

**CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.**—Business in cement is very quiet, but prices are now *ex* store, and show no shrinking. We quote English at \$2.40 to 2.65 as to brand and lot; Belgian, \$2.30 to 2.50. Firebricks are in somewhat better request, with moderate stocks only, and range from \$18 to \$25, the latter for Glenboag in small lots.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—The market for butter rules steady to firm, though with somewhat lessened movement. For choice, late made creamery 23½ to 24c. per lb. is paid, with holders asking 24½c. in some cases; earlier make, 22 to 23c. Townships, 19 to 20c. for finest, and for Western, 15 to 17c. In cheese there has been an upward movement, with sales of finest late makes at 10½ to 10¾c. per lb., though transactions at last-named figure are few; fine, 10½ to 10¾c.; medium, 9¾ to 10c. Later cables show a little decline in England. The season's shipments of cheese for 1891

show a falling off of 58,000 boxes, the figures being for 1890, 1,430,054 boxes; for 1891, 1,372,033 boxes. Butter shipments show an increase of 54,636 pkgs., the total being for 1891, 79,309 pkgs. and for 1890, 24,673 pkgs. Eggs are in demand, choicest stock realizing 17 to 18c.; ordinary, 15 to 16c.

**DRY GOODS.**—Another spell of mild weather interferes seriously with sorting business. Country dealers complain of a slackness in trade, and are resorting to "Pumpkin-seed guess competitions," &c., to entice the dollars from the wary farmers' pockets. Collections, however, hold the improvement last week noted, though a freer movement of money is yet to be desired. City men are paying very fairly.

**FISH.**—While the demand is not specially active, the lightness of supplies in most lines makes prices generally stiff. We quote green cod, \$5.50 to 5.75 for No. 1; dry cod, \$5.25 to 5.50; C. B. herrings, \$6; sea trout, \$9 to 9.50; finnan haddies, 7 to 8c.; boneless cod, 6 to 6½c.; Malpeque oysters, \$3.50 to 4.50.

**FURS.**—The demand from local furriers is as yet moderate, due to the open fall, and some decided frosts, with snow, are wanted to create some activity. Receipts of new caught raw furs are still small; the prices below are for well conditioned pelts. We quote:—Beaver, \$4.25 to 4.75 per lb.; bear, \$8 to 10; ditto cub, \$2 to 4; fisher, \$2.50 to 5; red fox, 75c. to \$1; cross ditto, \$1.50 to 3; lynx, \$1.50 to 2.50; marten, 60 to 75c.; mink, 75c. to \$1.50; muskrat, 10 to 12c.; otter, \$8 to 12; raccoon, 40 to 60c.; skunk, 20, 40, and 60c.

**GRAIN AND FLOUR.**—Grain is quieter, the demand for coarse grains having slackened with the close of navigation. We quote peas 78 to 80c. per bushel in store: oats, 36 to 37c.; rye, 91 to 93c.; feed barley, 48 to 50c.; malting do., 58 to 61c.; No. 2 hard Man. wheat, \$1.05 to 1.06; No. 3 do., 94 to 95c.; No. 2 Northern, \$1.02 to 1.04. For flour the demand in this market is less active. We quote patent spring \$5.20 to \$5.35; patent winter, \$5.05 to 5.30; straight roller, \$4.75 to 4.90; extra, \$4.50 to 4.60; superfine, \$4.05 to 4.20; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.10.

#### GRAIN STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks in store in Montreal of grain were as under on the dates mentioned:

|             | Nov. 23,<br>1891.<br>Bush. | Nov. 16<br>1891.<br>Bush. |
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| Wheat.....  | 262,270                    | 204,633                   |
| Corn.....   | 252                        | 350                       |
| Oats.....   | 117,990                    | 136,361                   |
| Rye.....    | 13,569                     | 26,317                    |
| Peas.....   | 184,458                    | 191,540                   |
| Barley..... | 194,264                    | 161,394                   |
| Total.....  | 772,803                    | 720,595                   |

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The stock of flour in store in Montreal on Monday last was 23,667 barrels as compared with 28,388 barrels on the previous Monday.

