last year. The English market is not so favorable, and there have been no recent shipments. We quote first quality pots $4.20 to 4.25, seconds $3.55 to 3.60, pearls nominal at about $5.25 per 100 lbs.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS. — Nothing of consequence is being done in cements; English brands are quoted at $2.35 to 2.50; Belgian, $2.15 to 2.25. Last advices from England state that the outlook is better than at the corresponding period of last year, and some manufacturers confidently anticipate an advance. Firebricks are in good demand here, and are being sold at prices ranging from $18 50 to 26 as to quality.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Good dairy butter is in steady request; creamery not so active. Values are very steady, and we quote creamery 22 to 23c.; Townships, 20 to 21c.; Morrisburg, 18 to 20c.; Western, 17 to 19c. per lb. The cable reports an advance of sixpence in cheese in Liverpool, and local holders are firm in their views. Stocks are decreasing in volume. We quote 11¼ to 11⅝c. per lb. for choice. Eggs are very firm, and there has been some trading with American points. Strictly fresh are worth 30c.; fall eggs, 22 to 23c., limed 20 to 22c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—The houses in the trade, as a rule, seem satisfied with the volume of spring orders being received from outside points. City retailers are not buying at the moment, being mostly engaged at stock-taking. Money is coming in better than a week ago. Some few buyers have already left for Europe to look after fall goods.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Jan. 23, 1893.	Jan. 25, 1892.
Wheat, bushels	524,846	472,554
Corn "	16,087	600
Oats "	251,673	111,693
Rye "	13,337	16,890
Peas "	321,472	192,449
Barley "	38,931	76,150
Total grain........	$1,166,346	$870,136

The stock of flour in store at Montreal on Monday last was 43,337 barrels as against 42,156 barrels of the previous week and 37,588 on like date of 1892. Of oatmeal there was 378 bbls. in store compared with 2,513 bbls. in January, 1892.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

Visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada on Jan. 23 as per Chicago compilation:—

	Jan. 23, 1893.	Jan. 2?, 1892.
Wheat, bush.........	82,227,000	43,715,000
Corn, "	12,176,000	7,248,000
Oats, "	5,618,000	3,646,000
Rye, "	1,011 000	2,083,000
Barley, "	2,048,000	1,681,000

GROCERIES.—The large lot of cheap Japan teas, some 1,600 packages, mentioned last week, has gone to Chicago, but we do not hear of any other lots going to the United States since. There is much enquiry for Japan teas at from 15 to 18c. per pound, such as can be sold in the country at 25c., but of this class of goods there is a marked scarcity. Sugars are about as they were; price of refined at the factory is 4⅝c; yellows range from 3¾ to 4¼c., the latter being for extra bright goods. Barbadoes molasses 34c. per gal. A member of the rice milling firm here is leaving for Japan this week, and it is understood that the intention is to import more Japan rice hereafter. The demand for dried fruits is a quiet one, and prices remain as quoted last week. Canary seed is higher, and sperm candles have been advanced from 4s. 6d. to 5s. 2d. per dozen lbs. Later London advices confirm the advance in pepper and cloves reported in last review. Canned goods remain exceedingly dull; retailers are buying only in hand to mouth lots, and values are easy in all lines of vegetables.

HIDES.—Receipts of green hides have been very small so far this month, but prices remain the same, dealers paying 5c. per lb. for No. 1, and selling to tanners at 5½c. The grubby season is now at hand, but no hides yet received have been thus affected. Calfskins have begun to come in, and are still being bought at 5c., though there is a strong market for them in the United States, where they are 60 to 75c. apiece. Lambskins are worth here 90 to 95c. each.

LEATHER.—Some little improvement may be noted in trade, but no considerable lots are yet being sold. Sole leather of all grades is held pretty firmly, and upper generally shows firmness. Colored leathers are in short supply, and good demand. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 18c.; 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 29c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 25c., grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 28 to 30c.; 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 can hear of little to write about in these lines. There is certainly more enquiry, but the aggregate of business is yet small. Prices of iron are stationary, but steadily held, and we hear of a small sale of Gartsherrie pig at $20.50. There has been some little stir in ingot tin, and we advance quotations to 23 to 24c. All other lines as they were. We quote:—Coltness pig ion, $21; Calder, No. 1, $20; Calder, No. 3, $19; Summerlee, $20.50 to 21; Eglinton, $19.50; Gartsherrie, $20 to 20.50; Langloan, $21; Carnbroe, $19 to 19.50; Shotts, $20; Middlesboro, No. 3, none offering; Siemens' pig No. 1, $19.50 to $20; machinery scrap, $15 to 16; common do., $12; bar iron, $2.05 for Canadian; British, $2.25; best refined, $2.40; Low Moor, $5.25; Canada Plates—Blaina, or Garth, $2.55 to 2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, $7.25 to 7.75. Merchants' roofing, 14x20, $13.50. Black sheet iron No. 28, $2.60; No. 26, $2.50; No. 24, $2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, $6.00; charcoal I. C., $3.85 to 4; P.D. Crown, $4.25; do. I.X., $4.75 to 5; coke I. C., $3.30 to 3.50; coke wasters, $3.15; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5c.; Morewood, 6¼ to 6½c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the