

tions 1c. per bush. in advance of last week. Oats continue strong at an advance of 1c. per bush.; the enquiry for export is good, but stocks here are limited. There is some demand for rye, but in the absence of supplies little trading is being done.

The stocks in store at Port Arthur on June 19th were 1,584,204 bushels, and there were received 299,844 bushels, and shipped 281,355 bushels, leaving in store on June 26th, 1,602,694 bushels.

**GROCERIES.**—There is a fair amount of trade passing. For sugars, the demand has improved with the presence of the fruit season. Values are as last reported. Stocks of sugar in the hands of the wholesale trade are not large, and refiners' agents report a fair amount of business passing. The new season's Japan teas are attracting considerable interest. Canned salmon is selling, in best brands, 1 to 5 case lots \$1.30, and 5 cases and over \$1.25. Values are somewhat easier than during the last season. The small shipments of canned lobsters which we reported last week are about exhausted. New shipments are expected soon. The packers have not sufficient goods on hand to meet their accepted orders, and are distributing stocks in small quantities to purchasers.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—The opinions of wholesale merchants are not in harmony as to the conditions of trade. A number of houses report business as very quiet, while others say an active trade is being done. The movement in harvest tools, garden tools, horse yokes and similar goods is thought to be fully up to a season's average. In metals there is little new to report. Values remain very steady, and few changes in quotations have been made since our last report.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The market has developed no new features of special interest this week. Values are unchanged, but remain very firm. Canadian tanners are not anxious buyers at present quotations, and allege the present low basis of the leather market as a cause for confining their purchases within narrow limits. There are, however, no accumulations in the hide cellars of Toronto, and it is believed that other Ontario centres are in no better position. There is an active enquiry for hides from the United States. Cured buff hides are quoted at 8½c. in this market. For green calfskins butchers are paying 10c. for No. 1, and 8c. for No. 2. The Chicago Review, June 26th, says: "Fully 100,000 packer hides have been sold this week from Chicago and the branch packing houses further west. A few spring native steers remain on hand, but all other kinds are closely sold up. There has been considerable trading in country hides, and the advance prices have been freely paid. All stock are well cleaned up, and offers at to-day's prices are being refused on account of scarcity and anticipation of better prices. Buffs and 2's have found ready sales at ½c. advance." The local tallow market is somewhat firmer, but prices are unaltered.

**PROVISIONS.**—Active trading in pork products has been continued this week. Long clear bacon is firm at 7½c.; rolls are firmer, with 8½c. quoted. For smoked shoulders there has been good enquiry, with 8c. asked. Heavy meats are in light supply. Lard is dull at 6 to 6½c. Hams are firm, but without change in price.

**WOOL.**—The activity reported in the Ontario fleece wool market last week is over. Supplies held here have been shipped to the United States, and if expectations are realized as to the course of Congressional tariff legislation, the export season for the year is closed. It is impossible, however, to predict as to the future in this respect. As predicted in our last report, there has been a serious decline in the price of wool. Dealers are now paying the following prices: Good merchantable fleece, 17c.; rejects, 15c., and unwashed wool, 11c. per lb. The London wool market business has been quiet since the close of the last auction, and although a good enquiry has prevailed small parcels only have changed hands. Prices have been well maintained, however, and fully up to the prices then ruling.

#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 30th June, 1897.

**ASHES.**—Receipts are very light at the moment, but the demand is even lighter, and dealers are very indifferent buyers. Quotations

are, if anything, easier at \$3 to 3.05 for first quality of pots; \$2.75 to 2.80 for seconds; pearls about \$4.25 per cental.

**CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.**—Fair deliveries are being made of cement on account of Government contracts, but the actually new business being done is moderate, large transactions being the exception, but a fair aggregate of small orders. Prices have been subject to no variation since the opening of the season. Firebricks are rather dull at \$15 to 21 per thousand as to brand.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—The shipments of cheese continue to show a steady gain on the figures of 1896, big a year as it was. Last week's exports were 78,499 boxes, which is nearly 10,300 boxes ahead of the same week last year, London took 33,000 boxes, Bristol 18,500 boxes, Liverpool 13,000 boxes, Glasgow 8,500, and small lots to Manchester and Leith. Butter shipments are also more active, 7,250 packages having been exported last week, as against only 2,004 same week of last year, and in this latter line values are a little firmer at 17 to 17½c. per lb. for choice creamery; Townships dairy, 14 to 15c.; Western, ditto, 12 to 13c. For cheese the present quotations are 8½ to 8¾c. for Western, and 8 to 8½c. for Quebec. Eggs are in lighter supply and higher at 10½ to 11c. per dozen for choice stock.

