

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Nov. 1st, 1899.

ASHES.—The improvement in values noted last week is maintained, and first quality pots readily realize \$3.25 for fair to good tares, and there is not really a great deal of stock available. We quote first pots, \$4.25 to \$4.30; seconds, \$3.95 to \$4.05. Pearls are dull, at about \$5.25.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The market is a very firm one, under very moderate supplies and the improbability of any considerable receipts before the close of navigation. We quote: Belgian cement, \$1.95 to \$2.05; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.55. Firebricks rule steady at \$16 to \$21 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Last week's exports of dairy products were small, but this was mainly due to lack of freight space, so many vessels having been chartered for English Government service. Of cheese the exports were 23,967 boxes, as against 88,777 boxes for same week last year, and of butter the shipments were only 4,340 packages, as compared with 16,661 a year ago. There is more active actual demand for cheese than a week ago, and fine Westerns quote at 11½ to 11¾c., and good Easterns, 10½ to 11c. The English butter is reported dull, but local demand for fancy stock is good; we quote finest creamery at about 21c., ordinary, 19½ to 20¾c. Some Western rolls have sold, it is said, at 17½c.

DRY GOODS.—Trade on the whole, is quieter, but this is only to be expected with the advancing season. Money continues to come in well, and there is every expectation that paper falling due on the 4th inst. will be well taken care of. Manufacturers of domestic fabrics continue giving notification of further advances. Since last writing, the Parks Mill has made a substantial advance in yarns and warps; the Montreal Cotton Co. has advanced their silesias, linenettes, sateen jeans, and in all their lines of linings ¼c. a yard. In woolens a 10 per cent. advance is reported in Brantford woolen sheetings.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels. Oct. 23.	Bushels. Oct. 30.
Wheat	141,147	136,843
Corn	13,509	12,110
Oats	374,379	413,750
Rye	37,345	46,594
Peas	139,610	185,232
Barley	121,048	128,343
Total grain	825,918	922,872
Oatmeal	163	240
Flour	11,446	13,006
Buckwheat	25,074	75,712

GROCERIES.—Business in this line continues brisk. Some houses report unusually good letter orders, and say they have had difficulty in keeping up with the same. Collections are also reported as good generally. Sugars show considerable fluctuation, and the advance of 5c., reported last week, has been again lost. Refinery prices are \$4.50 for standard granulated, with yellows ranging from \$3.70 to \$4.25. The firmness in Valencia raisins has become even more pronounced than reported last week, and a Denia cable just to hand reports layers advanced to 24s., selected, 23s., and fine off, 20s., a very material rise. Some houses are already pretty well sold out, and new supplies by the "Jocina" will be badly needed by the time she gets here. Retailers may expect to pay pretty high prices for purchases from this out. Evaporated apples are quoted at 8½c. in a jobbing way; very few new dried apples are yet to hand, but they will be much higher than usual, owing to enquiry for export, and one house reports paying 6½c. for a small lot. In other lines, there is nothing specially new.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Lambskins are advanced this week to 75 cents each, being the usual monthly rise. Beef hides are in a little larger supply, owing to more killing being done, but prices are unchanged, dealers buying on the basis of 10c. per lb. for No. 1., and quoting 11c. to tanners. Americans are reported quite liberal buyers, and are said to have placed some considerable orders for future delivery. Tallow rules firm, and good quality of rendered is said to readily bring 5c. per pound.

