

**BALTIC AND EUROPEAN WOODS.**—The arrivals during the past month have been 18 vessels, 12,088 tons, against 14 vessels, 7,049 tons, during the like time last year. Fir timber has not been imported; the demand is small and the stock is ample; there is no change in value to report. *Red and White Deals*—The import has been moderate, and the deliveries show an improvement, still the stock is quite ample. *Flooring Boards*—The import has been light, the consumption fair, and stocks are moderate. Shippers are holding for a considerable advance in price for next season's shipment, but little business has been done.

**EAST INDIA TEAK AND GREENHEART.**—The arrivals have again been by steamer, and have chiefly gone direct from the quay into consumption. There is no change in value to report, although cargoes have been offering at lower rates; the stock is quite sufficient. *Greenheart*—One cargo has arrived during the month; the consumption has been fair, and the stock is moderate.

## STOCKS IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan 15th, 1896.

STOCKS.	Highest.	Lowest.	Total.	Sellers.	Buyers.	Average price 1895.
Montreal .....	218	215	78	218	215½	219½
Ontario .....	83	83	10	.....	.....	95
People's .....	2	2	38	.....	2	116½
Molson's .....	.....	.....	178	.....	.....	165
Toronto .....	.....	.....	240	230	239½	.....
Jac. Cartier .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Merchants' .....	164	164	18	167½	163	164½
Commerce .....	136	134	61	135½	133	136½
Union .....	97½	97½	1	100	.....	100
M. Teleg. .....	.....	.....	164	161	156½	.....
Rich. & Ont. ....	.....	.....	100	92½	96	.....
Mont. St. Ry. ....	218½	214½	1457	215½	213½	179
Gas .....	198	197	161	200	198	194½
C. Pacific Ry. ....	53	53	150	55	54	50
do land bonds ..	.....	.....	.....	107	.....	.....
N.W. Land pf'd. ....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Bell Tele. ....	.....	.....	158	155	150	.....
Mont. 4% stock ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 15th Jan., 1896.

**ASHES.**—We have again to report a quiet market, receipts being light and transactions few. First quality pots are still quoted at \$3.60, seconds easier, and it is questioned if \$3.40 could be realized at the moment. Pearls are firmer; a few barrels have been retailed out at \$5.20 per cential, and probably \$5 would be about a fair quotation for the country.

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**—Some of the houses have been looking about the leather warehouses for stock, but have not bought much outside moderate parcels of sole. The suspension of James Leggatt may produce some complications among the smaller shoe and leather men, and has meantime had a depressing effect in shoe manufacturing circles as well as in leather.

**CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.**—Cements continue to rule very dull, with prices steady, however, at \$2.05 to 2.15 for English, and \$1.95 to 2.05 for Belgian. English advices just to hand say that prices are higher, and are likely to continue so till the spring shipping season. Some few lots of bricks are moving for repairs, at \$16 to \$22 per thousand.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—There has been a little looking up in cheese. The cable quotation this week is sixpence better, and demand rather improved; finest is now pretty steadily held at 9½c. per lb. The exports since close of navigation now foot up to 81,424 boxes, making a total for the season of 1,796,877 boxes, just about 50,000 boxes short of the total of last season. Butter is also in a little better demand; best winter made is quoted at 20 to 21c.; ordinary dairy, 14 to 18c. per lb. Boiling eggs bring 23 to 25c.; limed, 14 to 15c. per dozen.

**FURS.**—Some moderate mixed lots of raw furs are reported to be dropping in, but receipts are, on the whole, light. The results of the London sales, about coming on, are anxiously looked for, and in the meantime buyers are inclined to act cautiously. 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, 50 to 75c.; fall rats, 5 to 7c.; winter do., 10 to 12c.; otter, \$9 to 12; skunk, 40c. to \$1.

**GROCERIES.**—Orders are a little more frequent than at last writing, but the continued absence of any material snowfall is still affecting business in the country adversely. Tea importers report some moderate sales to Western jobbers, and refiners are selling sugars more freely, but the general improvement in the trade movement is not yet very marked. With regard to values, we do not hear of any material change. Sugars are steady at the last-noted advance, without any sign of further stiffening at the moment. We quote standard granulated, 4½ to 4¾c. at factory, as to lot; yellows, 3½ to 4c. Syrups are in light supply at 1½ to 2¼c. per lb. at factory. Molasses is being more enquired for, and is quoted at 37c. for Barbadoes, and 36c. for Porto Rico, in single puncheons; good New Orleans, 32 to 33c. in barrels. Dried fruits, canned goods, etc., are dull.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—Receipts of green hides are comparatively light, and supplies are being absorbed by tanners about as quickly as they come in. It was thought probable some advance might be established this week, but at the usual weekly meeting of dealers held last Monday, nothing was decided in this direction. Tallow seems a drug on the market, and one dealer closed out his stock the other day at 5½c., and was glad to get it.

**LEATHER.**—Business does not improve as it was hoped it would about this time. Apart from some moderate transactions in sole, trading in leather has been light. The Leggatt failure has had and is having somewhat of a disturbing effect; some of the smaller shoe and leather men, both here and in Quebec, are likely to feel it. 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, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; western splits, 20 to 24c.; 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 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; 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.

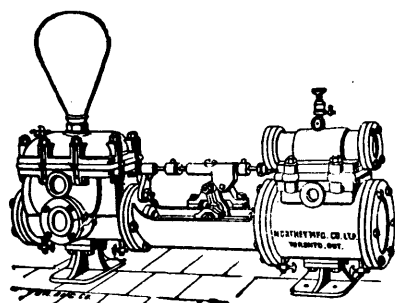
**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The local foundries, etc., which have been closed down, are again in working trim, but are not finding a great deal to do, and the demand for pig iron has not shown any revival as yet. Scrap iron is also hard to sell, and concessions on recent quotations would be necessary to bring about business. The session of the rolling-mill men in Toronto has come to an end without any changes apparently having been made. It is thought, however, that \$1.50 per 100 would not be refused for a good round lot of bars, though the quotation remains nominally as before. The season for tinned sheets, which are so largely used in cheese factory supplies, is now on, and quotations are 6c. for No. 24; 6½c. for No. 26. Circular advices announce a little decline in tin plates in England; cokes are quoted at 9s. 4½d.; charcoals, 10s. 6d. to 13s.; Canada plates, £7 5s.; ternes, 18s. 3d. Copper and tin have been declining, lead about holding its own; copper we now quote at 10½ to 11¼c.; tin, 15 to 16c. per lb. 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; Middleboro, No. 3, \$17; Niagara, No. 2, \$21; Siemens pig, No. 1, \$17.50 to 17.75; Ferrona, No. 1, \$17.50 to 17.75; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15.00; common do., \$12 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.55 to \$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; No. 24, \$2.30; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2.25; No. 16

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