

There are no changes in value of importance. Rope has been slightly reduced. Horse shoes are steady at the recent reduction of ten cents per box. Window glass is firm, the recent changes noted in our Prices Current.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Nominally the market is unchanged. Green cow hides are bringing 9c. per lb., and sales of cured were reported early in the week at 9½c. It is a question whether these latter could be repeated. Skins have advanced to 45c., and at this figure remain steady. From Chicago, August 2nd.—The demand for packer hides was limited, as tanners continued confining their purchases to only such supplies as were needed for immediate wants; offerings, however, were not excessive, as packers have materially reduced their holdings latterly and prices held to a steady basis, closing at 11¼ to 12c. for native steers, 10¾ to 11¼ for Texas, 10 to 10¼c. for butt brands, 9½c. for Colorados, 10c. for branded cows, 11c. for light native cows, and 11 to 11¼c. for heavy do.

LEATHER.—A tanner who has just returned from a thorough inspection of the larger tanneries of Quebec and Eastern Ontario, expresses it as his opinion that stocks of leather are low. Prices, however, remain, with here and there an exception, unchanged. For russets some tanners are attempting this week to get an advance of two cents per foot, and if the statistical situation be a guide, they ought to succeed. The shoe manufacturers say they are unable to pay any increase for material in view of the persistent efforts of the jobbers to bear the market. For heavy goods, grain, splits and wax upper, fair orders have been taken but other trade is quiet.

PROVISIONS.—There is a good steady demand for all lines of hog products. Dressed hogs are dull with \$7 to \$7.20 quoted on the street. Some enquiry for next season's lumbering supply has been heard. This trade depends largely upon the outcome of the Quebec commission in arranging terms as to the tariff on lumber and logs.

WOOL.—Trade in fleece wool is very quiet, and only small lots are coming into the market. For these dealers quote 15c. per lb. In certain country districts it is reported that the market shows life, and high quotations are being paid.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 3rd August, 1898.

ASHES.—The market continues a slow one, with light enquiry, and small receipts. We hear of a few small lots being bought at \$3.67½ to \$3.75 for first pots; second pots are quoted at about \$3.35 to \$3.40, and pearls nominally about \$4.75 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—As indicated last week, the receipts of cement for the week ending to-day have been large; they comprise 20,827 barrels, nearly all Belgian and German, of which 11,000 barrels are on government account, to fill contracts let in the spring. The general distribution is fair, and local stocks had become well run down. Receipts of firebricks 72,800. As regards prices there is nothing new.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The Liverpool market has ruled about 37s. 6d. for some little time; the local market is a shade weaker than a week ago, Quebec cheese quoting at 7¼ to 7¾c., and Western 7½ to 7¾c. Last week's exports footed up 77,192 boxes, some 33,000 boxes less than the same week of last year, and the total deficiency, as compared with this date last year, is just about 190,000 boxes. In butter the shipments abroad last week show a material falling off, as compared with the corresponding week of 1897, being 2,449 pkgs. as against 11,306; the total for the season, however, is some 13,000 pkgs. ahead of this date a year ago. Values are little changed from a week

ago, fine creamery quoting at about 16½c., dairy 13½ to 14c. per pound.

DRY GOODS.—The majority of travelers in this line of wholesale trade are now through their first fall trip, and the volume of orders secured has been very satisfactory. The knights of the road generally arrange to take their holidays in August, and in September start out again on their first fall sorting trip. To-morrow, the 4th, is a pretty heavy day for retailers' payments, and some houses here report the receipt of quite a few letters, asking partial renewals, but the general expectation is that a full average of paper will be provided for. French and German advices are to the effect that silk goods are from 10 to 12½ per cent. dearer, and taking into consideration the full duty now to be exacted on goods coming from these countries, it means that retailers may expect to have to pay considerably higher prices for many goods.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	July 25.	Aug. 1.
	Bushels.	Bushels.
Wheat	80,055	48,982
Corn	68,838	263,698
Oats	912,154	857,553
Rye	16,649	16,011
Peas	235,421	209,875
Barley	28,186	27,609
Total grain	1,341,303	1,423,788
Oatmeal	322	266
Flour	21,261	18,150
Buckwheat	27,378	8,411