LEATHER.—Very large shipments of sole are reported to England this week, and the market is reported a very firm one. Dry hides are reported advanced a cent and a half in New York, and a large Western tanning firm writes their local agent to get outside quotations or hold stock. It is reported that some enquiry for Canadian sole has been made from American sources, something very unusual in the trade, but no business is said to have resulted. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 25 to 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 25c.; No. 3, B.A., 22½ to 23½c.; No. 1 ordinary, Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 27 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 26c.; 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, 21 to 23c.; 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, 25 to 30c.; buffed, cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12½ to 14c.; rough, 22-23c.; russet and bridle, 35-45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There has been further easing-off in tin; a sale of a 2-ton lot of Straits being reported at 33c., and L. & F. could be bought in an ordinary way at 34c. Copper is slightly lower, at 18¼ to 18½c.; a three-ton transaction is said to have gone through at an intermediate figure, a few days ago. Lead is steady at quotations. Iron is firm, without much doing; a moderate sale of Carnbroe was reported a few days ago at \$24.50, somewhat higher than recent quotations; machinery scrap would cost now \$17 to \$17.50. Terne plates now are firmly held at \$8. Some sales are reported of Canada plates, 52 sheets at something under our quotations, but it is claimed the goods could not now be laid down at the figure quoted. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$26; Carnbroe, \$24 to \$24.50; Calder, \$25.50 to \$26; Hamilton, No. 1, \$50.00 to \$50.00; No. 2 do., \$50.00 to \$50.00; Ferona, No. 1, \$50; machinery scrap, \$17 to \$17.50; common ditto, \$50 to \$50; bar iron, Canadian, \$2.30 to \$2.35; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.60; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.70; 75 sheets, \$2.80; all polished Canada, \$3.00 to \$3.25; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.25 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$8; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.55; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.45; No. 16, and heavier, \$3; tin plates; Charcoal, I.C. Alloway, \$4.80 to \$5; do., I.X., \$5.25 to \$5.50; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$5.50 to \$5.75; do., I.X., \$4.75; coke, I.C., \$4.40 to \$4.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, Queen's Head, \$4.75; No. 26, \$4.25 to \$4.50; No. 24, \$2 in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch, and upwards, \$3 for Dalzell and equal; do., three-sixteenths inch, \$3.25; tank steel, \$2.90, ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, \$3; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.95; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 9½c.; lead per 100 lbs., \$4.10 to \$4.25; sheet, \$4.75 to \$5; shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast-steel,

11 to 12c.; toe calk, \$3 to \$3.10; spring, \$2.90 to \$3; sleigh shoe, \$2.60 to \$2.70; tire, \$2.60 to \$2.75; round machinery steel, \$3.50 to \$3.60, as to finish; ingot tin, 34c. for L. & F.; Straits, 33 to 33½c.; bar tin, 37 to 38c.; ingot copper, 18¼ to 18½c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.50 to \$8; Silesian spelter, \$6.25 to \$6.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$6.50 to \$7; American spelter, \$6.25 to \$6.50; anti-mony, 10½ to 11c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Turpentine is off a couple of points, and the figure for single barrels was put at 75c., the end of last week. Linseed oil has, however, advanced, and 61 and 64c. is now quoted for raw and boiled, respectively, in small lots. In other lines, no changes reported. We quote: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 61 and 64c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 60 and 63c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 75c.; five to nine barrels, 74c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 34 to 36c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8 to 8¼c. in quantity; tins, 9 to 9¼c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6.37½; No. 1, \$6; No. 2, \$5.67½; No. 3, \$5.25; No. 4, \$4.87½; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure. No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 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, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 82c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.90 per 50 feet for first break; \$2 for second break.

WOOL.—All outside advices indicate very strong markets, with active trading. Sales in Boston last week are reported to have aggregated 17,500,000 lbs., the biggest week's business, by long odds, ever recorded. On spot, importers are very independent in tone, and quote Capes at 21 to 22½c., and no very fine grades at that; a 50-bale lot of Capes just bought in New York, on Canadian account, is said to have cost 24c. there. Australians are scarcer here, with nothing under 30c., and B.A., scoured is quoted at 48 to 50c.

—Here is what Max O'Rell says about the Boers in his book, "John Bull & Co.": "Take all that is dirtiest, bravest, most old-fashioned and most obstinate in a Breton, all that is most suspicious, sly and mean in a Norman, all that is shrewdest, most hospitable, and most puritan and bigoted in a Scot, mix well, stir and serve, and you have a Boer, or, if you will—a boor. No, the world of to-day goes round too rapidly to allow the Boer to stand still. He will have 'to mend or end.'"

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