

fortnight. The unfavorable weather has undoubtedly effected the consumption. There is only a fair volume of sugar moving at prices quoted last week. It would be well to note that in accord with the recent sugar agreement, quotations in our Prices Current are Montreal, f.o.b. Dried fruits have been rather quiet, although some activity has taken place in Valencia raisins, which have been sold at low figures. In syrups of a low grade there still remains a scarcity. Cable advices report a firmer market for Singapore black pepper. Canned goods are going into consumption. There is no special interest in them on the part of wholesalers at present.

LEATHER.—The market has been exceedingly quiet during the past few months, and shows little signs of brightness in the immediate future. Local consumers are buying only as they turn material into goods, while the export English demand also shows little life. Although a hand to mouth business is, in many ways, satisfactory, many of the tanners would like to see the return of the days of large purchases. Values are steady and unchanged.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 9th Nov., 1898.

ASHES.—A lot of 35 barrels was reported a few days ago, which is a big one, as matters have been going in the trade for some time past; but stocks in store are exceedingly light. For first quality pots \$4.40 to \$4.45 is quoted, while \$4.50 would be paid for a lot of extra good tars, seconds, \$4.10 to \$4.15. In the absence of any business in pearls, \$4.80 to \$4.90 is a nominal quotation.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The demand for cements is quieting down with the advancing season, but prices hold firm. The receipts for the week are pretty large, being 10,426 barrels of Belgian and German, and 2,550 barrels of English, but a goodly proportion has gone to fill orders booked some time ago. Of firebricks 187,000 came to hand since last report. We quote Belgian cement, \$1.95 to \$2.05; English, \$2.25 to \$2.35; German, \$2.35 to \$2.45; firebricks, \$16 to \$21 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The gain of strength in the cheese market manifested last week has been more than sustained. Saturday's cable showed an advance to 42s. for white, and 44s. for colored, and present quotations for fine fall Western are 9½ to 9¼c., and for fine fall Eastern 8¾ to 9c. Shipments last week showed a very material falling off, figuring only at 38,148 boxes, as against 71,636 boxes for the same week of 1897. The market for butter is in a very dull, depressed shape, and 18c. is about the outside figure realizable for fine creamery, dairy, 14 to 14½c. per lb.

Dry Goods.—The situation is much about the same as was described a week ago. Trade conditions are, if anything, rather better in the country, for letters tell of dryer and better roads in both Ontario and Quebec. Sorting business in the North-west is very dull, and in a good many cases travelers in that section have given up the trip, owing to being so poorly encouraged. In other sections, trade is very fair. As anticipated in our last, payments on the 4th turned out well, and one leading house reports 82½ per cent. of their customers' paper provided for, certainly gratifying figures.

FURS.—It is too early to expect any lots of new-caught furs, and quotations for the season have hardly yet been established. It is not expected that much difference will be made in the figures as given last year. Bear will likely rule lower, and possibly mink and marten a shade higher.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Oct 31.	Nov. 7.
Wheat	107,344	173,920
Corn	36,788	211,816
Oats	380,148	387,763
Rye	22,932	28,379
Peas	62,143	91,805
Barley	12,547	7,772
Total grain	621,902	902,455
Oatmeal	230	215
Flour	11,307	9,373
Buckwheat	4,180	7,403

GROCERIES.—Sugars are in fairly good demand at the refineries, and quotations are steady at \$4.40 for granulated, in wholesale lots, yellows ranging from \$3.65 to \$4.15. Molasses is firmer, stocks getting into narrow compass, and some holders are reported to be asking 30c. per gal. in round lots, jobbing lots are quoted at 31 to 32c. A little more enquiry is reported for teas, but brokers still report it hard work to sell any considerable lots, and the volume of trade doing between houses is still limited. The Japan market is practically closed, and no further supplies can be drawn thence. Values in all lines continue steady to firm. The "Bellona" is now unloading in Montreal harbor supplies of Malaga table raisins, but the goods have hardly got into jobbers' hands, nor quotations closely fixed. All other lines of dried fruits are firm, and importers of currants have advanced prices about a quarter of a cent. Canned vegetables are all held very firmly, and packers' agents report that their principals have no more goods to offer, between houses 85 to 87½c. is asked for round lots of tomatoes, and 87½ to 90c. for corn, peas 75 to 80c. for June goods.

HIDES.—The market presents no new features in values. The demand for beef hides may be called very fair, rather more than absorbing new offerings, and the stock in warehouse is lessening a little. We quote dealers as paying 9c. to 9½c. per lb. for No. 1 beef hides, and for lamb-skins 65 to 70c. each.

LEATHER.—Further expressions of satisfaction with regard to orders for spring footwear are heard from the boot and shoe manufacturers, and the Quebec shoe trade are also reported to be better employed. Within the last few days some of the larger factories are said to have placed good orders for sole, and some fair-sized lots of dongolas and colored leathers are also reported to be moving. In other lines there is no special briskness. In sole, active export continues. 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, 26 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.—Nothing very special has developed since last reported. The firmness in ingot tin is fully sustained, and quotations as advanced last week would not be shaded; copper is also strong, and importers quote 13¼c. firm for round lots. Zinc is also stiffer, at \$6.50 for sheets, and \$5.75 in the ingot. In pig iron moderate trading is reported at about \$15 per ton for domestic brands, and \$17.50 to \$18 for Summerlee. Warrants are cabled strong at 49s. 5d.

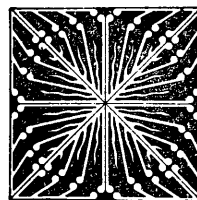
We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$17.50 to 18; Hamilton No. 1, \$15 to 15.50; No. 2, do., \$14 to 14.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$14.50 to \$15; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15; common ditto, \$12 to 13; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.35 to 1.40; British, \$2 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.10 to 2.15, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.20 to 2.25; 75 sheets, \$2.30 to 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-sixteenths, and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$3.60 to 3.65; sheet, \$4 to 4.10; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel, \$2.25 to \$3, as to finish; ingot tin, 20¼c. for L. & F. Straits, 20c.; bar tin, 21 to 22c.; ingot copper, 13¼ to 13½c.; sheet-zinc, \$6.50; Silesian spelter, \$5.65; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.75; American spelter, \$5.65; antimony, 9½ to 10c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Very fair demand characterizes these lines of merchandise, and firmness prevails in values. Further stiffening is reported in the turpentine market South, but local prices, as lately advanced, still hold. Linseed oil and glass are also very firm. White lead and zinc are reported advancing in England, owing to the war preparations at present, and active buying by the Admiralty. We quote: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 50 and 53c. per gal.; two to four barrels, 49 and 52c.; 5 to 9 barrels, 48 and 51c., net 30

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