

available and has been making somewhat fancy bids in certain quarters. Probably an ordinary quotation would be \$4.55 to 4.65, though even higher figures have, it is said, been offered; seconds would probably now be worth \$4. In pearls no recent transactions are reported.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Sales of English cement in hundred-barrel lots have been made at \$2.40, smaller lots \$2.50; Belgian, \$2.25. Some large import orders have been placed, calculated to cost \$2 to 2.10 laid down. Firebricks are selling at \$17.50 to 26 as to brand and lot.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Business in cheese is confined to a local jobbing trade; prices are very firm at 11½ to 12c. There is steady fair demand for butter at firm prices; we quote creamery 22 to 24c.; Townships, dairy, 20 to 21½c.; Morrisburg, 19 to 21c.; Western, 17 to 20c. per lb. Receipts of fresh eggs are larger, and prices easier at 23 to 24c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—The fine sunny weather we are now enjoying, suggestive of spring, is calculated to make retailers cheerful, and the store windows, freshly dressed with new spring goods, are being eagerly scanned by lady shoppers. Wholesalers are still busy, and seem quite satisfied with the trade doing. The 4th of March is not now a particularly heavy day for payments; not so heavy as February or April 4th. As far as we learn, from 55 to 60 per cent. of customers' paper was provided for; this is the verdict of three of the larger houses.

FURS.—The market for raw furs continues quiet, and quotations as revised last week will stand. 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, 15c.; spring, 20c.; skunk, 20 to 80c., according to stripe and quality; coon, 20 to 80c.; otter, \$8 to 12.00.

GROCERIES.—There is a general complaint of dullness among the wholesale houses in this line, which by this time ought to have been to some extent relieved. Teas are particularly quiet; the country demand is light, and brokers say they have much difficulty in bringing about any transactions between wholesale men. Local values are however steady. London

advice say that China teas are a shade weaker, and Ceylons and Darjeelings barely steady. Sugars remain without change of any kind. Molasses is easier: quotations on the island have receded a cent, the figure now being 13c. first cost, and 25 puncheon lots are quoted locally at 32½c. per gal. It is said that orders have been placed for about 2,000 puncheons to arrive in June. Quotations for new season's rice will be made this week; the figure will be slightly below that of last year. Dried fruit is very dull, but a little stronger in New York, owing to an advance in California fruit: Valencia raisins are quoted at 4½ to 4¾c., currants 5½ to 5¾c.; prunes scarce at 7½ to 7¾c. lb. Canned goods are still neglected: it is said there have been some recent shipments to Chicago. One French house is reported to be offering tomatoes at 80c. in the country.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

Stocks of grain and flour in store in Montreal elevators were as follows, on dates given:

	Mar. 6, 1893.	Feb 27, 1893.
Wheat, bushels	561,406	557,562
Corn "	13,877	2,877
Oats "	492,959	481,745
Rye "	33,794	33,794
Peas "	354,343	322,270
Barley "	84,083	70,380
Total grain.....	1,550,462	1,468,628

The stock of flour in store at Montreal on Monday last, 6th instant, was 54,088 barrels, as compared with 51,319 barrels on the previous Monday.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The market for green hides is very quiet just now, and the stock offering is pretty grubby. Prices are without change. Calfskins are active, and firm at 6c. per lb.; lambskins, 95c. to \$1.05 each. Tallow rules very firm at 5c. per lb. for rough, and 8 to 8½c. for rendered.

LEATHER.—Boot and shoe manufacturers are all shipping spring goods freely, and report a better than ordinary trade. Tanners are stiffening prices of pebble, some of them asking nearly a 5 per cent. advance. Splits are steady, but not a great deal doing. Some good lots of wax and grain were sold last week, one buyer taking two thousand sides. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 19c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1, slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2, do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 25 to 27c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 25c., grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 27 to 29c.; splits, large, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; colored calf, American, 26 to 30c.; Cana-

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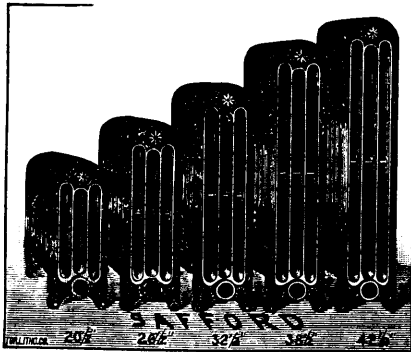
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