

\$4; California navels, 250's, \$3.50. Grape fruit is quiet, with larger offerings.

PROVISIONS.—There is only a moderately good demand for hog products. Dressed hogs are coming forward rather slowly, and bring \$5.20 to \$5.30 in car lots on track. An improvement in trade is looked for soon.

WOOL.—The local market has continued very quiet, and prices are without change. The London wool auction sales closed on the 23rd inst. The closing tone of the sale was firm. During the series 78,000 bales were taken by the home trade, 84,000 by the Continent, 1,000 by the American buyers, and 12,000 were carried over to the next series. The series opened irregular with some hesitation, and at about January prices. Merinos and fine crossbreds were firmly established, while low, heavy crossbreds sold 5 to 7½ per cent. cheaper. The American operations were confined to occasional parcels. Fine merinos and crossbreds were taken by the home trade and Germany. In fact, the chief support came from these buyers. As the sale advanced, operations gradually increased, with Russia buying merinos, and especially scoured, which appreciated 5 to 10 per cent. during the first week. Later these grades sold briskly at hardening rates. Locks and pieces were in request throughout, and sold at extreme figures to the Continent. Fine crossbreds moved in sympathy with merinos and soon hardened 5 per cent., and sometimes touched 7½ per cent. on free buying of Yorkshire. Later they ruled strong on an increased German demand. Medium stock, which American buyers previously paid extreme rates for, declined at the opening, but recovered and sold steadily at the January quotations. Inferior stock ruled heavy and remained so throughout, with many withdrawals. Small supplies of Cape of Good Hope and Natal were in great request. At the opening the figures were the same as January, but gradually advanced ½ to 1d. Medium snow-whites and finest greasy merinos were eagerly taken up and sold beyond full values, pieces often exceeding the price of fleece. The third series will open on May 2nd. The list will close when the arrivals amount to 250,000 bales, or not later than May 24th. The fourth series opens June 27th. The number of bales to be offered at these sales has been fixed at 350,000. Sheepskin sales will be held on April 13th and 14th.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 29th March, 1899.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The recent heavy snowfall still operates against the revival of demand, and business is still quiet in cements, but more active enquiry is looked for in course of a week or so, and there is no relaxation in firmness of prices. We quote: Belgian, \$2 to \$2.10; English, \$2.45 to \$2.50; German, \$2.50 to \$2.60. Bricks, \$18 to \$22 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The cheese market retains all the firmness noted last week, though there is not a great deal doing on spot just now. Cable quotations have advanced sixpence this week, and fine grades are firmly held at 10¾ to 11c. Fine creamery butter is in demand, and brings 20¼ to 20½c., rolls are more plentiful, and a shade easier at 15 to 15½c. for best Townships dairy 15 to 16c., and Western do., 12½ to 13½c. per pound.

DRY GOODS.—The only notable feature in this line since last writing is the prospective advance in cottons, as intimated in a circular issued by the Merchants' Cotton Company, which we quote, and refer to elsewhere: Owing to

the recent decided advance in raw cotton, wages and supplies, we beg to intimate that we find ourselves under the necessity of advancing prices on the 1st of April next, and that we can only accept orders at present prices for such goods as we may be able to deliver prior to that date. Any orders not executed at that date will thereafter be invoiced according to the new price list, which will be furnished you shortly. European letters indicate that all recent advances in textiles are firmly maintained.

FURS.—The London sales were completed last week, and further cable advices received since last writing show an advance of 35 per cent. in mink, while rats declined 15 per cent., coon and skunk each advanced 15 per cent. Present receipts of raw furs here are comparatively small, but some fair parcels are expected to come during the next few weeks from far Northern points.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Mar. 20	Mar. 27.
Wheat	19,808	18,931
Corn	15,821	17,590
Oats	413,335	450,086
Rye	2,595	2,595
Peas	3,445	38,232
Barley	5,566	5,506
Total grain	460,660	531,940
Oatmeal	233	358
Flour	18,403	20,917
Buckwheat	32,845	33,167

GROCERIES.—The situation is without any new features of importance. Refiners report the demand for sugars quite slack, and one of the factories is temporarily shut down. There is no doubt the increasing importations of American refined, which is being sold at about \$4.30, affects the business of our domestic refiners quite noticeably. Quotations are easy at \$4.35 to \$4.40 for standard granulated, yellows, \$3.75 to \$4.15. Molasses is dull and easy. Island quotations for new crop continue steady at 12c. first cost. No orders are reported booked as yet for this market, but several cargoes are reported sold for Newfoundland. Business in dried fruits is reported slow, but values are fairly firm for the season. All nuts are stiff in price, in fact walnuts are reported advanced at primary points,

and filberts also are a shade higher. The market for Japans is barely so strong, holders being apparently disposed to concede a little on the figures they have held; in blacks, however, there is a very strong market for all lines, and China greens are also very firm.

HIDES.—The hide market is fairly steady at the decline noted last week; receipts on the light side, and the general quality below par. Calf and lambskins are coming in more freely. We quote dealers' prices as follows: No. 1 beef-hides, 8½c.; calfskins, 10 and 8c. for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively; lambskins, 10c.; sheepskins, 75 to 80c. each.

LEATHER.—A very firm market is still to be noted, though no recent actual advance has been established. A large Western sole leather firm, writing their Montreal agent, say that orders are coming in briskly for both home and foreign trade, and two black leather tanners, who were in town a few days ago, made some fair-sized sales of buff and glove, and also report good English enquiry. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c.; No. 2, 22 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.—Business in heavy metals is described as somewhat quieter, but values continue to rule very firm. Copper has again made some advance, and 18c. is asked by some holders; of pig lead there is extreme scarcity on spot, and 4¼c. is asked by the holder of any quantity for small lots to arrive, quotations are made at \$3.90 per hundred; sheet zinc is held at 7¼ to 8c. Pig iron is firmly held at quotations, and domestic bars are said to be stronger.

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