

ing in cashmeres and kindred lines. Manufacturers of domestic fabrics seem in good spirits at the probable strengthening in values.

FISH.—As is usual at the holiday time, fish are very dull at the moment, but as Lent sets in very early in the approaching year, and as it seems pretty well settled that there will be no relaxation of the Lenten rules this time, as there was last year during the prevalence of *La Grippe*, the demand is likely to be fair by the middle of January. Stocks of herrings are small; about 1,500 barrels of Labrador and Cape Bretons would about cover the supply. We quote \$5 to 5.25 for the former, and \$1.75 to \$5 for the latter. Green cod is very scarce, and is worth \$5 for No. 1, \$5.50 for large, and \$6 for draughts. Dry cod and salmon unchanged. Sea trout, \$9; boneless cod in 10, 20 and 40-lb. boxes, 6½c.; boneless fish, 5½c. Messrs Stewart, Munn & Co. are introducing a new brand of very fine selected cod, being whole fish, with the bones and skin removed, packed in 100-lb. boxes, which they quote at 5½ to 6c.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal were as under on dates mentioned:—

	Dec. 19.	Dec. 12.
Wheat, bushels	411,722	392,684
Corn "	14,587	15,619
Oats "	188,674	185,910
Rye "	8,363	8,363
Peas "	201,539	180,605
Barley "	73,446	70,101

Total grain 898,331 854,462

The quantity of flour in store at Montreal on Monday last, 19th inst., was 36,519 barrels, as compared with 33,030 barrels on the Monday previous.

FURS.—Raw furs continue to come in very slowly, country roads being not favorable to receipts, but after the first good fall of snow there will likely be more coming forward. Prices are yet unchanged, but as soon as the local demand is satisfied values will likely weaken. The European markets are depressed, and in Russia, which absorbs about three-quarters of the whole American ship-

ments, matters are in particularly unpromising shape. We quote for prime skins: Beaver, per lb., \$3.50 to 4.50; otter, per skin, \$9 to \$12; black bear, large, \$12 to \$18; do. med., \$7 to \$12; do. cub, \$3.50 to \$6; red fox, \$1 to 1.25; fisher, \$3 to \$4.50; muskrat, fall, 10c.; do. winter, 12½c.; lynx, \$2 to \$3; mink, 75c. to \$1.50; marten, 60 to 90c.; skunk, 25, 50, 75c.; raccoon, 25, 50, 75c.

GROCERIES.—The market for teas in the United States shows much activity and strength at the moment. Sales of some 60,000 half chests of Tomaso Oolong have been reported recently in New York. Japans are also

active and stronger there, more especially in teas worth 20c. and under. This has created a better feeling here, and holders of Japans stand likely to be makers of some money. In coffees, though Rios are easier, Maracaibos and all the milder grades are stronger. Sugars are without change; granulated at the factory is 4½c., yellows, 3½c. to 4c. Advices from Patras report an advance of from 18d. to 2½ in currants, owing to Marseilles having been a heavy buyer for wine making purposes. A letter just received from Denia states that stocks of Valentias there are not more than 40,000 boxes; stocks in England are said to be

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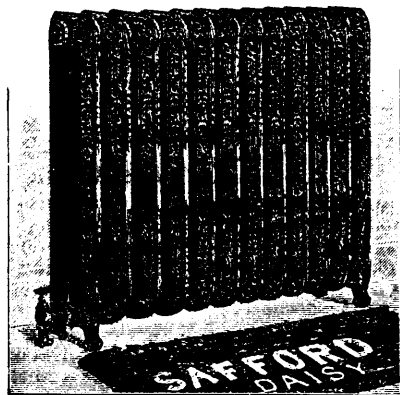
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