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March 28th, 1893.

PHILOS.

—Grocers requiring an assortment of brooms for spring trade will find a large variety to select from in the different lines manufactured by the well known firm of Chas. Boeckh & Sons, of Toronto, who will send a fully illustrated price list upon application. The brushes and brooms made by them are well known throughout the Dominion, both to the trade and consumers, ranging from extra fine carpet brooms down to the common grades for ordinary house or factory use. The wholesale trade generally, in Canada, sell these goods, but we are assured that Messrs. Boeckh & Sons pay especial attention to letter orders. The quality and value of their goods is attested by long experience.

—The Western Ontario Beekeepers' Association held its annual meeting some days ago, and elected officers as under for the ensuing year: President, W. A. Chrysler, Chatham; vice-president, Peter Boussey, Cottam; secretary-treasurer, C. A. Ouellette, Tilbury Centre.

—A dispatch from Japan to the Victoria Times says: A bill for the abolition of duty on raw cotton has passed the lower house, but is still before the house of peers at Tokio.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, March 29th, 1893.

ASHES.—Prices keep strong, and we still quote \$5.15 to \$5.20 for first quality pots; sales of poor tars have been reported at the former figure within the last day or two. Of seconds, only one barrel has lately been received; a quotation for pearls is reported at \$5.35. Shipments within the last week or so have been lots of 10, 15 and 29 barrels.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, ETC.—Cement is getting somewhat scarce, and \$2.60 is being readily got for fair lots of English: we quote \$2.50 to \$2.60. Quotations for spring arrivals from dock are \$2.10 to \$2.25 for English; Belgian \$1.95 to \$2.10. Bricks are moving out fairly at \$18 to \$25 per M, according to quality and lot.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Good butter is in steady local demand, but as the season advances dealers show some desire to lessen their holdings, and prices are a little easier. We quote choice creamery 21 to 23c.; Townships, 21 to 22c.; Morrisburg, 20 to 22c.; Western, 19 to 20c. In cheese there is nothing new. The approach of Easter has caused an active demand for eggs; we quote 16c.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal elevators were as follows, on dates given:

	Mar. 27, 1893.	Mar. 20, 1893.
Wheat, bushels	577,254	563,592
Corn "	14,121	14,441
Oats "	558,622	537,474
Rye "	39,487	38,167
Peas "	354,382	352,941
Barley "	85,273	80,861
Flour, bbls.	66,918	64,059
Oatmeal, bags	79	96

Total grain..... 1,696,136 1,651,631

The stock of flour in store at Montreal on Monday last was 66,918 barrels, as compared with 64,059 barrels the previous week.

GROCERIES.—The only noteworthy feature in the grocery market is the stiffening in sugars. Raws are reported to have gained 1s. 6d. within the last few days, and the fact that Parliament is about closing may also have something to do with it. One local refinery won't sell granulated under 4½c., the figure with the other is 4 11-16c.; the lower port refineries are said to be even higher in their ideas. Molasses is said to have receded another cent on the island, and a local sale of 76 puncheons was reported last week at 30c.; jobbing prices are about 32½ to 33c. for Barbadoes. The demand for teas has not yet brightened up, but values are steadily held pretty generally. Dried fruits are very dull; stocks are small, but are quite equal to the demand. Valencia raisins range from 4 to 5c., layers 6 to 6½c; currants in bbls. 4½c. for old, 5½c for sound fruit of last crop. Canned goods, quiet; a little more is doing in tomatoes for town trade; some of the French houses are still busily engaged in slashing prices in this line.

LEATHER.—Boot and shoe men are already looking around for stock for fall samples, but do not require very large selections for this purpose, and the general volume of trade is not large. There is a good demand for colored leathers, but the stock of these is comparatively small. Values are steady, and it is claimed by some that a little better prices are being got for sole. Dealers in this latter line are arranging an agreement to shorten credit terms to four months. It is reported that the sole leather combine in the United States is virtually completed. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A, No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 19c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1, slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2, do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 25 to 27c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 25c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 27 to 29c.; splits, large, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; colored calf, American, 26 to 30c.; Canadian, 20 to 23c.; colored pebbled cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 15c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle. 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Scotch iron warrants show little variation, warrants being cabled at 40s. 11d., and there are no changes in general quotations. Very little iron has yet been bought for spring importation, and stocks on spot of Scotch brands are limited to about 225 tons of Eglinton and Langloan, which are being offered at \$19.50 and \$21 respectively. A lot of 125 tons of Carnbroe was closed out at \$19 just after last writing. The Siemens' people are quoting at \$19 to 19.50, and the Ferrona Company have their furnace again in blast, and are offering something lower to introduce their brand. There are no sales of any consequence transpiring in plates of any kind. Lead is quite easy, and we modify quotations; copper is also easier at 12½ to 13c.; the C. P. R. bought a 5 ton lot the other day, but the figure has not transpired; ingot tin is firmer. Spelter lower at \$4 75 to \$5; Belgian makers have reduced prices and the current of trade has been reversed, America being an importer, instead of an exporter as for some time lately. Boiler heads are reduced in price, as the only house hitherto importing are now having competition. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, \$21; Calder, No. 1, \$20; Calder, No. 3, \$19; Summerlee, \$20.50 to 21; Eglinton, \$19.50; Gartsherrie, \$20 to 20.50; Langloan, \$21; Carnbroe, \$19 to 19.50; Shotts, \$20; Middlesboro, No. 3, none offer.

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