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refused. Stocks of all kinds are small, being at date 68 pearls, and 55 pots.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Cements are duller again, but prices for present delivery are steady at \$2.35 to \$2.50 for English, according to quality and lot; Belgian, \$2.25. Firebricks are moving out steadily at from \$17.50 to \$25.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Stocks of dairy butter are somewhat low, and values for all grades, dairy and creamery, are steady. We quote creamery 23 to 24c.; Townships, dairy, 20 to 22c.; Morrisburg, 19 to 21c.; Western, 18 to 20c. per lb. Cheese is quiet, with only a demand from local grocers, but values are steady at 11½ to 12c. per lb. Eggs are coming in quite plentifully, and 19c. per doz. is about the present figure for fresh stock.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade in these lines is better than in February, and shows a fair volume for the season of the year. Bleaching powder has advanced ten shillings a ton in England within the last few days, and a further rise is probable, as there is no surplus stock, and the demand is likely to be active; carbolic acid manufacturers have again put up prices; glycerine has been advanced, and is now 20 per cent. above recent lowest point; a scarcity of raw material is reported. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 24 to 25c.; do. ground, 25 to 28c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 35 to 38c.; do. powder, 40 to 45c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$8.00 to 3.25; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., 95c. to \$1.10; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$4.25 to 4.75; epsom salts, \$1.40 to 1.60; saltpetre, \$8.50 to 8.50; American quinine, 30 to 35c.; German quinine, 30 to 35c.; Howard's quinine, 38 to 42c.; opium, \$3.60 to 3.90; morphia, \$1.45 to 1.60; gum arabic, sorts, 35 to 50c.; white, 60c. to 85c.; carbolic acid crystals, 35 to 45c. per lb.; crude 85 to 90c. per gallon; iodide potassium, \$3.90 to \$4.25 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$5.50 to 6.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.75 to 3.75; oil bergamot, \$4.00 to 4.50; orange, \$3.50 to 4.00; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 18 to 20c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 75 to 80c.; American do., 70 to 75c.; insect powder, 25 to 35c.

GROCERIES.—No improvement is yet notable in the volume of trade, and some houses report business quieter if anything than it was a week ago. The bad state of the country roads is certainly not calculated to help trade in the country. There are few changes to be noted in the value of staple lines. Sugars are steady at 4½c. per lb. for granulated at the refinery; yellows 3½ to 4c. Molasses same as last week. Teas are sluggish of movement, but steady in price. Nothing new in Valencia raisins or currants, but evaporated apples have made a further strong advance, and 12 to 13c. per lb. is now asked; canned apples, gallons, which could be bought a few weeks ago at \$1.60, are now in demand at from \$2.10 to 2.25. Some business has already been done in booking orders for new pack of salmon, at prices a good deal lower than last year, the figures reported being from \$1.10 to 1.12½, equal to \$1.28 to 1.31 laid down.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—The local grain market is dull and featureless, business being altogether confined to supplying a moderate local demand for oats and peas. We quote No. 2 Manitoba wheat 83 to 84c.; No. 3 ditto, 76 to 78c.; corn, 64 to 66c.; oats, 34c.; peas, 72½ to 73c.; feed barley, 40 to 42c.; rye, 62 to 63c. per bush. Apart from a moderate enquiry for strong bakers' and straight roller, there is little doing in flour, and holders generally seem willing to make concessions to induce business. We quote patent spring \$4.20 to 4.40; patent winter about the same; straight roller, \$3.50 to 3.70; strong bakers', \$4 to 4.15; extra, \$3.10 to 3.25; superfine, \$2.70 to 2.90 per barrel.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal elevators were as follows, on dates given:

	Mar. 13, 1893.	Mar. 14, 1893.
Wheat, bushels	568,968	584,187
Corn "	13,877	471
Oats "	518,510	292,112
Rye "	35,216	36,432
Peas "	347,646	311,560
Barley "	80,936	87,659

Total grain..... 1,625,926 1,372,042

The quantity of flour in store at Montreal on Monday last, 13th inst., was 60,677 barrels, as compared with 54,658 the previous week and 56,615 barrels on the 14th March last year.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—We have to note a further strong advance in calfskins, which are now quoted at 7c. per lb. In green hides business is slack, and receipts very light; old prices prevail. Lambskins are worth 95c. to \$1.05 each. There has been a marked tumble in tallow, rough now being quoted 3½c., rendered 6½c. per lb.

LEATHER.—While there are no big sales reported, a moderate steady movement is to be noted in sole, dongolas, and light upper stock. Sole leather is very firm, and the supply not large; in fact good No. 2 is somewhat scarce. An English letter just to hand reports the market over there as showing a little improvement, and slightly better prices being got for Canadian splits. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 19c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; 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, 25 to 27c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 25c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 27 to 29c.; 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, 65 to 80c.; colored calf, American, 26 to 30c.; Canadian, 20 to 23c.; colored pebbled cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 15c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—We cannot note very much in the way of news in these lines. Some moderate sales of pig iron are reported, including a 50-ton lot of Langlois at \$21, and about 100 tons of Siemens' at about \$19.25. Scotch warrants are cabled at 41s. Hoops and bars are dull at unchanged prices. Coke tins are quiet again, and very little demand exists for Terne or Canada plates. Ingot tin is a

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