

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 9th, 1899.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A large turnover in footwear is taking place. We have not seen, however, much evidence of the advanced prices talked of by the wholesale trade. So many of the houses have been making a shoe to retail at a round figure, say a ladies' or Misses', at one dollar, that it is difficult to secure on all lines prices equal to the basis which the advance in raw material has established. It is one thing to educate the people to low-priced goods, and another to make them appreciate the importance of buying a good article at a fair price.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The feeling in the butter trade is much easier. Deliveries on the local market are very large. Exports are not large; for the four weeks ending October 21st, 54,416 cwts. were sent to Great Britain, as against 40,894 cwts. Although this shows an increase the increase is not proportionate to that which has been made any month during the year. The pastures are in excellent shape. Most of the cheese factories are still at work, and the autumn make is very large. Prices have an easier tendency, and buyers are apparently holding off from the market. A London, Eng., advice, October 27th, says: "There is a fair demand for Canadian, and August cheese is selling at 55s. to 56s., but there is very little trade passing in Septembers at 57s. to 58s., buyers feeling unwilling to advance beyond sixpence per lb. A trustworthy report states that the stocks of cheese in Montreal are fully 300,000 boxes less than last year at this time. There is also much less to come from the country." Eggs are firm, with the following prices quoted: Pickled, 16c.; fresh, 17 to 18c., and new laid, 19 to 20c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—Elsewhere we note the situation at length. The past few days have witnessed very active trade in the retail stores and repeat orders for autumn goods are coming forward freely. Values are firm, and recent advances have apparently not checked sales.

GREEN FRUIT.—Trade is seasonably good. Lemons are quoted: Messina, 360's, \$3 to \$3.25 per box; choice Verdelli, 360's, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Malaga (chests), \$7 to \$7.50 per chest. There are a number of boxes of Jamaicas in the market, and Mexicans are expected to soon come to hand. We quote: Jamaicas, sound, packed, per barrel, \$5.50 to \$6; Jamaicas, per box, \$3.25; Jamaicas, original order, per barrel, \$5; Mexican oranges, 150's, 176's, 200's, 216's, per box, \$3.75 to \$4. For sundries, as handled by fruit dealers, prices run as follows: Bananas, fancy fruit, per bunch, \$1.50 to \$1.75; pears, per barrel, \$3 to \$4.50; Canadian grapes, Concord, 10-lb. baskets, 17 to 20c.; Canadian grapes, Niagara, 10-lb. baskets, 20 to 22½c.; Almeria grapes, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per keg; apples, fall, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per barrel; apples, winter, \$2.75 to \$3 per barrel; sweet potatoes, very fancy Jerseys, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per barrel; Spanish onions, (boxes), 85 to 90c.; onions, 80-lb. bag, 90c. per bag; cranberries, Cape Cod, \$7 to \$7.50 per barrel, \$2.50 per box; Canadian white beans, \$1.50 per bushel; ciscoes, haddie and oysters, at lowest market price. There is a free movement of apples, the exports to end November 4th for the season are: 586,050 barrels, as against 504,548 barrels the same period a year ago.

GROCERIES.—There is brisk demand for all staples. Christmas holiday goods are already in request, and trade in dried fruits is brisk: Prunes, 30's to 40's, 25-lb. boxes, per lb., 8½c.; prunes, 50's to 60's, 25 and 50-lb. boxes, per lb., 8c.; prunes, 70's to 80's, 50-lb. boxes, per lb., 6c.; silver prunes, 50-lb. boxes, 9½c. per lb.; figs, Tapnets, new, 3½c. per lb.; figs,

layers, 1-lb. glove boxes, 14c. per box; figs, layers, choice, 10-lb., 13c. per lb.; figs, layers, fancy, 10-lb. to 28-lb., 15c. per lb. The same briskness is to be noted in nuts, which we quote as follows: Tarragona almonds, sack lots, 14c.; per lb., 15c.; roasted peanuts, per lb., 10c.; Grenoble walnuts, by bale, 11c.; smaller quantities, per lb., 12c.; peanuts, per sack, green, extra, per lb., 8½c.; suns, per lb., 9c.; filberts, Sicily, sacks, 9c.; 10c. per lb.; Pecans, medium, 13c.; large, 14c.; shelled walnuts, 21c. to 22c. per lb.; Brazils, 11c. per lb.; Canadian chestnuts, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per bushel. Sugars declined 10c. per cwt., and finds fair movement. Canned goods are brisk. The canners met in Toronto this week and all reports indicated a good, strong market in canned fruits and vegetables.

HOG PRODUCTS.—There is considerable activity in hog packing, and dealers are making every effort to catch up with orders by the new output. Prices are steady and firm. Hams are in scant supply, while lard is wanted. Long, clear bacon meets with good demand. American markets are reported firm. There are good prospects of a large pack this season.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The hide market is very firm, and for No. 1 Toronto inspected, green cow hides, dealers are obtaining 9¼c. per lb. Cured are quoted at 9¾ to 10c. per lb. The hides are now of good quality, and tanners are anxious to put in supplies. There are no accumulations in the cellars here, and all received readily find a market. Calfskins are steady, with 10c. paid for green. Sheepskins are strong and in active demand at 80c. each. Tallow is very firm in price. The American hide market is very firm, and the movement active.

