

DRY GOODS.—The fourth of March passed off this year without any failures as the result of default in payments on that day, and customers' paper was, on the whole, pretty well met, some houses reporting as much as 63 per cent. of paper provided for. The fine spring-like weather has induced much activity in the shipment of spring goods, which are being called for from all quarters, and good business continues to be reported. The so-called cut in cottons has been given undue prominence in the daily prints. As a matter of fact, as regards sheetings and pillow cottons, the Dominion Cotton Company has merely brought down its prices to the level established by the Merchants Cotton Co., in September last. In Canton flannels there has been some revision of quotations, but in the lower prices it is just a question if the quality has not been taken off in proportion to the reduction in quotation. European advices contain nothing specially interesting as regards values. For silk manufactures, all houses report an active demand, these goods apparently being in much favor, but no change is reported in quotations.

FISH.—The market rules quiet considering the season, and the bulk of the Lenten demand may be said to be now over. 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, \$11.00 to 11.50; 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.—There is nothing fresh to be noted in this line. Receipts are showing some little increase, but the total for the season will be considerably below an average, it is anticipated. 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.

	Feb. 28, 1898.	March 7, 1898.
Wheat, bushels.....	111,823	110,346
Corn, ".....	54,693	95,361
Oats, ".....	751,693	783,664
Rye, ".....	33,463	36,024
Peas, ".....	99,201	94,546
Barley, ".....	51,284	36,201

Total grain.....	1,102,151	1,156,142
Oatmeal.....	63	176
Flour.....	18,075	17,792
Buckwheat.....	32,063	49,464

GROCERIES.—A fairly good jobbing distribution may be reported in this line, though the country roads are beginning to suffer from the continued bright warm weather, causing some interference with heavy teaming in the interior. Values show little alteration since this day week. In sugars prices remain steady at last week's shading on the late advance, with fairly liberal deliveries from the refineries. We quote factory prices at 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb. for yellows; Austrian refined, 4 to 4½c., and standard granulated, 4½c. The Lenten demand for molasses is well sustained, and supplies on spot are not calculated as more than sufficient to last until new arrivals. It is said there are no new goods yet available on the island, and though quotations have been given out at 7c., first cost, it is said it has not been possible to put through offers, made from here, on that basis. Tea importers still report a quiet demand from local jobbers, but some enquiry has been experienced from American sources for panfried teas of medium grade.

HIDES.—The week has developed nothing new. The Chicago market is reported a little easier, but receipts here of beef hides and calfskins are light, and quotations are unaltered. We quote dealers paying 9½c. for No. 1 hides; 10 and 8c. for calfskins, and \$1 for lambskins. Hops.—Values are very steadily held at 16 to 18c. per lb. for good to choice Canadian sorts, and yearlings show rather better value, 10 to 11c. being asked in some cases for good lots.

LEATHER.—The noted firmness in sole has developed into an advance, dealers now asking 2½ to 23c. per lb. for manufacturers' sole in quantity, and 27 to 28c. for No. 1 slaughter. One large house reports orders last week for 40,000 sides, and have orders ahead for 140,000

sides. Black leathers of all kinds are firm. 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 14c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The situation is practically unchanged, both as regards business doing and values. Some few car lots of Hamilton pig iron have been sold at \$16, which may now be quoted as the regular figure for such small lots, the price being eased off with the approaching spring. We hear also of a small sale of Summerlee at \$19.50, but the buyer cannot have studied the market very closely, as he could have bought a dollar cheaper. Tin and copper are cabled a shade easier on the late advance, but not sufficient to warrant a change in local quotations.

We quote:—Summerlee pig iron \$18.00 to 18.50; Carron, No. 1, \$18; No. 3, \$17.25; Ayrshire, No. 1, \$17.00; No. 3, \$16.50; Shotts, \$17.25 to 17.50; Carnbroe, \$17.00, ex-store; Siemens pig No. 1, none; No. 2 Siemens, none; 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., \$1.75; English ditto, \$2; hoops and bands, \$1.90 to 2.00. Steel boiler plate, ½-inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell, 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-sixteenths 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, \$4.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$4.50 to 4.75; American spelter, \$4.50; anti-mony, 8 to 9c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Our recent forecast of a strong advance in turpentine has been more than sustained by an upward jump of 4c. a gallon in that commodity since last writing. In linseed oil there has also been a further advance of one cent. Other lines as they were. 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.; Nfld. 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 whitening, 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.

WOOL.—About half the cargo of Cape wool, arrived last week at New York, has been distributed, the balance has gone into warehouse here. The English market is reported to show an advance of about 5 per cent. since the close of the last London sales, and prices here are firmly held. We quote: Cape, 14½ to 16½c., with some extra fine blue wools held at 17½c.; B.A. scoured, 26 to 34c.; domestic, 20 to 23c.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, March 10th, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring.....	8	1½
Red Winter.....	7	10½
No. 1 Cal.....	7	11½
Corn.....	3	5½
Peas.....	5	4
Lard.....	27	3
Pork.....	51	3
Bacon, heavy.....	29	6
Bacon, light.....	29	0
Tallow.....	20	0
Cheese, new white.....	38	6
Cheese, new colored.....	39	6

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