

## Commercial.

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, June 14th, 1893.

**ASHES.**—The market is quiet but steady. First quality pots are worth \$4.30 to 4.40, and 17 brls. of seconds realized \$3.95 the other day, and 5 brls. of pearls sold on p.t., supposed to be about \$5.50. Receipts of pots are still small, and pearls are remarkably scarce, only 6 brls. of new being now in store. The total receipts of potash thus far this year have only been 705 pots and 73 pearls, which figures give a pretty clear idea of how the trade is dwindling. Shipments since last week were 25 brls. to Liverpool, and 21 brls. to London.

**CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.**—Cements are described as being "pretty sick"; receipts have been large and all dealers seem pretty well loaded with stock. English can be bought at \$2.00, and even lower figures would no doubt be accepted for the removal of a round lot from the wharf. Belgian, \$1.90. Firebricks, \$14 to 18; Glenborg, \$19.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—Cheese has begun to move freely. Receipts have been on the small side up to last week, but large supplies then came to hand, and on Monday of this week the figures were somewhat over 30,000 boxes. Shipments this week will be heavy, probably 75,000 boxes or more, and a large business is looked forward to this season, as the crop of grass generally is a heavy one. We quote: Fine colored, 9½ to 9¾c.; fine white, 8½ to 9c. per lb. Prices of butter rule on the easy side, with only a light export movement. We quote: Creamery, 18 to 18½c.; townships, 16 to 17½c.; western, 14 to 16c. Receipts of eggs are liberal, but the demand holds good, with prices at 11 to 11½c. per dozen.

**DRY GOODS.**—Travellers are all home getting fall samples ready, and in the course of a few days will be all again en route trying to dispose of autumn and winter goods. Some houses report quite a fair proportion of country letter orders for sorting bills, and the hot weather is also materially helping the sales of city retailers. Remittances have shown little improvement since last week. We learn of nothing new in prices.

## MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain in store in Montreal were as under on dates given:

	June 12, 1893.	June 5, 1893.
Wheat, bushels .....	538,400	510,553
Corn " .....	31,912	39,116
Oats " .....	312,211	291,696
Rye " .....	45,933	43,544
Peas " .....	457,337	462,171
Barley " .....	78,991	87,822

Total grain ..... 1,464,784 1,434,902

**GROCERIES.**—We are glad to hear from several houses that they are experiencing a rather better demand, but the movement is not what can be called at all lively. As anticipated by us a week ago, there has been an advance of an eighth in granulated sugars, which are now 5½c. per lb. at the refinery, lowest yellow 4½c. As showing the strong advance that has taken place in sugars recently, we were to-day shown a sample of low grade yellow bought two months ago at 3½c., while for a similar lot bought a few days ago 4 5-16ths cents was paid. All appearances favor a further rise shortly. Centrifugals 96 standard bought in New York by the trust on Monday at 4½c., were held at 4½c. Tuesday, and the agent of a local refinery holds that it will not be long before granulated reaches 6c. Molasses steady at last quotations; the agreement between the members of the trade holds till March 1st, 1894. Prices may vary, but this is a matter to be settled by a committee. A circular letter from Yokohama, under date May 20th, says that receipts up to that date had been principally teas from \$27 the pecul and upwards, but that the quality of the leaf has been rather disappointing. Prices are firmly maintained, and are \$2.00 to 3.00 over last year's rates. Settlements for all Japan at date, were 51,500 peculs, as against 39,000 peculs at corresponding date last year. Dried fruits dull; local stocks are low, and some few lots of Valencia raisins have been brought in from New York.

**HIDES.**—Sales of green hides continue dull; the market has an easy tendency; tanners are very light buyers of domestic hides, and they

are filling their wants from the American market, where prices continue lower than here. Dealers are buying at 5 to 5½c. per lb. for No. 1; calfskins, 8c.; lambskins 25c. and clips 25c. each.

