Most of the houses in this line report good business, and some shipping of spring orders is already being done, though spring freight rates do not come into force till the 1st prox. The strong advance of last week in turpentine is fully maintained, and some further stiffening is deemed not improbable; values in other lines are steadily held. We quote:—Turpentine one to four barrels, 56c.; five to nine barrels, 55c., net thirty days. Linseed oil, raw, one to four barrels, 47c.; five to nine barrels, 46c.; boiled, one to four barrels, 50c.; five to nine brls., 49c., net 30 days; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Nhd. cod, 35 to 37c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 30 to 32c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 45 to 47½c. per gallon in small lots. Castor oil, 9 to 9½c. as to quantity. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.37½; No. 1, \$5.00; No. 2, \$4.67½; No. 3, \$4.25; No. 4, \$3.87½; dry white lead, 4½ to 5c. genuine red do., 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to 1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to 2.00. Paris green, 50 and 100 lb. drums, 15c.; 25 lb. drums, 15½c.; 1 lb. cartons, 16c.; pound tins, 16½c.; window glass, \$1.40 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.10.

THE LIVERPOOL WOOD MARKET.

The monthly circular of Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine, dated Liverpool, 1st March, 1898, has the following:

The arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 710 tons register, against 2,415 tons register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to this date from all places during the years 1896, 1897 and 1898 has been 25,691, 27,069 and 33,704 tons respectively.

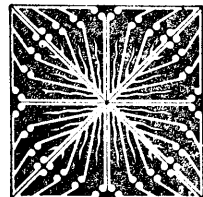
The business during the past month has been without animation: stocks generally are too heavy, and more than ample for the probable requirements of the trade until the new import comes forward; there is little change in values to report, but prices are maintained with difficulty. Contracting for the coming season is very restricted, and few sales have so far been arranged.

CANADIAN WOODS.—*Pine Timber.*—Of both waney and square the deliveries have been on a small scale: values are unchanged, but stocks are too heavy. Red pine moves off slowly, and

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