

opened this week at a decline of sixpence, on both white and colored cheese, which strengthens the hands of buyers somewhat, but holders don't seem much disposed to concede, and present business is of a limited character, with from 10 to 10½c. quoted for fine Western makes. The butter market is quiet and easy, with only a small volume of business passing. We quote fine creamery, 19 to 19½c.; Townships' dairy, 15 to 16c.; Western ditto, 12½ to 13½c.; rolls, 14 to 15c. New laid eggs are in active demand, and bring 25 to 26c.; No. 1, candled, 16½ to 17c.; limed, 15 to 16c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—The spring business is reported to be opening up satisfactorily. Orders are coming in well, and the wholesale warehouses show much bustle in the despatch of spring goods. Collections are spoken of favorably, though hardly so good as in December. The advance in cotton goods, noted by us last week, has become more pronounced. As already reported, foulard linings were put up ½ a cent last week, and a circular issued to the trade to-day advises an advance in gingham, shirtings, and flannelles of from ¼ to ½c. per yard.

FURS.—The London January sales began on the 12th inst., and continue to the 20th. The first days were devoted to the sale of Australian and Eastern furs. The sale of American furs began yesterday, and cable advices so far, are as follows. At the Hudson Bay Co.'s sale, dark beaver sold same as last January, pale, ditto, advanced 17½ per cent.; spring rats declined 12½ per cent. on last January. Winter, ditto, declined 7½ per cent., fall, ditto, without change. At Lampson's sale other sold same as last March, lynx 20 per cent. advance on March, and red fox 15 per cent. advance on March. We quote: Mink, \$1 to 1.75; marten, \$1.50 to 2.50; fisher, \$4 to 6; lynx, \$1.25 to 1.60; cross do., \$3 to 7; silver do., \$20 to 60; skunk, 20 to 75c.; coon, 20 to 80c.; fall rats, 5 to 10c.; winter, 10 to 14c. The catching or buying of beaver is still illegal in both Ontario and Quebec.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Jan. 8.	Jan. 15.
Wheat	105,968	20,225
Corn	63,721	22,610
Oats	515,370	133,431
Rye	49,817	2,296
Peas	13,873	18,816
Barley	26,601	12,356
Total grain	775,350	210,234
Oatmeal	364	494
Flour	19,480	14,949
Buckwheat	34,908	24,588

GROCERIES.—Business is not specially active, but for January a very fair movement is reported. Teas continue sluggish, and importers find comparatively little demand for them, while country enquiries in this line are also light. The question of a coming duty is being quite generally discussed, and if decided on the general expectation seems to be that it will take the shape of a specific duty of probably 6c. a lb. The sugar market shows further disturbance, owing to offerings of American granulated, though no large business is reported in this article, and the local refining companies have deemed it advisable to again reduce the quotations on domestic standard granulated by 5 cents a cental, making the present factory price \$4.30, less the regular rebate; yellows, however, are steadily held at \$3.75 to \$4.25. Barbadoes molasses is still being jobbed at 31c. the single puncheon, though for car lots, 31½ to 32c. is asked; there is a little extra bright Porto Rico molasses on spot, which is quoted at 31c. in car lots. Nuts continue in quite active demand, and fresh importations of walnuts and al-

monds have been made since the holidays. The latter goods are very high, shelled almonds having advanced a full twenty shillings a cwt. since main supplies were received by the "Bellona," in November. Valencia raisins are somewhat of a drug, and there is said to be still quite a fair quantity of poor fruit in the hands of consignees, here, which affects prices of the really good article. Currants are in very fair request, and rule steady. Dates are firmer in London, and are scarce on spot. February and March generally show good demand for prunes, and a lot of seven carloads of Bosnians are about due, via New York. Dried apples are quite scarce and dear, and enquiries in the West elicit quotations of 5½c. f.o.b., in quantity. Canned vegetables are very firm, and will doubtless rule higher before the new crop. Packers are sold out and between houses 90c. is asked for tomatoes of standard brand, and 80 to 85c. for corn.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—A few calfskins are now coming in, but values are easy, No. 1 realizing 9c. per lb., and No. 2, 7c. Receipts of hides are light, and though the demand is not brisk, all supplies offering are absorbed, and there is no stock in warehouse. Dealers are paying 9c. for No. 1, and quote 10c. to tanners. Lambskins, 70c. each. Tallow is a shade firmer of late; rendered quotes at 3½ to 3¾c., and rough 1½ to 2c. per pound.

LEATHER.—Values tend to firmness, and black leather tanners, in their letters to local selling agents discuss the probability of advance. Indeed, in a few cases they are reported to be asking stiffer prices. The English market is reported active, and more enquiry is reported from that source, so it is said. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c.; No. 2, 21½ to 22½c.; 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, 21 to 24c.; 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, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 12½c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is not a great deal new in this line, except that ingot tin is still very high. After writing last week, another advance of a cent per lb., was established, but the market has since eased off half a cent. Copper is again a shade stronger. In pig iron and domestic bars there seems to be little doing. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$18 to 18.50; Hamilton No. 1, \$15 to 15.50; No. 2, do., \$14 to 14.50; Ferona, No. 1, \$14.50 to 15; machinery scrap, \$12 to 13; common ditto, \$11 to 12; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.30 to 1.40; British, \$2 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.20 to 2.25, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.30 to 2.35; 75 sheets, \$2.40; all polished Canadas, \$2.45; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$5.90 to 6; 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, \$3.25; 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 3; do., standard, \$2.75 to 2.80 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.25 to 4.50; No. 26, \$4; No. 24,

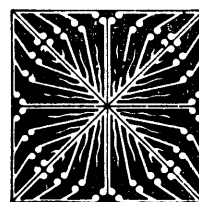
\$3.75 in case lots; Morewood, \$5 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs. \$1.65 to 1.75; English hoops, \$2 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch, and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell and equal; do., three-sixteenths inch, \$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., \$3.75 to 3.80; sheet, \$4 to 4.10; 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, as to finish; ingot tin, 23½c.; for L. & F. Straits, 23 to 23½c.; bar tin, 24c.; ingot copper, 14¼ to 15c.; sheet-zinc, \$6.50 to 6.75; Silesian spelter, \$5.65; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.75; American spelter, \$5.65; antimony, 9½ to 10c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Spring orders are now reported to be coming in very well, but with regard to values there is really nothing new. Turpentine has undergone no further advance, but is very firm at quotations. The high price of linseed oil has somewhat checked the demand. We quote: Single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 50 and 53c. per gal.; two to four barrels, 49 and 52c.; 5 to 9 barrels, 48 and 51c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 65c.; five to nine barrels, 64c., net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 37½ to 40c. per gallon. 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., 4¾ 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 whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris, white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.80 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.90 for second break.

WOOL.—The demand has been slack of late, but stocks on spot are small, and

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