LIVE STOCK.—Last week's receipts at the Cattle Market were: Cattle, 2,465 head; 3,554 sheep and lambs, and 5,496 hogs. Offerings at the Tuesday market were large, being in all 57 loads. In cattle, trade was quiet, these prices being quoted: Export cattle, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.; butchers', \$4 to \$4.10; feeders, \$3 to \$3.75 per cwt. There were about 1,000 sheep and lambs received, and prices ruled 25c. per cwt. lower, the former being quoted at a range of \$2.50 to \$3.40 per cwt., and the latter \$2.50 to \$3.25 each. The hog market, in face of heavy deliveries and weakness in Great Britain, declined 12½c. per cwt., choice weights selling at \$4.12½ per cwt., and less desirable offerings bringing \$3.75 to \$3.87½ per cwt.

WOOL.—As a result of the reported activity in the wool markets, of the United States, the feeling here is stronger, although no large transactions are taking place. Dealers here are paying 15½c. per lb. for Canada fleece wool, and at this figure a large number of small lots are coming forward. Those who have large lots are holding on to them, and hope for better prices in the near future.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Nov. 8th, 1899.

ASHES.—The market is barely as strong as a week ago. Some purchases of ordinary tares, first pots, are reported at \$4.20, and we quote \$4.20 to \$4.25; seconds, \$3.90 to \$3.95; pearls dull, and nominally about \$5.25 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Receipts of cement for the week ending to-day are only 1,814 barrels of Belgian and German, and 1,500 barrels of English. Only two more steamers are due with further supplies this season, and winter stocks will be light. The market is decidedly firm, owing to this and higher freights,

and for Belgian \$2.10 to \$2.20 is now asked; English, \$2.35 to \$2.45; German, \$2.50 to \$2.60. Firebricks are unchanged at \$16 to \$21; receipts for week, 209,000.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Local trading in cheese is dull this week, with no transactions in Western cheese on which to base a quotation, and buyers and sellers seem wide apart in their notions; good Eastern makes range from 10¾ to 11c. Shipments last week again reached normal figures, and 80,060 boxes left for London, Newcastle, and Bristol, principally. The season's total thus far is 1,750,535 boxes, just about 36,000 boxes ahead of last year at date. For butter there is rather a dull and declining market; the range for finest creamery is now quoted at 20 to 20½c., and for dairy makes, 16 to 18c. Exports last week were light, being 2,721 packages, as compared with 8,310 packages for same week of 1898; taking the whole season, however, the shipments are some 185,000 packages ahead of last year.

DRY GOODS.—The weather continues too fine and open for retail business, and some city shopkeepers say that business was almost better in September than now. Collections, however, come in well, and payments on the 4th, which were fairly heavy, were exceedingly good, some houses reporting them the best in five years, and one leading firm states that 84 per cent. of their customers' paper was met. No further advances are reported for the week.

FURS.—It is yet too early for receipts of new catch of raw furs, and new quotations have not yet been issued by fur-buying houses. There is reported great demand for fox, and prices in this line will be higher. This is due to the great scarcity of blue fox, and other high-priced fox skins, and the ordinary red fox is in much demand in Europe, where it is being dyed in imitation of the more expensive kinds. In other lines it is not expected there will be much change.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Oct. 30	Nov. 6.
Wheat	136,843	98,872
Corn	12,110	18,475
Oats	413,750	405,017
Rye	46,594	48,824
Peas	185,232	160,871
Barley	128,343	134,456
Total grain	922,872	866,515
Oatmeal	240	188
Flour	13,006	9,970
Buckwheat	75,712	105,117

GROCERIES.—A very active distribution is still reported in this line. A further marked decline has to be noted in sugars, refiners having marked down all grades 10c. a cental, making the factory price for granulated now \$4.40; yellows, \$3.60 to \$4.15. This is largely due to American competition in the West; some fresh importations of Dutch and German refined are also reported, and an Antwerp steamer, now en route, has some fair lots, principally for large manufacturing confectioners. Molasses is steady at late advance. The last Mediterranean steamer is now in the river, and is not bringing such large supplies of Valencia raisins as was first thought. Her manifest shows 46,000 half-boxes of Valencias, 1,448 quarter-boxes, and 3,700 eighth-boxes. She brings quite a large quantity of currants, 870 tons in all, also 7,625 boxes and 2,865 quarter-boxes of Malaga raisins, about 4,400 boxes of almonds, besides a miscellaneous cargo of Spanish onions, figs, lemons, etc. Valencia raisins continue to boom upwards, and a cable to-day quotes fine off-stalk at 21s. 6d., calculated equal to an advance of 2c. a lb. since first contracts were made.

LEATHER.—Trade continues quiet, but all dealers are very stiff in their ideas, as