

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 16th Aug., 1899.

ASHES.—The English demand continues light, and there has been next to nothing doing the past few weeks. Pearls are particularly dull, with no recent transactions reported beyond an odd barrel or so at \$4.75 to \$4.85. A few little lots of first pots have realized about \$3.75; second pots are relatively stronger at \$3.50 to \$3.60 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The figures of receipts for the week ending to-day had not been made up at moment of writing, but no special lots have come to hand, and imports have been comparatively light of late. Business, too, is of a rather quiet character, no large sales being reported, but prices are steady at \$1.95 to \$2.10 for Belgian cements, English \$2.30 to \$2.40, German \$2.45 to \$2.55; firebricks, \$16 to \$22 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The strength in the cheese market, noted a week ago, has been well sustained. Indeed, English cable quotations show some further advance, colored being advanced to 48s., and white to 47s., being a gain for the week of a full shilling. Fine Westerns are quoted 10¼ to 10½c., and Quebec 10 to 10¼c. The butter market continued to show increasing firmness after last writing up to the end of the week, some business in finest box creamery being reported up to 21¼c., but at the moment there seems to be an easier feeling, and probably 21c. would be a present limit. Butter exports were unusually large last week, aggregating 28,468 packages, as against 9,623 same week of 1898. Cheese shipments were hardly so large, being 54,425 boxes, as compared with 95,501 last year.

DRY GOODS.—The principal bulk of first fall orders has now been shipped to the country, and there is some modification of the great rush recently apparent among the wholesale warehouses. Travelers' and mail orders are still coming in well, however, and city retailers are buying more freely, making evident preparations for the return of customers from their summer haunts. As regards values, there have been no further marked advances during the past two or three weeks, but all recent revisions of price lists are firmly held. There seems to be a pretty strong impression in some quarters that some revision of cotton prices is on the tapis, and an advance in flannelettes and colored goods would not come as a surprise.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Aug. 7.	Aug. 14.
Wheat	170,261	160,587
Corn	114,993	133,192
Oats	247,990	202,810
Rye	2,216	1,145
Peas	43,083	25,406
Barley	16,771	12,687
Total grain	595,314	535,827
Oatmeal	250	255
Flour	24,123	24,524
Buckwheat	4,092	34,887

GROCERIES.—Sugar refiners report a good, steady business, and matters are again of a harmonious character between the wholesalers and the refiners. All the local wholesale houses are in accord as to prices and terms, and there is only one Kingston house yet holding aloof, and it is expected to shortly fall into line. The factory price for standard granulated is steady at \$4.55, and the regular grades of yellows run from \$3.65 to \$4.25, and extra bright Phoenix \$4.30. Molasses is steady at 36c. for single puncheons. The market at the island is closed, and there is very little more stock to come forward. One small cargo is now unloading, and

another of 800 puncheons is afloat for this port. Canned corn continues scarce and high, the main supply being controlled, it is said, by one Western firm of packers, and 80c. is asked for wholesale lots; tomatoes and peas are quoted at 75c. in car lots. Peaches will be very scarce, it is claimed, and \$1.60 is being asked for 2 lbs., and \$2.40 for 3 lbs.; gallon apples are quoted at \$2 to \$2.10. The salmon run is over, and while better than last year, is reported hardly a fair average. The River Inlet pack is pretty well ready for shipment, and is quoted at \$4.25 on coast; the Fraser river pack quotes at \$4.75, and deliveries will be made in the course of a few weeks. For teas there is rather more enquiry, though actual business is not very active.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Receipts of hides are a little larger than July, but are by no means liberal, and supplies are well absorbed. Dealers are still buying beef hides on the basis of 9c. for No. 1, calfskins at 11c. and 9c. for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, and lambskins at 40c. Tallow is moving sluggishly, but best rendered is firmly held at 4c.