**LEATHER.**—Business in this line is markedly dull at the moment. Boot and shoe travellers are finding stocks in hands of country dealers pretty full in a good many instances, and orders are not as good as at this time last year. Cutting on fall wear will likely be a little later this year, and as yet little leather is being bought. Some shipments of sole are being made to England this week, but the English market is not favorable to the forwarding of splits or buff. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do.; No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 19c.; 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 27c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 25c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 27 to 29c.; 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.**—There is really little doing, and consequently little to write about. Scotch warrants are fairly steady at 41½, but local prices show if anything some disposition to easiness. It is reported that 200 tons of Summerlee has been offered at \$17.90 ex ship, and a fair order of domestic iron could likely be bought at figures somewhat shaded from our quotations. There has been a drop in boiler plates, and both iron and steel plates can be bought at from \$2.50 to \$2.75; tank iron is also very low at \$1.85. We quote: Coltness pig iron, \$19; Calder, No. 1, \$18.50; Calder, No. 3, \$17.50; Summerlee, \$18.25 to 18.50; Eglington, \$17.50; Gartsherrie, \$18.50; Langloan, \$20.00; Carnbroe, \$17; Shotts, \$18.50 to \$19; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$16.75; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$18 to 20.00; Ferrona, \$18; machinery scrap, \$15 to 16; common do., \$8 to \$10; bar iron, \$1.95 for Canadian; car lots, \$1.90; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.25; Canada Plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.50; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.00 to 7.25. 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., \$3.75 to 4; P.D. Crown, \$4.25; do. I.X., \$4.75 to 5; coke I.C., \$3.20 to 3.30; coke wasters, \$3 to 3.10; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4½ to 5c.; Morewood, 6 to 6½c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; common sheet iron, \$2.30 to 2.40 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; common tank iron, \$1.85; heads, \$3.15 to 3.25; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$2.90 to 3.00; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3; ingot tin, 22 to 22½c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 12 to 13c.; sheet zinc, \$5 to \$5.50; spelter, \$4.75 to 5.00; American do. \$4.75 to 5.00. Antimony 12 to 13c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$5.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 1 in., 4½c.; 1½ in., 3½ to 4c.; 2 in., 4c.; 2½ in., 3½c.; 3 in., and upwards, 3c.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—The movement in these lines is now of a moderate character, and is getting down to the usual summer quietude. Linseed oil is again a peg firmer in England, but local prices are unchanged; turpentine has made no further decline in the South; castor oil is rather weaker in England, but stocks here are low; seal and cod oils dull of movement; for 50 to 100 brl. lots of former 46c. per gal. would be about the figure, but for small jobbing lots our quotation holds. A meeting of lead grinders is called for the 15th, when some increase of prices is not improbable. We quote: Turpentine 48 to 49c. per gal. Linseed oil, raw, 60c. per gal.; boiled 63c.; 5 brl. lots 1 cent

less; olive oil, none here; castor, 7½c. in cases; smaller lots, 8 to 8½c.; Newfoundland cod, 42 to 45c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 50c. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.75 to 5.00; No. 1, \$4.50; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$4; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white 90c. to \$1; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.35 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.45 for second break; third break, \$3.25.

**WOOL.**—The demand is a light one still, and prices show no variation. What small sales of Cape are transpiring, are at 14½ to 16½c., with an occasional small lot of inferior grade at 14c. per lb.; Australian scoured, 30 to 38c.; B. A. scoured, 30 to 36c.; fleece, 17 to 20c.; pulled unsorted, 21 to 22c. per pound.

## TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, 15th June, 1893.

**DRUGS.**—Business among the wholesale houses, although not brisk, is as active as the season will warrant. Payments, too, are fully up to the average. The values of goods are very steady, and since the last two weeks there are few changes to report. The feature of the trade is a large demand for disinfectants; blue vitriol finds an active enquiry as an insecticide as well as a disinfectant. Morphine sulphate has advanced and is now quoted at \$2.25 to 2.30. Reports from New York give opium as held firm with the probability of a small advance. Mercury is held at a higher value abroad and is very firm in this market. The demand for hellebore is large, and it is ruled by the prices of last year. Dealers here are anticipating the usual demand for Paris green, in usual quantities.

**DRY GOODS.**—The importing houses report that they are now doing the trade which should have been done during the last month. Laras are actively enquired for; they are bought largely in creams and blacks, and much used as trimmings. This week, some firms report an unusually active enquiry for parasols; blacks are in greatest demand, but colored goods receive good attention. The active silk trade still continues, and it is now believed that within the last twelve months more silks have been handled than in any similar time for years. A moderate trade is being done in staples, with values unchanged. Payments are reported to be looking up.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—In this market the flour situation is very discouraging and the outlook not at all promising. Prices have again declined. We give current quotations for car lots: Manitoba patent, \$4.05 to 4.20; strong bakers, \$3.80 to 3.90; straight roller, \$3.05 to 3.10; extra, \$2.90 to 3.00 per barrel. A Montreal report says of the market in that city:—"There is some enquiry reported for flour for export, the British market holding steady. The local demand continues very slow, however, and prices show no change." Oatmeal are held here rather firmly. This is on account of the advances in oats rather than any activity in demand. Quotations for broken lots are 10c. per barrel higher than those quoted in price list. Mill feed is weaker and bran is quoted at \$11.50 to 12 per ton.

**GRAIN.**—Wheat is reported dull. During the week there has been a decline of fully 2c. per bushel all round. The demand for export amounts to little or nothing, while the movement to millers is but for immediate wants, and they are evidently holding off from the market. Oats are 3c. per bushel higher on the inside quotation; a good local demand is reported, but that for export is rather limited. Peas, too, are somewhat firmer; during the week large shipments have been made for export via Montreal, with quotations at 56 to 57c. at outside points.

The stock of grain in store at Port Arthur on June 8th was 2,351,214 bushels. During the week there were received 60,288 bushels and shipped 303,928, leaving in store on the 8th June 2,107,564 bushels.

**GROCERIES.**—To the wholesale trade sugars continue to be the centre of interest. During the week yellows and granulated have advanced ½c., and refiners are accepting only orders at full prices. The relation of refiners and speculators to the trade in sugars is a peculiar one, and is best expressed by the circular of Messrs. Willet & Gray, New York. The situa-