**DRY GOODS.**—City retail men seem rather better satisfied with business results of late, and several leading houses report payments from this source as coming in very fairly. There is still a pretty good sorting business being done with both city and country, and orders for the fall are beginning to come in fairly well, in the experience of some of the larger houses, though in other cases travellers have just left with full ranges of fall samples. With regard to values, there is really nothing new.

**GROCERIES.**—Taking it as a whole, the distribution of goods in this line is a little more active, though orders are mainly confined to small amounts. The enquiry for sugars is slowly getting better with the advancing season, but refiners' stocks are still pretty full. The supplies of yellows in outside hands is now

about exhausted, but there still appears to be some granulated left, and the Canada refinery shut down about a week ago, to allow accumulation of stock to run off, and the St. Lawrence Company are only running partial capacity, and on yellows principally. The reduction of an eighth of a cent just made as we were writing last week, is confirmed, and was made principally to choke off possible orders for foreign made sugars. Quotations are 4c. for granulated at factory; yellows, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. Receipts of molasses are liberal, with prices easy and a good deal going into store. The rice milling company expects some supplies of paddy in the course of a month or so, and will start up the mill again, with the view of seeing what they can do under the new tariff; jobbing prices remain exactly as established last March. Teas are quite dull at the moment; some moderate quantity of new fine grade Japans are to hand, and are being jobbed at 27 to 28c. Third and fourth steamers, now on their way to the Pacific coast, have considerable quantities of cheaper grades for this market. The Americans have given up buying, and the market in Japan is quite easier, and now not much above the level of this time last year. The London market presents no interesting features in Ceylons or China teas. Canned salmon is being offered on the Pacific coast at prices lower than last year; a fair quantity of orders have been booked for Montreal, at \$3.65 to 3.75 for standard brands; but some are holding back in the hope of lower figures.

**HIDES.**—There is no special feature in the hide market here, beyond the fact that the company has shipped all its accumulation of hides and calfskins to the United States, to be held there till the matter of duty be settled, the expectation being that the 20 per cent. duty—instead of the 1½c. per lb. as at first proposed—will really go into effect. Dealers are paying 8c. per lb. for No. 1 beef hides, green; 8 and 6c. per lb. for calfskins, and 90c. to \$1 each for the few sheepskins now coming in. Lambskins are advanced to 25c. each.

**LEATHER.**—We hear of nothing interesting in this line. Boot and shoe manufacturers con-

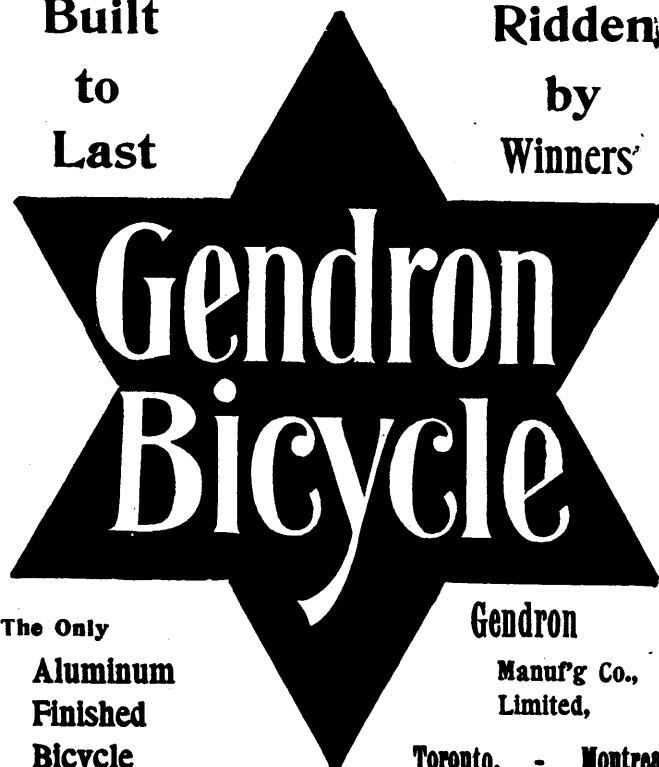
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