

while pearls range only about \$4.90 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The demand in this line is now quite slack, and the attention of importers is being mainly directed to getting stocks off the wharves into warehouse before the river freezes. The last receipts of the season were on the "Guildhall," which got away Monday, being the last departure for sea, and comprised 6,765 barrels of German and Belgian makes. The total receipts of cement for the season are 38,075 barrels of English, and 274,175 barrels of German and Belgian, showing clearly how foreign makes have displaced the English goods of late. Of firebricks the importations this season have been 1,686,000. Quotations are as yet unchanged, but as all deliveries will be from warehouse, after this week, some slight advance is probable in the course of a few days.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Though business in butter is not active, values have taken a turn for the better since last report, and fine creamery is now bringing from 18 to 19c.; dairy makes, of good quality, about 14½c. The cheese market is quiet, but quite steady, at about last week's figures, namely, 9¼ to 9½c. for fine Western, and 9 to 9½c. for Eastern. The Liverpool cable quotes 45s. 6d. for colored, and 44s. 6d. for white.

DRY GOODS.—Travelers are now pretty well off the road, and warehouse staffs are all busy at stock-taking. During the past ten days a good many retailers from the large centres have been going the rounds, and buyers from Quebec, London, Ottawa, Windsor, Owen Sound and elsewhere have been noticed in the various warehouses, and are reported as purchasing some very fair bills in the way of job lots. The light snowfall at the end of last week, and few succeeding cold days have helped the city retailers considerably, but there are indications of another mild spell. General remittances are of a satisfactory character.

FURS.—Receipts of new-caught furs are yet light. We quote: Mink, \$1 to 1.75; marten, \$1.50 to 2.50; fisher, \$4 to 6; lynx, \$1.50 to 2; otter, \$5 to 13; red fox, \$1.25 to 1.60; cross ditto, \$3 to 7; silver ditto, \$20 to 60; skunk, 20 to 75c.; coon, 20 to 80c.; fall rats, 5 to 10c.; winter, 10 to 14c. The catching or buying of beaver is still illegal in both Ontario and Que.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Nov. 21.	Nov. 28.
Wheat	89,902	50,314
Corn	210,028	72,806
Oats	279,791	67,125
Rye	5,658	1,792
Peas	34,428	14,197
Barley	18,557	20,877
Total grain	638,364	227,111
Oatmeal	309	417
Flour	8,825	9,711
Buckwheat	29,384	29,240

GROCERIES.—The movement is hardly as active, now that navigation is fully closed, and good winter roads are yet lacking in the country. A good deal of Christmas sorting has yet to be done, and the demand is of a fairly healthy seasonable character. First arrivals of new dates are reported to-day, and are selling at 5½ to 6½c., according to size of lot and brand. There were some very heavy shipments of Austrian prunes on the ill-fated "Westmeath," orders to replace these goods have been placed at slightly lower figures, and jobbers are quoting on the basis of 4c. for hundreds, but deliveries cannot be made till January. Currants are easier in Patras, and repeat orders have been placed at about a shilling a cwt. lower than similar goods, by the "Bellona." An auction sale was held to-day, of some 6,000 boxes of Valencia raisins, being consigned goods; the prices realized were low, about 4¼c. for

layers, and 3¼ to 3¾c. for finer off-stalk, but they were what is known as "off brands," and besides this, some of the goods showed damage, so much so that certain of the buyers are reported to be trying to cry off their bargains. The sugar market continues fairly active, with quotations steady at last advance. Raw beet has eased off a little of late, but cane sugars are very firm, with 4 9-16c. reported bid in New York for centrifugals. As foreshadowed last week, molasses has advanced, a bid of 31c. is reported to-day for a 100-punchon lot of Barbados, and some jobbers are asking 33c. per gal. for single punchons. Canned goods are very high, 95c. being now asked for corn, and Western jobbers are said to be asking \$1. Teas continue quiet, but values hold very steady. There have been some reports that there is still a fair amount of stock in Japan, but those having close connections with that market claim that the quality of these goods is of a very low character, so much so as to probably prevent their exportation.

HIDES.—At the usual weekly meeting of the hide dealers' association on Monday, it was decided to dissolve said association upon the expiry of the current year. This was foreshadowed in our last report. Business has been fair in volume since last writing, some further sales being made to the United States, and the present demand is quite equal to receipts. There is a reported scarcity in the States, where the market is somewhat firmer. Local quotations are unchanged.

LEATHER.—No new features are noticeable in this line. The attention of shoe manufacturers is mainly absorbed by stocktaking, and they are light buyers. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c.; No. 2, 21½ to 22½c.; 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 24c.; 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, 12 to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

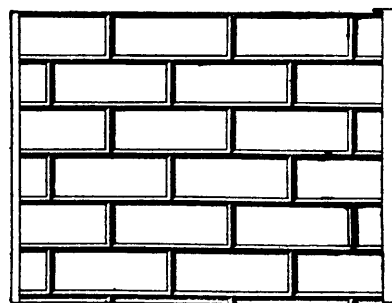
METALS AND HARDWARE.—As is only seasonable, the movement in hardware and metals is quieting down, but in no line is there any weakening of values, and all recent advances are firmly held. Outside iron markets are strong, and Scotch warrants were cabled a few days ago at 50s., being the highest figure touched for some time. A sale of 50 tons of Summerlee is just reported at \$17.50, but it is said the sale would not be repeated, and \$18 to \$18.50 is now the quotation, while for little lots some would ask more. Copper, zinc, lead and tin are all steady; the last London cable quotation for the latter is £83 10s. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$18 to 18.50; 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, \$2.15 to 2.20, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.25 to \$2.30; 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 \$3; 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.—Outside business is now practically at a standstill, but there is a fair amount of local sorting being done. The only change in values is a further advance of 2c. in turpentine, the quotation being 56 to 57c. 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 days or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 55c., five to nine barrels, 54c., net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 37½ to 40c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8½ to 9c. in quantity, tins, 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.62½; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.92½; No. 3, \$4.50; No. 4, \$4.12½; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red do., 4¾ to 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, 35 to 40c.; Paris, white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.80 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.90 for second break.

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