

a dozen in stockings, and several makers of domestic tweeds have advised customers that they cannot book repeats at former prices.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels. Sept. 26	Bushels. Oct. 3rd.
Wheat	43,405	80,124
Corn	11,841	14,892
Oats	364,309	332,103
Rye	23,539	12,795
Peas	46,973	72,451
Barley	6,461	7,771
Total grain	496,528	520,136
Oatmeal	237	214
Flour	13,783	12,718
Buckwheat		210

GROCERIES.—The general distribution of groceries, in a jobbing way, is described as good, and payments as satisfactory. The wholesale demand for sugars is somewhat quiet, and refiners do not report heavy deliveries at the moment. Some tendency to weakness is discernible, and although factory quotations are still given at 4½c. for standard granulated, and from 3 11-16c. to 4¼c. for yellows, there seems a very general expectation that some shading of prices is imminent, in view of which the trade, as a rule, are deferring large orders. Owing to competition from importations of rice from England, the local milling company has shaded quotations for standard B. quality, jobbing prices for which are \$3.55 for one to 5 bags, \$3.30 for 5 to 9 bags, \$3.25 for 10 bags or over, half-bags five cents advance on one bag price, quarters 10c. extra, pockets 15c. extra. In fancy grades of rice there has been no change. With regard to prices of canned vegetables, there seems still much uncertainty. Western packers generally are still holding back in quotations for tomatoes; some Quebec brands are reported offering in wholesale lots at 70c. For corn some Western canners are quoting 85c. to the trade. New gallon apples have opened at \$2.20, and good English demand is reported for these goods. New Sock-eye salmon is quoted in a jobbing way at \$5.50 per case, cohoes will probably range about \$4.75. Lobsters high at \$12 for flats, and \$11.50 for tails. The market for dried fruits generally continues very firm; figs are so high that few are buying them, and a small lot just arrived are quoted at 21½c., while last year the same grade of goods could be bought at 11c. French prunes are about the only line that show cheapness; a larger business than usual is reported, and 110's can be laid down at about 3½c., Austrian, 100's, would cost about 4¼c. Tarragona almonds show further strong advance, and are now cabled at 37s. 6d. f.o.b. Molasses rules firm at 31c. per gal. for Barbadoes, in ordinary jobbing lots, barrels 3½c. more, Antigua 27c.; no Porto Ricos in the market.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The improvement in the demand for hides, noted last week, is very fairly sustained, and the stock in the association warehouse has undergone some reduction. Prices are steady at last quotations. Calfskins dull, and few coming forward. The competition in lamb-skins continues, and from 65 to 70c. is the ruling price. Tallow very dull at 3 to 3½c. for rendered, rough about 1½c. per pound.

LEATHER.—In spite of very fair prospects in the way of orders by the shoe houses, the local demand for leather is not active. The English demand for sole leather shows increase, and several of the large tanners in this line are making liberal shipments to order, comparatively few consignments now being made. A shipment of Canadian sole is also reported to South Africa, and there seems

no reason why a fair trade should not be developed in this quarter. The American market appears to be more active. Values continue firm, and one prominent Western tanner is reported to be closing down for several months, claiming that there is no money to be made in leather at present figures, with No. 1 hides at 10c. the pound. 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.; calskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calskins, 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.—No very noteworthy changes are reported in either shelf or heavy goods, nor is the volume of business in heavy metals very large. Domestic bars incline to easiness, and they can be bought at \$1.35 in comparatively small lots, it is said. A recent fair-sized sale of Ferrona pig iron is reported at \$14.50, and Hamilton No. 1 could probably be bought at a shaded figure to meet this. Summerlee ex-store is quoted at \$18 in small lots, but has been offered at \$17 ex-wharf to arrive; about 200 tons of Carnbroe is held in store here, for which \$16 is asked, but it is hard to move. Ingot tin continues very firm, Straits being quoted at 17c. in ton lots, small quantities half a cent dearer. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$17 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., \$3.65 to 3.70; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; 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, 17¼ to 18c. for L. & F.; Straits, 17¼ to 17½c.; bar tin, 18½ to 19c.; ingot copper, 13 to 13½c.; sheet-zinc, \$5.50 to 5.75; Silesian spelter, \$5.25; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.50; American spelter, \$5.25; antimony, 9½ to 10c.

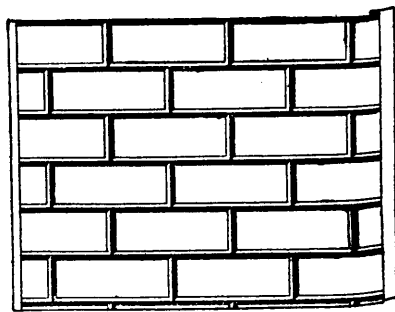
OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Business shows improvement during the past ten days or so; orders are coming in quite liberally. The quarterly meeting of the Leadgrinders' Association was held on Monday, but prices were left undisturbed.

The advance in linseed oil, noted last week, is fully sustained, and turpentine is firm. A good deal of window glass has yet to come forward before the close of navigation, but there seems some doubt if all the orders booked for this market can be filled in time, and scarcity in certain sizes is already apparent. We quote: Turpentine, one to four barrels, 47c.; five to nine barrels, 46c., net 30 days. Linseed oil, raw, one to four barrels, 50c.; five to nine barrels, 49c.; boiled, one to four barrels, 53c.; five to nine barrels, 52c., net 30 days; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Nfld. cod, 37 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 33 to 35c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 42 to 43c. per gal. in small lots. 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., 4¼ 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 whitening, 35 to 40c.; Paris, white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre,

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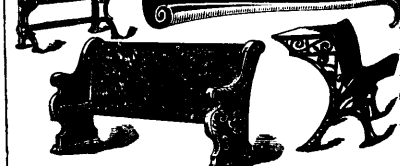
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