

Dry Goods.—Trade latterly has possessed something of its usual dog-days quietness, though it is not enough to be complained of. The staples retain their firmness of price and there is apparently not the slightest tendency towards a contrary direction. Payments recently have been satisfactorily prompt.

Flour and Grain.—The tendency in the market for Ontario flour is distinctly easier. Stocks in hand are fairly large, while much of it was ground before the recent fall in wheat prices. English buyers claim that prices here even now are too high for export. Manitoba flour has also declined. Bran is weak but shorts on the other hand fetch \$17 to \$19 with no trouble, and the demand for feeding purposes continues heavy. Rolled oats remain much as before. Wheat has fallen considerably during the last few days, and the good crop prospects in both Ontario and Manitoba accentuate the easy tone of the market. Oats have declined again on account of the fall in values in England. Barley is in light demand and prices are easier.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Heavy arrivals of all sorts of fruits have been the feature this week, and prices in some lines have been easier. Berries are lower as a rule and so are domestic potatoes. We quote prices as follows:—Raspberries, 5 to 9c.; Lawton, 7 to 9c.; red currants, basket, 60 to 75c.; plums, basket, 30 to 75c.; peaches, 25 to 75c.; pears, 20 to 60c.; California peaches, case, \$1.25; California plums, \$1.75 to \$2.25; pears, \$3.50 to \$4; Georgia peaches, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Cantaloupes, crate, \$1.25 to \$2; Cantaloupes, basket, 75c.; watermelons, each, 30 to 35c.; bananas, bunch, \$1.25 to \$2; bananas, red, \$2.50; lemons, crate, \$6 to \$6.50; oranges, crate, \$4.75 to \$5.50; tomatoes, basket, 15 to 25c.; cucumbers, basket, 10 to 15c.; potatoes, bushel, 60c.; beans, basket, 20c.; cabbages, barrel, \$1 to \$1.25; celery, dozen, 50c.; Spanish onions, case, \$2.50; corn, 7 to 8c.

Hardware.—Though just now business is a little quieter, taken on the whole it has been highly satisfactory in all lines. Price changes keep few and far between. Seasonable articles are in good demand. In metals the movement is quite fair for this time of the year.

Hides and Skins.—Country hides have advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ c. and the feeling is very firm. The supply is still somewhat scanty. Tallow is quiet. Trade in leather is gaining more briskness, as it is becoming realized that prices are not likely to recede from the recent advance.

Paints, Oils, Etc.—Linseed oil is easier, in sympathy with advices from across the Atlantic. Turpentine, which fell a few cents during the month, has now steadied itself around 87c. The demand seems to be becoming better. Paints are firmer, as they feel the effect of the recent increase in the duty on white lead. Glass is very firm.

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CAPITAL
\$1,500,000
NET SURPLUS
5,841,907
ASSETS
12,980,705

AGENCIES THROUGHOUT CANADA.

Provisions.—Very little increase, if any, has taken place in the receipts of butter and as the demand for export is very brisk the market is strong. A slightly easier tone exists in the cheese market. Not enough strictly new laid eggs are coming into the market to meet the supply. Hops are quiet at 24 to 27c. for old crop, while reports as to the new speak very favorably. Another advance has taken place in hogs, and the prices of products have gone up accordingly.

Seeds.—Owing to the new Acts affecting the purity of seeds coming into force so shortly there is as yet considerable uncertainty regarding the marketing of seeds, as buyers are more than usually cautious. Then, too, crops are generally speaking so good that importers in England, are in the mood to await developments.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, August 16th, 1905.

Ashes.—Business doing is of a limited extent, and stock in store is very light. Some moderate lots of American ashes are being marketed here, and quotations for first quality of pots range at about \$5.02½ to \$5.07½; seconds, \$4.50 to \$4.55. A small lot of three barrels of pearls shipped to Antwerp, is the first transaction reported in these sorts for some weeks. A nominal figure for No. 1 pearls is \$7 to \$7.25.

Dairy Products.—The receipts of cheese last week were 100,055 boxes, but the shipments show a falling off, having been 61,336 boxes, as against 98,255 boxes for the corresponding week a year ago. Butter shipments were fairly liberal, reaching 34,487 packages, the

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