

DRY GOODS.—Sorting orders from travellers are of moderate volume, and letter orders are reported by several houses as coming in good number, showing that country business must be fair. But with regard to collections, we find still material complaint. In fabrics of domestic production there is nothing new, but letters from buyers in Britain report a very solid advance in all jute goods, owing to bad weather affecting the crop, and it is said new purchases will probably have to bear an advance of 25 to 30 per cent. Cashmeres are also firmer to the extent of about 7½ per cent.

GROCERIES.—There has been further activity in the tea market, especially in the lower grades, which have been so long dull, and some considerable lots have passed out of the hands of the banks who held them under advance, and have gone to New York, where there is evidently a very strong market. One sale of 1,100 pkgs. is reported, and the aggregate of business since last writing must be somewhere over 2,000 parcels. There are now comparatively few Japans here in first hands, and holders of any stock are quite cocky, and hold that there will be some skirmishing round for goods ere new crop teas are due. Further Japan advices confirm previous reports as to crop being somewhat later than usual, and also say the quality of the leaf is a little off, but it is too early to speak on this latter point. The sugar situation is without material variation; granulated is 4½c. at the factory, and 3½c. the extreme low figure for yellows. The first cargo of raw sugar for local refineries is now unloading from Matanzas. Dried fruits are very little asked for. In New York stocks are reported in narrow compass. No note-

worthy features present themselves in other lines.

HIDES.—The quality of the hides offering does not yet show any improvement, but what are offering find pretty ready sale at unchanged figures, namely, 5c. for No. 1 green to dealers, who get ¾c. more from tanners. Sheepskins are \$1 to 1.25; clips, 15c., and lambskins 15c. each.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

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

	May 2, '92.	Apr. 25, '92.
Wheat, bushels	672,722	638,382
Corn, "
Oats, "	562,753	549,880
Rye "	39,595	39,592
Peas "	403,372	394,920
Barley "	98,434	87,215
Total grain	1,776,876	1,709,989

The quantity of flour stored at Montreal on Monday last was 67,023 barrels compared with 90,022 barrels on 25th April. Of oatmeal the stock was 5,100 barrels as against 5,110 the previous Monday.

LEATHER.—A fairly steady trade in moderate lots is still being done, and a good deal of the unhealthy competition that marked last year is now absent. Fine light upper is scarce and wanted. Some fair lots of sole are being shipped to England by first outward steamers, also of splits and buff from Quebec. Values are unchanged. We quote: Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to 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, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 16c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13½c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle, 145 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The recent transactions in pig iron have been confined to a few small sales of Summerlee at \$21.50 to 22 from yard, while price of same to arrive is only \$18.75 ex-wharf, and of Carnbroe \$17.75 to 18. Scotch warrants, which last week were 41/7d., have declined to 40/10d., probably due to the collapse of the miners' strike. The withdrawals from Connall's yard, which were heavy, have now fallen off. We reduce quotations of Siemens' pig to \$18.75 to 19. Canadian bar is easier and is being now generally sold at \$2. Plates of all kinds are also easier, and large lots of coke tins could be bought at \$3.35. Ingot tin is up a little in England, and locally is held at 22½ to 23c. We quote: Coltness pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, \$22; Calder, No. 3, \$21; Summerlee, \$21.50 to \$22.00; Eglington, none here; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$19 to 19.50; Shotts, none here; Middlesboro, No. 3, none here; cast crap, railway chairs, &c., none here; machinery scrap, \$15 to 18; common do., \$13; bar iron, \$2.00 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$18.75 to 19; Canada Plates—Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.60 to 2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.50 to 8.00. Merchants' roofing, 20x28, \$13.50. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I. C., \$4 to \$4.25; P.D. Crown, \$4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 5.50; coke I. C., \$3.40 to 3.60; coke wasters, \$3.25; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5 to 6c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6¾c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.45. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.80 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00 Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 10

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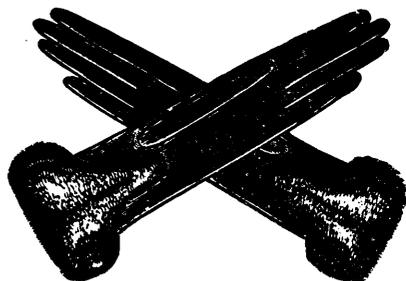
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