

tion, and some sales of English cements in fair lots have been made at \$2.40, though some holders still ask \$2.60. Holders of bricks are a little anxious sellers from the same cause, but prices rule pretty steady at \$18 to 19.

**DRY GOODS.**—There seems to be little disposition to complain among the wholesale trade, who, as a rule, report sales as being fairly maintained. Complaints from the country with regard to money are frequent, and general remittances are only fair, but city retailers are paying well, though the broken, changeable weather has not been favorable to trade. Letter advices just to hand from buyers now in England, report a general stiffness in woolen dress fabrics on the other side of the Atlantic, an advance of from 5 to 10 per cent. being asked in several lines, and manufacturers will not bind themselves to repeats at present prices. Silks are also very firm, and there is said to be really little or no stock available.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—Sal soda and bicarb soda are now very scarce on spot, but full supplies are expected by first steamers. Quinine seems gradually acquiring strength, and there seems to be some ground for the belief that there is some understanding being arrived at between American and European manufacturers; crude carbolic acid is firming up. Essential oils dull, except American peppermint, which is reported scarce. New Norwegian cod liver oil is arriving at rather lower prices than last year, and is quoted at \$1 to 1.10. Canada balsam is in small supply, the low price prevailing the last three years causing small receipts. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c., cream tartar crystals, 24 to 25c.; do. ground, 25 to 28c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 35 to 38c.; do. powder, 40 to 45c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$3.00 to 3.25; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., 95c. to \$1.10; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$4.25 to 4.75; epsom salts, \$1.40 to 1.60; saltpetre, \$8.50 to 8.50; American quinine, 30 to 35c.; German quinine, 30 to 35c.; Howard's quinine, 38 to 42c.; opium, \$4.75 to 5.25; morphia, \$1.80 to 2.00; gum arabic, sorts, 35 to 50c.; white, 60c. to 85c.; carbolic acid crystals, 35 to 45c. per lb.; crude 90c. to \$1 per gallon; iodide potassium, \$3.90 to \$4.25 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$5.50 to 6.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.75 to 3.75; oil bergamot, \$4.00 to 4.50; orange, \$3.50 to 4.00; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 18 to 20c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 75 to 80c.; American do., 70 to 75c.; insect powder, 25 to 35c.

**FURS.**—Dealers in raw furs report receipts to be quite moderate, considerably smaller than usual at the season. It is said that buyers for American houses have been canvassing our interior districts, and picking up a good many skins which usually come to this market. The following quotations are for average run of skins; extra prime might bring rather better figures in some cases. 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.

## MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

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

	April 17, 1893.	April 18, 1892.
Wheat, bushels .....	596,667	622,416
Corn " .....	13,887	.....
Oats " .....	573,725	545,900
Rye " .....	40,626	39,478
Peas " .....	371,052	389,842
Barley " .....	89,251	86,277

Total grain ..... 1,685,208 1,683,913

The quantity of flour in store at Montreal on Monday last, 17th inst., was 73,799 barrels, against 72,051 on the previous Monday and 68,811 barrels on 18th April last year.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade is still very quiet. A leading wholesale dealer stated in course of conversation the other day, that during the

whole course of a twenty-five years' experience he could hardly remember such a long continued spell of dullness in the grocery trade, and nobody seems to have yet struck a satisfactory explanation of the existing quietude. Sugars continue to be watched with much interest, and just as we sit down to write we are advised of an advance of one-sixteenth in white and of an eighth in yellows, making the price of granulated at refinery now 4 15-16, and the lowest for yellows, 4c. per lb. Molasses is firmer in Barbadoes, where the figure is now said to be 15c. per gal., and the French wholesalers of this city are not now cutting prices to the same extent; a fair jobbing quotation would probably be 34c. about. Teas are still dull on spot, but hopes

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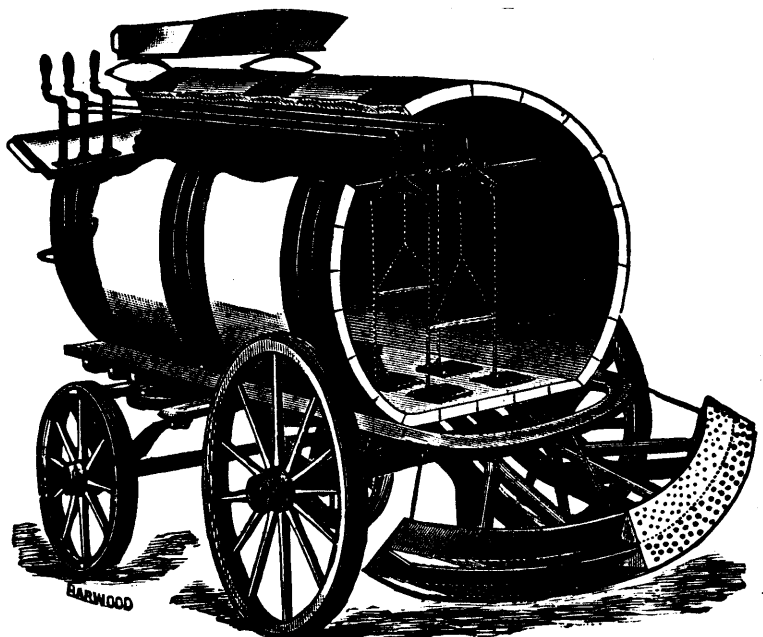
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