

shipments for the week to Britain were 74,203 boxes, as against 32,700 for the same week last year. For this, the closing week of ocean navigation, the figures will likely be large. So far, the shipments this year are 169,963 boxes behind last year's figures, but it should be borne in mind, on the other hand, that butter exports are larger by 54,000 packages; last week's shipments in this latter line were 11,035 packages. The cheese market is again a peg higher since last report, the cable is a shilling stronger for fine white, and finest Western is quoted at 9¼ to 9½c., and Eastern 8½ to 9¼c. Butter does not pick up, and it seems to get much more than 17½c. for fine creamery, good dairy rules about 14½c. per pound.

DRY GOODS.—Dull, damp, dirty, dismal, depressing weather, which has prevailed mainly since last writing, has had its effect on business in this line, and city retailers are hoping for some cool, bright days, which will bring out shoppers in force. Most of the large wholesale houses, however, report very fair business still, and good collections as a whole. Towards the end of the month travelers will begin to get home, and stock-taking become general.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Nov. 7.	Nov. 14.
Wheat	173,920	108,850
Corn	211,816	288,598
Oats	387,763	375,918
Rye	28,379	33,887
Peas	91,805	113,812
Barley	7,772	14,596
Total grain	902,455	917,661
Oatmeal	215	312
Flour	9,373	7,722
Buckwheat	7,403	23,313

GROCERIES.—The movement is still an active one, but now that winter freight rates have gone into effect on the railways, and that the canals will likely soon be closed by frost, some quieting down is not improbable. The sugar market has assumed a firmer tone, raws are firmer abroad, and refined has been advanced in New York an eighth, while centrifugals have sold up to 4½c. On spot no change has been advised by refiners up to the moment of writing, but an advance is deemed not unlikely, and freer buying by jobbers is reported, owing to this belief; the Western demand has been good for several weeks back. The demand for teas from first hands is still reported light, but there is no relaxation in values. In all kinds of raisins firm prices are maintained. There is a good deal of complaint heard concerning the slow unloading and distribution of the recently arrived fruit steamer, the goods being needed to fill orders some time in hand. Some houses report a good proportion of their imports of Malaga fruit already sold. Jobbing quotations for these goods are about as follows: London layers, \$1.75; loose muscatels \$1.50 to 1.65; Connoisseur clusters \$2 to \$2.25; 3-crown Dehesa clusters, \$2.30 to \$2.50; 4-crown dessert, \$2.90; 5-crown Russian clusters, \$3.60 to \$3.75; 6-crown ditto, \$4.40. The direct importations of currants this year amount to 1,020 tons, the principal shippers being Deni Chisas, 995 tons; C. Cerosi, 415 tons; Hancock & Wood, 235 tons, and Cresidi Bros., 130 tons. These supplies are apparently well distributed, and five carloads are now on the way from New York. The first shipments of new dates to London will only reach that city about the 22nd inst., too late for shipments to reach here in time for Christmas trade, but two lots of 1,000 cases each of Hallowis have been secured by a commission house, for direct shipment via New York, which will be here shortly, and are being readily taken up by jobbers, who quote 6½c. Comrade cooking figs are firmer, and would cost 4¼c. to import. Nuts are attracting a good deal of attention still.

First shipments of new walnuts will only be put afloat at Havre on the 19th, and as Canadian supplies will have to come via Liverpool and Boston, deliveries cannot be made in time for Christmas trade; stocks of old are about exhausted. Almonds and filberts are firmer, the former would cost 12c. laid down. Canned vegetables continue scarce and dear.

HIDES.—The demand from tanners for hides has been good since last writing, and dealers report rather a firmer market. Dry hides have been reported easier in New York, also buff hides in Chicago, but the market is reported to be steady in the later city. Dealers' quotations to butchers continue from 9 to 9½c. per lb. for No. 1 hides. Of calfskins none are coming in; owing to competition in lambskin buying, the figure is general at 70c. each, though this is claimed to be above the real value of the skins.