GROCERIES.—The demand for sugars, which was slack, has again assumed a reasonable activity this week, and a considerable volume of business is reported by refiners. The factory figure for standard granulated remains steady at 4½c. per lb., with yellows ranging from 3 9-16 to 4 1-16c.; the latter figure is for a special grade produced by the St. Lawrence people, known as "Phoenix Cream," closely approaching a white, for which there is good demand in the West. There is a moderate quantity of imported German refined in store here, but the recent rearrangement of terms between refiners and jobbers is likely to result adversely to further importations of foreign refined. Molasses is quiet but firm; a cargo of Barbadoes, probably the last of the season, has just been unloaded, and for a couple of hundred puncheons still on the wharf 28c. per gallon is being asked; the jobbing card is 30 to 31c. Some moderate business is reported in teas, but jobbers are not free buyers yet, though apparently more disposed to accept the situation as regards high values. We hear of a dealer who bought a fair quantity of Japans two months ago at 12½c., now closing out the balance of the lot at 14½c., which is a pretty good indication of the state of the market. There is still a diffidence on the part of packers in quoting for new vegetables. Some sales of wholesale lots of old tomatoes are reported at 95c., and jobbers still quote \$1.05 to \$1.10 for best brands.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The only change in this line is the advance of lambskins to 40c. each. For hides the demand is somewhat slow, but dealers continue to buy on the basis of 9c. for No. 1 green, and quote from half a cent to a cent advance to tanners. Calfskins are bought at 10c. and 8c. per lb., for Nos. 1 and 2 respectively, and stocks show some accumulation in store, but dealers seem content to hold. Some further importations of hides from England are reported at Quebec.

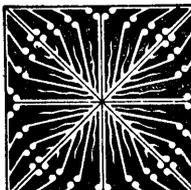
LEATHER.—General buying in this line is still characterized by moderation; but as shoe jobbers, who have been delaying orders, must soon place the same, if they are to do any fall business, better enquiry is looked for during the month. It is thought by some that possibly the late decline in hides may have affected the demand some, but it is strongly urged by both tanners and dealers that no easing in present leather prices can be expected. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No.

1, 24 to 25c.; do., No. 2, 22½ to 23½c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 21c.; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 25c.; 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, 22 to 25c.; Quebec do., 18 to 20c.; juniors, 18 to 20c.; 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, 13 to 13½c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The week has been without special feature. Pig iron has ruled dull, but steady in price. Scotch warrants are cabled at 46s. 7d. Several large sales of ingot tin are reported at very firm figures, one two-ton lot selling a shade under 17c. In other lines we learn of nothing new. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$17 to \$18; Carron, No. 1, \$18; No. 3, \$17.25; Ayresome, No. 1, \$17.50; No. 3, \$16.50; Shotts, \$17.25 to \$17.50; Carnbroe, \$16, ex-store; Feronna, No. 1, \$15; Hamilton, No. 1, \$15 to 15.50; No. 2, ditto, \$14 to \$14.50; machinery scrap, \$14 to \$15; common ditto, \$12 to \$13; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to \$1.50; British, \$2 to \$2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.15 to \$2.20; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.25; 75 sheets, \$2.35; all polished Canadas, \$2.40 to \$2.45; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$5.75 to \$5.90; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.15; No. 24, \$2.05; No. 17, \$2; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.15; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to \$5.70; charcoal, I.C., Alloway, \$3.15 to \$3.25; do., I.X., \$3.90 to \$4; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.60 to \$3.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$2.90 to \$2.95; do., standard, \$2.75 to \$2.80 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4; No. 26, \$3.75; No. 24, \$3.50 in case lots; Morewood, \$5 to \$5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to \$1.75; English hoops, \$2 to \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch and upwards, \$1.85 to \$1.90 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ¼-inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-

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