

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 13th, 1899.

**CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.**—Receipts of cements have been very small during the past fortnight, amounting only to 350 barrels of English, and 300 barrels of Belgian. A sale of 4,000 barrels of Belgian is reported to a Western point, at a figure equal to about \$1.95 here. Quotations continue at \$1.95 to \$2.05 for Belgian, English, \$2.30 to \$2.40, and German, \$2.45 to \$2.55; firebricks, \$16 to \$21 per thousand. Receipts of firebricks for the past two weeks are 50,000.

**DRY GOODS.**—Wholesale business continues active, and buyers from a good many outside points have been noticed in the various warehouses during the week. While shipments of fall goods are pretty well advanced, there has been a good deal of delay in deliveries in some lines, owing to the difficulty in getting goods forward from European manufacturers, who are much pushed to keep up with their orders.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—Last week was the banner week as regards butter exports in the history of the Canadian trade. The shipments amounted to 45,009 packages, representing over two and a half million pounds, and in money value figuring up to over half a million of dollars, and it is calculated that shipments for the current week will be equally large. The total shipments of butter for this season to date are 289,294 packages, as compared with 111,231 packages for same period of last year. Cheese shipments were also liberal, footing up to 76,658 boxes, as against 52,566 boxes for same week of 1898. The excitement in cheese prices has somewhat abated, and though English prices show no decline, the local market is notably lower than a week ago, showing that the recent extreme figures were largely speculative. Quebec cheese sold on the wharf this week at 10¼ to 10½c., which is a decline of a cent since a week ago, while Western has dropped to 11 to 11¼c. Butter has also weakened some, but the big export business is calculated to steady the market, and 22½c. is reported as being paid for finest creamery, which must be a remunerative figure for the farmer.

## MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Aug. 28.	Sept. 9.
Wheat .....	252,128	129,791
Corn .....	189,252	61,347
Oats .....	141,678	35,461
Rye .....	1,300	11,582
Peas .....	25,485	28,452
Barley .....	23,398	27,142

Total grain .....	633,241	293,775
Oatmeal .....	218	156
Flour .....	21,624	16,114
Buckwheat .....	2,967	2,812

**GROCERIES.**—Wholesalers report satisfaction with the volume of business doing with the country, and say they are getting well paid. The advance noted in sugars last week is well maintained, and refiners report the demand as still active. The market for raw beet sugar is reported a little higher. Molasses has undergone no recent change. While brokers report a rather quiet business in teas, as between houses, jobbers are doing a very fair business with the country. Values in this line continue fairly steady on the whole; Japans are being offered at a little lower figure, but the quality is reported poor, Ceylons are a little easier in London, but the market for China blacks has strengthened somewhat. Canned goods are stiffly held; corn continues hard to get, and the few holders ask 85c. in a wholesale way, while 75c. is quoted for tomatoes. Gallon apples have been sold at \$2, but canners are now not anxious to quote, owing to the high prices being paid in the West

for the green fruit. A few moderate lots of new Valencia raisins have been received via New York, and are being jobbed at 6½ to 7c. The direct steamer "Escalona" was reported at Denia on Monday, where she will fill up with Valencia raisins, but will not be due here till nearly three weeks' hence. Tapioca is quite scarce on spot, and new supplies at enhanced prices would cost 4c., or a shade over, to lay down. Sago is also proportionately higher. A meeting of the Guild is being held this afternoon, but only for routine business. It is reported, and no changes in prices are likely to be considered.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—The hide market remains a steady one, with the comparatively moderate supplies well absorbed by tanners. Prices paid by dealers are 9c. for No. 1 beef hides, calfskins, 11c. and 9c. for No. 2; lambskins, 50c. Tallow is held pretty firmly at 4c. for rendered; a sale is reported at a shade over this figure, but the quality was extra; butchers are paid two cents for rough.

**LEATHER.**—Values continue to be very firmly held; dry hides are reported up another quarter of a cent in New York, and some Western sole leather men write their agents here that export orders are coming in faster than they can take care of them. In dongolas there is considered to be some likelihood of advance; there is difficulty in getting certain goods here, and a large Montreal buyer, who has been looking for stock in the United States, reports pretty much the same state of affairs in that place. 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, 27 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, 25 to 30c.; buffed, cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12½ to 14c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The advance in lead reported last week is firmly held, and \$4.15 is asked in a jobbing way. Ingot tin is, if anything, firmer, the London quotation being cabled at £147 5s., and the New York price is 33c.; some operators are reported to be buying in the expectation that 40c. will be reached. Pig iron is as stiff as ever, and Scotch warrants are cabled up to 69s. 6d. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$24 to \$25; Carnbroe, \$30.00 to 00.00; Hamilton No. 1, \$30.00 to 00.00; No. 2, do., \$30.00 to 00.00; Ferrona No. 1, \$30.00; machinery scrap, \$16.00; common ditto, \$30 to \$30; bar iron, Canadian, \$2 to \$2.10; 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, Queen's Head, \$4.75; No. 26, \$4.25 to \$4.50; 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 \$2.90, ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, \$3; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.95;

Russian sheet iron, 9 to 9½c.; lead per 100 lbs., \$4.10 to \$4.15; 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, 35 to 36c.; 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.**—Turpentine has unexpectedly dropped 2 cents a gallon, and is now quoted at 73c. for single barrels, but further decline does not seem to be expected. This is the only interesting feature of the trade since last report, and all other lines are steady to stiff. 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, 73c.; five to nine barrels, 72c.; 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 9¼c.; 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 whitening, 40 to 45c.; 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.

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