

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 26th Oct., 1898.

ASHES.—Receipts are still very limited, and the market retains all the gain in strength lately noted. First quality pots would realize \$4.30, or probably a shade over for extra tares, second pots about \$4. and pearls about \$5 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Business is moderate just now, but it is anticipated there will be considerable trade done this fall yet, if the weather only proves favorable. Receipts have been quite large since last writing, including 15,200 barrels of Belgian cement, 1,000 barrels of English, and 135,500 firebricks. 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 market for cheese shows gradual and steady decline. The opening sales of the week for Quebec made cheese, arriving by boat, were from $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. below the figures of a week ago, and the cable quotation the same day registered a fall of sixpence. The demand is of a somewhat listless character. We quote about 9c. for fine Western, and $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{3}{4}$ c. for fine eastern. For butter the demand is inactive, and no acquisition of strength can be noted in values. Fine creamery ranges about $18\frac{1}{2}$ c., with 19c. for fancy lots for local consumption; good dairy, about 15c. per pound.

DRY GOODS.—The weather has ruled mostly damp and mild since last writing, and has not been conducive to activity in retail sales, but city dealers report good business on such days as were fine, and the wholesale warehouses are fairly employed on sorting orders, while a growing proportion of orders is being booked for certain lines of spring goods, such as prints, and other descriptions of cottons, tweeds, etc. Collections are favorably reported on.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Oct. 15.	Oct. 22.
Wheat	145,537	87,395
Corn	25,785	18,481
Oats	471,232	417,775
Rye	26,483	29,856
Peas	142,998	94,080
Barley	11,607	14,714
Total grain	823,642	662,301
Oatmeal	347	213
Flour	12,210	10,354
Buckwheat	213	1,041

GROCERIES.—Sugars are steady, with an inclination to firmness, the market for raws in New York being quite strong. Sales of centrifugals are reported at $\frac{1}{4}$ c. The local refiners report a very fair business, the demand from Western jobbers being quite active. The quotation for standard granulated is \$4.40 per cental in round lots, yellows from \$3.65 to \$4.15. For molasses there is good enquiry, and the market is a firm one; for Barbadoes 31c. per gallon is quoted for single puncheons, and Porto Rico 30c.; for a lot of 50 puncheons of Barbadoes $23\frac{1}{2}$ c. was refused this week, and holders ask 29 to 30c. in round lots. Letters from the island indicate that the damage to the growing cane, by the late hurricane, is much less than anticipated, being now figured at only about 5 per cent. There is active trading in dried fruits, and outside markets all rule firm, but it is charged that some of the large French-Canadian houses are needlessly cutting prices very materially. Further supplies of Californian raisins are to hand. Large sizes of California prunes are advanced half a cent. Canned goods all rule stiff, jobbers quote 90 to 95c. for standard brands of tomatoes, corn and peas; salmon \$5.75 the case, and it is reported the coast price for sockeye is now \$5.50, and for cohoes, \$4.50;

lobsters \$12 to \$12.50 for flats. No new mackerel here yet. In teas there is nothing new; brokers report but a light business between houses; in values, however, there is continued stiffness.

HIDES.—The situation, which was fully reported by us last week, remains just about the same. The demand, as lately improved, is maintained, and values unaltered. Dealers are paying butchers 9c. per lb. for No. 1 hides, and quote 10c. to tanners; lambskins, 65 to 70c. each; calfskins, none coming in.

LEATHER.—Leather men report a little more enquiry, and shoe manufacturers are looking around a little more for stock, a good many of them reporting better sorting orders this week, with an encouraging volume of spring orders now setting in. Some dealers are already discussing the probable results of war with France, and should such a disaster come, predict a big advance in prices, as was the case at the time of the Franco-Prussian war. Outgoing steamers are taking large shipments of sole leather, which will likely continue right up to the close of the navigation. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do., No. 2, $22\frac{1}{2}$ to $23\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 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 $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 13 to $13\frac{1}{2}$ c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—In pig iron moderate business is reported, at steady prices. The British markets are announced active and strong, warrants being cabled at 49s. 7d., quite a notable gain within the last few weeks, and Summerlee could not probably be bought on spot now much below \$18, except for a round lot. The United States iron markets are also reported very firm. In bars there is nothing new. Deliveries of tin and Canada plates are still very slow from Welsh mills, and the same state of affairs is reported with regard to American boiler plates, which have pretty much captured the Canadian market. Ingot tin continues very firm, Straits being quoted \$17.50 net cash, in New York. 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, $5\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, $\frac{1}{4}$ -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 3.00, as to finish; ingot tin, 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. to 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. for L. & F.; Straits, 19 to 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; bar tin, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 21c.; ingot copper, 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; sheet-zinc, \$0.25; Silesian spelter, \$5.50; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.75; American spelter, \$5.50; antimony, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—Another very stiff upward jump has to be recorded in turpentine, the advance being 5 to 6c. a gallon. This is due to serious shortage in the South, which cannot be remedied this season. The late great storm is said to have resulted in the loss of some 10,000 barrels. Window glass is stiff at the advance noted last week, all other lines

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