

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—A depressed condition of affairs is shown in the cheese market, and sales of the usual Monday boat receipts of Quebec-made cheese showed a decline of a quarter of a cent, $8\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. being the ruling figure, with an eighth more paid for some fancy lots. For fine Western, 9c. would now appear to the outside views of buyers. Last week's exports were pretty liberal, figuring at 89,663 boxes, and there is reported to be a large quantity still to go forward on contract. Butter has also undergone further decline, and 19c. is now quoted as the outside for fine creamery in boxes; tubs $18\frac{1}{2}$ to $18\frac{3}{4}$ ¢. Western dairy about 15c. Last week's shipments amounted to 19,195 packages, being nearly 3,000 packages ahead of same week last year, and the total shipments to date are 206,712 packages, about 12,000 packages more than at corresponding date in 1897.

DRY GOODS.—Sorting business was reported livelier at the beginning of the week, but milder wet weather is again in evidence. However, wholesale houses generally report very fair business passing, and really good collections. With regard to values there are no very notable changes. In some lines of domestic cottons, such as apron gingham, plain colored flannelettes, etc., the mills are shading prices to meet the lowered duties on English goods.

FURS.—The usual London autumn sales in London, took place on the 11th and 12th inst., and circular advices, with regard thereto, are just to hand. The following are the comparisons, with figures of last March: Mink, 10 per cent. higher; marten, 10 per cent. higher; black bear, 15 per cent. lower; brown ditto, 20 per cent. lower; skunk, same; coon, same; also red fox, lynx, otter and wolf; rats same as last January, and beaver 10 per cent. higher than last January.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Oct. 8.	Oct. 15.
Wheat	112,089	145,537
Corn	14,392	25,785
Oats	371	471,232
Rye	17,969	26,483
Peas	83,838	142,998
Barley	9,527	11,607
Total grain	609,289	823,642
Oatmeal	214	347
Flour	11,706	12,210
Buckwheat	213	213

GROCERIES.—An active movement is reported, with satisfactory collections. California raisins are now in very fair supply, some six or seven carloads having just come to hand, and the quality is turning out very good. Prices are very firm, but at the recent meeting of the growers' combination, though prices were advanced to all U.S. points, an exception was made as regards Canada, owing to strong representations from Canadian selling agents. A cable was received yesterday that the "Bellona" has completed her lading of Malaga raisins, and this being her last port of call, she is now doubtless, fairly on her way to this port. With regard to these latter goods, the orders for Canada are somewhat larger than usual, especially of the finer kinds; the quality of the crop is reported excellent, with prices fractionally higher than last year. The markets for Valencias, sultanas and currants, remain very steady. In sympathy with the great strength of the Smyrna fig market, it is reported that Comadre figs have advanced 3s. at Lisbon. These are a cheap Portuguese fig, only introduced within the last few years, for which a growing business is being developed. Walnuts are firmer; this year's crop is reported unusually late, and as there is some doubt of new goods reaching here in time for the Christmas trade, more attention is being turned to old goods, for which good prices are be-

ing realized. Tea importers still report jobbers as buying lightly, but they hold quotations firmly in all lines; Ceylons are cabled stronger from Colombo. Sugars are moving out from the factory very fairly, and quotations as revised last week are steady, with a tendency to strength, as the New York market advanced a peg yesterday.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—A better business is doing in hides. Not only are Quebec tanners buying more freely, but we hear of a Waterloo County tanner, one of the recent delegation to Quebec, who bought quite a fair quantity in this market, and the shipment of several carloads is reported to Toronto, as well as some small lots to the United States. Receipts are increasing, as the kill is larger, with the advent of the colder weather, but the figures are hardly as large as last year. Dealers buy at 9c. per lb. for No. 1, and quote 10c. to tanners. The competition among lambskin buyers is being foolishly continued, and 65 to 70c. each is being paid butchers, though Chicago lambskins guaranteed to pull four pounds of wool, can be laid down cheaper, while local skins will hardly average over 3 lbs. Some skins are being brought in from Europe at much lower figures. Tallow remains dull at 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ¢. per lb., for rendered, butchers realizing $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2c. for rough.

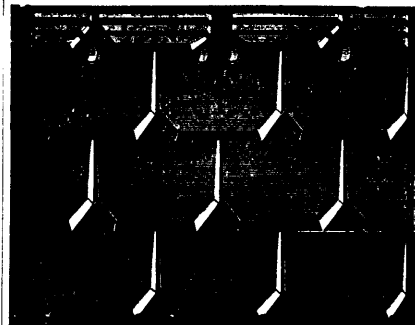
LEATHER.—Moderate lots of sole and black leather are reported sold, but there is no marked briskness in the market locally. Fair English demand is reported for both sole and black leather. Values continue steady, and stocks of black leather comparatively small. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do., No. 2, $22\frac{1}{2}$ to $23\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; 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.; 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 $7\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 13 to $13\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The feature in the metal trade is the great strength in tin, which is reported advanced £2 the ton in England, and local prices are again notably advanced; copper is firm, lead a little easier. Pig iron is dull and unchanged; values in other lines steady. 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, $5\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.; 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths

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JOSEPH SALTER,

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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. of amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

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Department of Public Works,
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