HOPS.—Growers are very firm in their views, and are quoting high prices, but brewers are holding aloof, and do not seem at all disposed to buy at the present market level. For ordinary grades of domestic, 16 to 18c. per lb. would be considered a comparatively low quotation, while sales are claimed at 20 to 21c. for choice stock. Yearlings, 8 to 9c., but slow of sale.

LEATHER.—The boot and shoe manufacturing houses all appear pretty busy, and the cutting of leather for spring footwear is now very general. Some manufacturers profess a belief that leather is going to be cheaper, and hence are backward in buying largely, but fair business is reported in sole and fancy leathers. Export of sole is active, but will naturally slacken off after the departure of last sea-going vessels. Sole is a shade easier, and 21½c. would probably fetch round lots of Manufacturers' No. 2, but 28c. is still asked for fine Western slaughter. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c.; do., No. 2, 21½ to 22½c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 21c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 25c.; 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., 18 to 20c.; juniors, 18 to 20c.; calf splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 13 to 13½c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

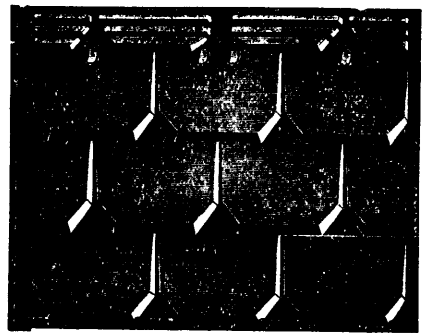
METALS AND HARDWARE.—The recent rapid advance in tin is apparently checked, and late cable quotations show some easing off; we hear of a sale of a round lot of Straits at 19¾c., but for ordinary business, our quotations, as below, will stand. Lead, zinc and copper are steady. There has been some further stiffening in iron pipe, the acetylene gas boom causing a large consumption of ¼ and ¾-inch, of which there is now great scarcity. Tin and Canada plates are comparatively quiet, but there is no give in prices. Scotch warrants are cabled very steady at 49s. 4d. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$17.50 to 18; Hamilton No. 1, \$15 to 15.50; No. 2, do., \$14 to 14.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$14.50 to \$15; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15; common ditto, \$12 to 13; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.35 to 1.40; British, \$2 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 \$2.20 to 2.25; 75 sheets, \$2.30 to 2.35; all polished Canadas, \$2.40 to 2.45; Terre roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$5.75 to 5.90; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.15; No. 24, \$2.05; No. 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; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.60

to 3.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$2.90 to 2.95; do., 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 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to 1.75; English hoops, \$2 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate ¼-inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell and equal, ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ¼-inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths, do., \$2; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths, and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$3.60 to 3.65; sheet, \$4 to 4.10; 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 to \$3, as to finish; ingot tin, 20¼c. for L. & F. Straits, 20c.; bar tin, 21 to 22c.; ingot copper, 13¼ to 13½c.; sheet-zinc, \$6.50; Silesian spelter, \$5.65; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.75; American spelter, \$5.65; antimony, 9½ to 10c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Just after writing last week, there was announced the abandonment at sea of the big freighter, "Westmeath," the largest cargo vessel coming to the St. Lawrence, which had on board from 20,000 to 25,000 boxes of window glass for this market, to fill up winter stocks. As these goods can only be replaced at enhanced winter freights, an advance was immediately made of ten cents per 50 ft. on window glass, the basis of quotations being now \$1.80 for first break. Linseed oil is rather firmer. Turpentine is reported a shade easier in New York, but the advanced quotations are said to hold here. We quote: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 50 and 53c. per gal.; two to four barrels, 49 and 52c.; 5 to 9 barrels, 48 and 51c., net 30 days or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 55c., five to nine barrels, 54c., net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 37½ to 40c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8½ to 9c. in quantity, tins, 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.62½; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.92½; No. 3, \$4.50; No. 4, \$4.12½; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red do., 4¾ to 5c.; No. 1 red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; kegs,

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