

DAIRY PRODUCE.

The *Montreal Trade Bulletin* says: Butter receipts during the past week were 2,633 pkgs., against 1,722 pkgs., for the week previous. The market is dull and easy, except for finest fall creamery, which is in demand for local purposes, and has been sold at 21½c to 22c in good sized lots; but earlier makes have sold at 16c to 18c, and are slow of sale at that range. The export trade is dull, and "what is going forward to the English market," said a shipper, "is on consignment. I am shipping a lot this week." Dairy butter is quiet, there being very little call for it, the demand being chiefly for creamery. We quote prices as follows:

Creamery, finest fall	21c to 22c per lb
Creamery, early made	16c to 18½c per lb
Eastern Townships dairy	15c to 19c "
Western	11c to 16c "
Add 1c to 2c per lb. to above for single tubs of selected.	

Cheese receipts during the past week were 6,669 boxes against 3,443 for the week previous. A fair amount of business has been done during the week in under-priced goods over the cable, and even choice Septembers have been placed, showing a profit. Probably 10,000 boxes and over have been sold during the past few days. It is probable there will not be any extensive movement until after the holidays, when the demand as usual will commence. We quote:

Finest Western colored	10c to 10½c
" " white	10c to 10½c
" Quebec	9½c to 10c
Under grades	9c to 9½c
Cable	50s 6d

DRY GOODS.

The *Toronto Empire* says: "A prominent feature in dry goods this week was the satisfactory manner in which payments were met on the 4th of the month. Remittances from all parts of the country were large, and all classes of customers are reported to have met engagements unusually well. The large remit-

tances are reflected on this week's bank clearings. Current trade is much on the same lines as it was last week. Fancy articles of all sorts for the holiday trade are in active demand, but, as is to be expected, these do not make up large parcels. As the season grows colder, further sorting orders are brought to hand. This week there has been good enquiry for flannels, flannelettes, blankets, knitted goods, overcoatings and, to some extent, for heavy tweeds. Stocktaking is now about over, and jobbers have seen their way clear to place some good sorting orders for both spring cottons and woollens during the past week. The outlook for spring trade is becoming more encouraging. Visitors from various sections in the market this week report a good steady trade being done at country points. They also report a larger proportion of cash sales than at this time last year. This, together with the fact that stocks in the hands of retailers and jobbers are light, inspires a degree of confidence in the future. Demand for staples, as evidenced by the orders for spring goods coming to hand, is fair, and more enquiry is springing up for miscellaneous lines, such as buttons, braids, buckles, trimmings, and small wares of various sorts. Samples of foreign spring goods are coming to hand, and are being taken out by travelers for the inspection of the retail trade. Prices of all lines remain steady. Raw cotton has declined moderately from the high point of last week, but the feeling seems to be steady, and indications point rather in a higher than a lower level. Wool is easy: but not materially lower. Prices of both cotton and woollen goods may be characterized as steady."

COAL AT SAN FRANCISCO.

J. W. Harrison, coal and metal broker, reports as follows rela-

tive to the present condition of the San Francisco coal market:

"During the week 6,180 tons of Coast, and 10,486 tons of foreign coal have come to hand. The light arrivals this week have reduced the stocks here in yard somewhat, still there is ample for all immediate requirements, besides considerable foreign is now overdue. Tonnage is being freely engaged for transporting British Columbia coals. Sailing vessels that have heretofore been coal carriers are going off the coast with lumber, etc. This will force steamers into the trade. A large steamer now in Japan has been engaged for this trade. The recent storm has largely increased the jobbing trade, which for the moment is very lively. Orders are coming in as fast as they can be taken care of. The retail trade is also filling orders as fast as teams can haul them. Freight quotations from England are firmer; there seems to be a disposition to avoid this port until grain freights improve. Tonnage is wanted from Swansea, but owners have advanced their rates, with every prospect of engagements at the increased figures. This coal is becoming very popular with a number of our large consumers as an economical fuel."

COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Owing to recent serious fires in Winnipeg, an advance of 25 per cent in the rates applying to all risks except those schedule rated has been put into force until such time as the fire appliances and system of water works is brought to an efficient state.

The oats crop in Sweden is officially returned as about 8,500,000 quarters, against 6,900,000 quarters last year. The Russian crop, however, according to a St. Petersburg report, is officially estimated at only slightly less than last year's total (in European Russia) of 79,700,000