

excepting bloaters and smoked herrings, which are scarce. We quote:—Green cod, No. 1, \$3.50 to 3.75; No. 1, large, \$4.25; dry cod, \$3.50 to 3.75; No. 1 herrings, \$4.25 to 4.75; N. S. salmon, \$12 to 13.00; B. C. ditto, \$10.50 to 11.00; sea trout, \$6.50 to 7.50; haddies, 6 to 7c.; bloaters, \$1 to 1.25 per box; boneless cod, 4½ to 5c. per lb.; whitefish, \$4.75 to 5.00 per barrel.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Jan. 17, 1898	Jan. 24, 1898
Wheat, bushels.....	101,163	102,288
Corn, ".....	62,389	62,189
Oats, ".....	568,120	543,760
Rye, ".....	33,139	32,382
Peas, ".....	157,841	160,797
Barley, ".....	24,445	26,601
Total grain.....	947,097	928,017
Oatmeal.....	324	223
Flour.....	18,022	15,887
Buckwheat.....	20,991	28,619

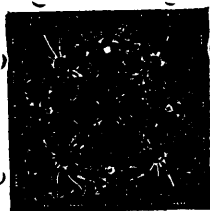
FURS.—Cable reports regarding the London sales now in progress show a general advance on the prices of last spring, but some dealers say that in certain lines the advance is not up to expectations, and the improvement in values has been fully covered by the prices that are being paid for the season's catch, on spot, so that higher quotations here are hardly to be expected, except, perhaps, in some odd lines. Western and southern coon, sold 10 per cent. to 25 per cent. higher than last March; northern as last March; mink, 20 per cent. higher than March; skunk, 12½ per cent. higher; red fox, 12½ per cent. higher; otter, 10 per cent. higher; marten, 10 per cent. higher; black bear, 25 per cent. higher; brown bear, 5 per cent. lower; possum, same as March; also lynx; wild cat, 40 per cent. higher; badger, 40 per cent. higher; wolf, 70 per cent. higher; beaver, same as last January; spring rats, 20 per cent. lower than January, 1897; fall rats, 20 per cent. higher, and winter ditto, same as last January. There is general remark that the receipts of raw furs this season, in Montreal, are smaller than usual. 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.

GROCERIES.—The snow storm of 23rd and 24th has interrupted business with interior points in Quebec and the Ottawa valley, but

the distribution going on may be called a fair one. There is somewhat of a lull in the speculative buying of canned goods, probably due to the fact that jobbers are not disposed to sell except to their own customers, and prices are quite as firm as last noted, \$1.25 being got for tomatoes; corn, 85 to 90c.; gallon apples, \$2.50 to 2.75. In canned fish, lobsters are scarce and dear, at \$9.50 for talls, and \$10.50 for flats; good salmon can be bought at \$4.50, and \$4.80 for "Clover Leaf." Currants are really scarce,

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