

at 11½ to 11¾c. per lb. Butter prices are also firm, good dairy makes being in brisk demand. We quote Creamery, 22 to 23c.; Townships, 20 to 21½c.; Morrisburg, 18 to 20c.; Western, 17 to 19c. A good steady enquiry exists for eggs; fresh laid bring 30c. or more, fall eggs 22 to 24c.; limed, 21 to 22c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—The wholesale dealers continue to report spring orders as coming in well, and the aggregate is much ahead of last year at this date. City retail trade is quiet, and will likely continue so till March. There is nothing fresh as regards value of textiles; everything is reported pretty firm in Britain, and the United States cotton market is reported decidedly bullish.

FISH.—The near approach of Lent and the fact that there will be no dispensations this year has induced some activity in this line, and as stocks generally are low, values are inclined to firmness. The market is nearly bare of green cod, and the weather has been so rough that very little fishing has been done recently. Prices of this article have, therefore, been much advanced, as will be seen by our quotations below. Dry cod is also scarce, and in fact in no line of pickled fish is there any surplus of stock. We quote No. 1 Labrador herring, \$5.50 to 5.75; shore, \$4.00 to 4.50; French shore, \$4.50 to 5.00; Cape Bretons, \$5 to 5.50; No. 1 green cod, \$6 to 6.25; No. 1 large, \$6.50 to 6.75; large draft, \$6.75 to 7.00; N.S. salmon, \$12.50 to 13.00 for No. 1; sea trout, \$9 to 9.50; boneless cod, 5½ to 6c.

GRAIN.—The wheat market is dull, with prices more or less nominal. Coarse grains for local wants are being fairly dealt in. We quote No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat, 83 to 84c. per bush; No. 3, 74 to 76c.; corn, 63 to 65c.; oats, 32 to 32½c.; peas, 71 to 72c.; rye, 68 to 72c.; feed barley, 40 to 41c.; malting ditto, 50 to 55c.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal were as follows, on dates given:

	Jan. 23, 1893.	Jan. 30, 1892.
Wheat, bushels	524,846	517,616
Corn "	15,087	15,589
Oats "	261,673
Rye "	13,337	26,081
Peas "	321,373	31,060
Barley "	38,931	76,431
Total grain	\$1,175,247	\$666,777

The quantity of flour in store at Montreal on 23rd Jan., 1893, was 43,337 barrels, as compared with 43,923 barrels on the corresponding date of 1892. Of oatmeal, where in 1891 there was 2,913 barrels in store, there was last week only 378 barrels.

GROCERIES.—January trade among the wholesale men has not been as active as some years, and slackness is to some extent accounted for by the intense cold and the generally light snow-fall. In regard to values there is little new to be noted. Further enquiry has been heard from the United States for common Japan teas, but without resulting business so far. New York, and other large trade centres, report much activity. In London, blacks show considerable firmness. Sugars remain without a change from figures quoted a week ago. Barbadoes molasses is selling in fair lots at 33½ to 34c. Reports from the island indicate a good crop, and quotations have been cabled at from 14 to 16c., but there will be no new stock available for several weeks yet. There is an impression that direct importations will be smaller this season, because supplies will be available just as required through New York, and at cheaper freight rates. New quotations for rice are expected about 1st March. There is but a slow demand for raisins and currants at old quotations. Dried and evaporated apples are firmer, and stocks of the latter have been largely bought up for the United States. Canned goods still dull and neglected.

HIDES.—Receipts are quite moderate, but the demand is sufficient to absorb what are offered. Prices of 'green' hides remain as before; there was to have been a meeting of hide men on the 30th ult., to take some joint action with regard to prices, but for some reason it did not take place. Calfskins are still quoted at 5c.; lambskins are advanced to 90c. to \$1 each.

LEATHER.—Being the end of the month the market locally is quiet. The English market is still depressed, but circular advices just to

hand report that the quarterly Leeds fair showed a little better demand. Receipts of American leather at Liverpool show a considerable decrease. Local leather men are disposed to look for an improvement in values, basing their expectations upon the more active and stronger condition of the American market. Boston reports a marked increase of demand especially for sole. New York trade is active, with sole a cent higher than a fortnight ago. Philadelphia reports improvement both in firmness and volume of business, while in the West calf and colored leather is in active request. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A. No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to B.A., 17 to 18c.; 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 29c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 25c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 28 to 30c.; 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.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—There was a meeting of the lead grinders of the Dominion held here last week, at which, it is understood, some arrangement was arrived at regarding prices, but the result of their deliberations has not yet been made public. In other lines there have been no changes, and former quotations will hold. Linseed oil is firm, with some likelihood of advance. We quote:—Turpentine 49 to 50c. per gal.; Linseed oil, raw, 58c. per gal.; boiled 61c.; olive oil, 95c. to \$1; castor, 7 to 7½c. in cases; smaller lots,

8c.; Newfoundland cod, 40 to 42c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 46 to 47c. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.75 to \$5; No. 1, \$4.60 to 4.75; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; genuine red ditto, 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whitening, 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.

PROVISIONS.—Though business in hog products is quiet, the provision market shows strength all around. Dressed hogs are not coming in so freely, and bring \$9.25 to \$9.50 readily; Canada short cut pork \$22.00 to \$22.50; Western mess \$21.50 to \$22.50 per brl.; hams 12 to 13c.; bacon 11 to 12c.; lard, common 9 to 10c.; pure 11 to 11½c. per pound.

WOOL.—The local situation is unmarked by any special feature. The demand is light, though millmen seem very busy on orders. There is no stock of any account here; about 1000 bales are on the way for two local houses, and will be due about the middle of the month, by which time they will be wanted. The London sales, now in progress, show strong competition, with prices firm at closing figures of the last series. Fine wools are in demand in the United States at strong prices.

TORONTO MARKETS.

TORONTO, Feb. 2nd, 1893.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Sales are at present limited and more largely than anything else are of rubber goods. Canvas goods are in better demand than was expected; some of the local manufacturers are doing a good trade with British Columbia in goods especially adapted for miners and lumbermen. There is likely to be a run upon colored goods this season, a subject which is noticed elsewhere in this issue.

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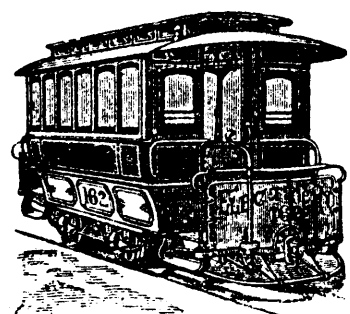
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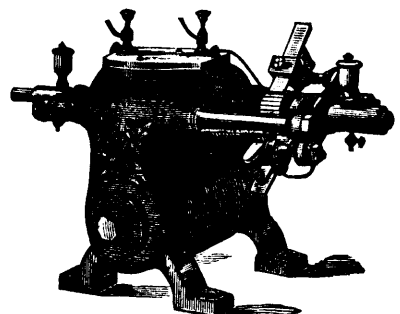
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