**GROCERIES.**—The movement is still of a moderate jobbing character, orders aggregating fairly, but few large ones being reported. Sugars are firmer, owing to a very notable advance in raws, and there is nothing available now in yellows below 3½c. per lb.; granulated 4½ to 4¾c. Molasses quiet, especially Barbadoes, which is held at 37½c. per gal. for best grades; New Orleans is offered at 29 to 30c.; syrups are moving fairly at prices last quoted. Japan teas are in steady demand, and there is no great supply of the lower grades; values, however, continue steady. Coffees are firmer, owing to Brazilian troubles, and Rio is quoted at 19c. Dried fruits are moving pretty freely countrywards at from 5½ to 5¾c. as to quality; currants 5½ to 5¾c. per lb. for Provincials; Patras, 6 to 6½c.; Sultanas 9 to 11c.; prunes scarce; dates easier at 7c.; dried apples 5 to 5½c.; evaporated; apples 7½ to 8c. Supplies of nuts are light; Tarragona almonds we quote 14 to 15c.; filberts 9 to 11c.; pecans 16 to 17c. Candied peel is now in fair demand; lemon and orange bring 14 to 15c.; citron 22 to 24c.; canned goods show little change. Quebec pack of tomatoes \$1.00 to 1.05; best Western brands \$1.25; corn \$1.00 to 1.10; salmon \$1.35 to 1.45; lobsters \$7.50 to 8.00.

Hides are inactive, with sales to tanners reported at 5½c. per pound; the Chicago market is still reported weak. Dealers here are still paying 5c. per pound for No. 1 green; sheepskins, 70 to 75c. each.

**LEATHER.**—Sorting business is still of a slow, dull character in the shoe factories, and leather is not in much demand, few sales of any consequence being reported, aside from a few moderate transactions in sole at steady prices. Local hides are weaker, and the tendency would be to shade prices for fair lots of black leather. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B.A. 16 to 17c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, ditto, 15 to 16c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 29c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 26 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 35c.; splits, large, 16 to 21c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 16c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10½ to 13½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13½c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

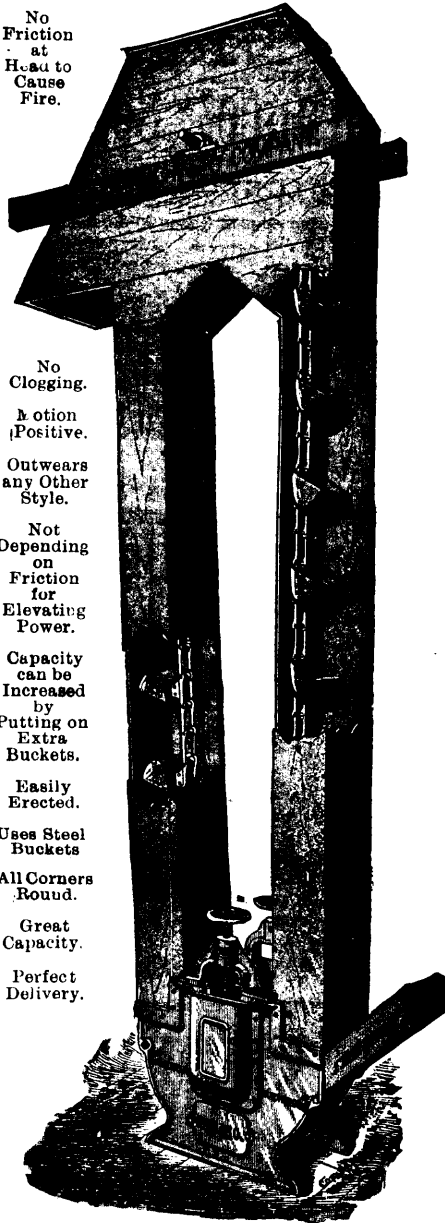
**HARDWARE.**—There is at present almost nothing doing in pig iron; one small lot of No. 1 Summerlee at \$22 *ex* yard is all that has changed hands this week. Advices from Glasgow say nothing done in pig in that market during first half November. There were 499,801 tons in Connal's yard on the 14th. Middlesborough market dull, No. 3 iron selling at 38s. 9d. Malleable iron is firm in Scotland. Steel very quiet. We quote:—Coltness, \$22; Calder, No. 1, \$21 to 21.50; Calder, No. 3, \$20; Summerlee, \$21.50 to 22.00; Eglington, \$20.00; Gartsherrie, \$21 to 22.00; Carnbroe, \$19.50 to 20.00; Shotts, \$21.50; Middlesboro, none here; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$18.50 to 19; machinery scrap, \$15 to 18; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.50; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21.50 to 22.00; Canada Plates—Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.70 to 2.75. Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.75 to 8.25. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I. C., \$4.25; P.D. Crown, \$4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 5.50; coke I. C., \$3.60 to 3.75; coke wasters, \$3.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5 to 6c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6¾c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron, \$2.40 to 2.60 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.50 to 3.75; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin

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