

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 25th May, 1893.

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been bought at \$3.90, but this would probably now be an outside figure; last transaction in pearls was at \$5.40. Receipts are light, only about 160 barrels having come forward this month to date.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Manufacturers of boots and shoes report that orders are not coming in quite so well as they expected. Still travelling salesmen, as a rule, have not been out very long. Cutting of leather for fall wear is likely to become pretty general next week.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—A good deal of cement has been coming forward, more, in fact, than usual; receipts thus far having been some 30,000 barrels. Sales have not been brisk, and it is said quite a fair proportion of receipts is "sticking" on the wharves. English is selling, \$1.95 to \$2.10. Belgian, \$1.90 to \$2. A moderate movement is to be noted in firebricks at \$14 to \$18 for ordinary; Glen-bag is cheaper; than usual at \$19 to \$20 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Receipts of new cheese are as yet very light, and business is somewhat slim, from 9¢ to 10¢ per lb. are about the quotations. The local demand about absorbs all supplies of new butter offering; new creamery brings about 22¢; townships dairy, 21¢ to 22¢; western, 19¢ to 21¢ per lb. Eggs are worth about 11¢ per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—The fine weather of the beginning of the week helped city sorting trade a good deal, and some houses report a fair number of small country sorting orders, but others say that customers are holding back in order to get fall dates next month, and therefore they expect to do more sorting business in June than in May. Collections are still on the poor side.

FURS.—Are decidedly dull. Receipts are smaller than usual. Canada is steadily falling behind, we are told, as a fur exporting country, and it is stated as an actual fact that there have been recent imports of muskrat skins into the Dominion. We quote: Beaver, \$4.50 to 5.00; bear, large, \$12 to 18.00; small, \$8 to 10.00; cub, \$3 to 6.00; fisher, \$3 to 4.50; marten, \$1 to 1.25; mink, \$1.25 to 2.00; red fox, \$1.20 to 1.40; muskrat, winter, 13 to 15¢; spring, 16 to 18¢; skunk, 20 to 80¢, according to stripe and quality; coon, 20 to 80¢; otter, \$8 to \$12.00.

GRAIN AND FLOUR—STOCKS IN STORE.

	May 23, 1893.	May 15, 1893.
Wheat, bushels	535,302	578,762
Corn "	13,877	13,879
Oats "	390,300	569,078
Rye "	35,842	26,672
Peas "	440,351	445,334
Barley "	100,420	84,392
Buckwheat	7,557	70

Total grain 1,523,649 1,718,187
Apparently flour is beginning to move out of Montreal. The report of stocks in store last Monday shows only 33,847 barrels, as compared with 64,662 barrels on the previous Monday.

GROCERIES.—There may be a little more doing in this line, but even those houses which report business as a little better, say there is still ground for grumbling. Teas are still dull and without life. Some early pickings of Japans will be due here in course of a fortnight or so, but there will be only small parcels at prices ranging at 30¢ per lb. or over. Ceylons and Indians are reported a little easier in London. Coffees present no special features; Maracaibo fine is quoted at 22 to 22½¢, second quality 20 to 21½¢; Java, 27 to 30¢; Rio, 18 to 20¢; Mochoa, 26 to 27½¢. The raw sugar market rules very firm, and granulated is steady on spot at 5½¢ per lb., factory price; yellow, 4½ to 5¢. A large steamship cargo of about 3,000 tons of raw for the Redpath refinery was lost a few days ago off the Nova Scotia coast. The lower port refineries are again showing samples, but are not making any active competition for business. An agreement has been entered into among the trade with regard to rice, and the following are the prices fixed for ordinary jobbing lots: A & B, \$3.60; English style, a grade to meet the recent importation, \$3.40; Japan, \$3.85; Crystal Japan, \$4.50; Imperial Seeta, \$5. A cargo of 2,500 tons of Burmah rice has just arrived. Dried fruits are in very light request; for sound Valencia 5 to 5½¢ is asked, second quality 4 to 4½¢; currants, 5½ to 5¾¢ for sound; some very inferior stuff can be had at 4½¢. Canned goods flat and unchanged, except that corn is in a