LEATHER.—The American market is notably stronger for both sole and black leathers, and there is no disposition to concede on local prices. While business is not brisk in the way of large purchases by shoe men, leather jobbers are buying a little more freely for fall business; the export movement to England is said to be still good. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24 to 24½c.; No. 2, 23 to 23½c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 26c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do., heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 21 to 23c.; Quebec do., 16 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed, cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—A very fair movement is reported for the season, and there is no let up in the forward movement of values. Canada plates have taken another advance, and \$2.60 is now being regularly asked for ordinary lots of 52 sheets. Tin plates are also put up again, \$4.40 being asked for coke tins, and \$4.80 for charcoals. Terne plates follow suit, and the present quotation is \$7.50. Ingot tin has undergone some fluctuation, London quotations having gone up as high as £147, though the present figure is about £143; locally 34c. to 34½c. is asked for L. & F. Pig iron continues very scarce, no supplies of Hamilton or Nova Scotia iron being available, and only moderate lots of Summerlee, for which \$24 is exacted. There are no other brands of Scotch iron available. Canadian bars are steady at \$2.00. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$24 to \$25; Carnbroe, \$30.00 to \$30.00; Hamilton No. 1, \$30.00 to \$30.00; No. 2, do., \$30.00 to \$30.00; Ferrona No. 1, \$30.00; machinery scrap, \$30.00 to \$30.00; common ditto, \$30 to \$30; bar iron, Canadian, \$2; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.60; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.70; 75 sheets, \$2.80; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.25 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.50; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.55; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.45; No. 16, and heavier, \$3; tin plates; Charcoal, I.C., Alloway, \$4.80 to \$4.90; do., I.X., \$5.25 to \$5.50; P.D. Crown, I.C.,

\$5.50 to \$5.75; do., I.X., \$4.75; coke, I.C., \$4.40; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 26, \$4.25; No. 24, \$4 in the case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch, and upwards, \$2.95 for Dalzell and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$3; tank steel \$2.75, ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, \$3; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.95; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 9½c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$3.90; sheet, \$4.50 to 4.60; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 11 to 12c.; toe calk, \$2.75 to \$3; spring, \$2.75 to \$3; sleigh shoe, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50; round machinery steel, \$3 to 3.25, as to finish; ingot tin, 35c. for L. & F. Straits, 34 to 34½c.; bar tin, 36 to 37c.; ingot copper, 18½ to 19c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.50 to \$8; Silesian spelter, \$6.25 to \$6.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$6.50 to \$7; American spelter, \$6.25 to \$6.50; antimony, 10½ to 11c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—There are signs of reviving enquiry for fall supplies in these lines. The remarkable and continued advance in turpentine is the strong feature of the situation, a further advance of two cents having been established, making present price for single barrels 72c. per gal., and some profess to believe that 75c. will be reached in a few days, as the market has stiffened further in the South since last revision of local prices. Linseed oil is very steady at quotations, also leads. With regard to the latter line, it is stated that some difficulty is being experienced in placing orders for dry lead in Europe, where all corrodors are fully employed, and won't contract for delivery before December, and will not even guarantee prompt delivery then. We quote: Single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 57 and 60c. per gal., for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 56 and 59c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 72c.; five to nine barrels, 71c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 34 to 36c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8 to 8½c. in quantity; tins, 9 to 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6; No. 1, \$5.62½; No. 2, \$5.30; No. 3, \$4.87½; No. 4, \$4.50; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; kegs, \$1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.80; smaller quantities, \$1.95; 25-lb. tins, \$2.05; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.30; London washed whiting, 37 to 40c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.90 per 50 feet for first break; \$2 for second break. Paris green, 14c. in 50 and 100-lb. packages; 15c. in 25-lb. packages; pound packages, in boxes, 15½ to 16c.

WOOL.—Business in raw wools has been quiet for some weeks past, but more enquiry is apparent of late, as manufacturers are evidently running short of stock, and are beginning to realize that the high prices have come to stay. One considerable sale of 300 bales of Capes was reported a few days ago, at an average of about 20c., and the lowest figure in this line is now about 19½c. to 21½c. There were until recently some very low grades available at 17 to 18c., but these are all closed out. Of B.A.'s there is but a light stock here at present; a little quantity of crossbred B.A. is available at 32c., and some fine merinos are near at hand, for which 47c. is asked. Australians in the grease are quoted at 26 to 28c. Reports from the Cape indicate a scarcity of stock coming forward, and importers find a difficulty in getting supplies. The next London sales open the 19th prox., and offerings will be some 40,000 bales less than last year.