

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—There is very little activity in the cheese trade this week. The local market about maintains its prices, finest Ontarios being 8½ to 8¾c.; Eastern Townships, 8 to 8½c.; Quebec, 7½ to 7¾c. per lb. The butter market is far from active, choice creamery alone being wanted. We quote:—Creamery, 17½ to 18c.; fine dairy, 15 to 16c.; under grades, 12½ to 14c. per lb. Selected boiling eggs bring 17 to 18c.; No. 1, candled, 13 to 14c.; No. 2 ditto, 11 to 12c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—What with stock-taking and the preparations for holiday trade, which is expected to be rather brisker and more varied than usual, the wholesale dry goods warehouses have not been by any means so dull as might have been expected after the close of navigation. Values of textiles are maintained, and in some descriptions of woollens there is activity and a good feeling. Remittances are gratifyingly brisk.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Nov. 29, 1897.	Dec. 6, 1897.
Wheat, bushels.....	71,322	87,363
Corn, ".....	67,056	84,556
Oats, ".....	145,794	264,227
Rye, ".....	24,305	31,355
Peas, ".....	77,128	112,949
Barley, ".....	25,336	28,486
Total grain.....	410,941	608,936
Oatmeal.....	162	85
Flour.....	13,195	11,662
Buckwheat.....	12,602	18,768

GROCERIES.—There is nothing to be added to our report of last week in this line except that firmness prevails in sugar and molasses. Dried fruits hold their own and nuts are regarded good stock. In canned goods too there is a generally firm feeling. Teas are quiet. Dealers speak very cheerily of the condition of country trade, as shown in letters from travellers and from customers, and money comes in well as a rule. Holiday trade promises to be brisk.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Continued firmness is evident in hides, and an advance is confidently

looked for. Present price for green is 8½c. for No. 1, and tanners have to pay 9½c. for cured. Lambskins are quoted at 85 to 90c.

LEATHER.—While black leathers are quiet and firm, there is continued movement in colored leathers and dongolas; sole leather is steady. There are no special features, except that hides are still reported scarce and with an upward tendency. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 25 to 27c.; No. 2 do., 21 to 23c.; 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, 22 to 25c.; Quebec do., 17 to 20c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calf skins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 12 to 13c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 12 to 16c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Transactions in heavy goods are confined within narrow limits, but some lighter wares and shelf goods are moving. There are almost no changes in price to note. We quote:—Summerlee pig iron, \$18 to 18.50; Carron, No. 1, \$18.00; No. 3, \$17.25; Ayrshire, No. 1, \$17.00; No. 3, \$16.50; Shotts, \$17.25 to 17.50; Carnbroe, \$16.00 to \$17.00, ex-store; Siemens pig No. 1, none; No. 2 Siemens, none; Ferrona, No. 1, \$20.00; Hamilton No. 1, \$16.00 to 16.50; No. 2, ditto, \$15.50 to 16.00; machinery scrap, \$14.00 to 15.00; common ditto, \$12.00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to 1.50; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.10 to \$2.15; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.25; 75 sheets, \$2.35; all polished Canadas \$2.40; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.90 to \$6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.15; No. 24, \$2.05; Nos. 17, \$2; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.15; tin plates

—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I. C., Alloway, \$3.15 to 3.25; do., I. X., \$3.90 to 4.00; P. D. Crown, I. C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do., I. X., \$4.50; Coke I. C., \$2.90 to 2.95 for standard, \$2.75 to \$2.80 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28 ordinary brands, \$4; No. 26, \$3.75; No. 24, \$3.50 in case lots; Morewood, \$5.00 to 5.10, tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.75; English ditto, \$2; hoops and bands, \$1.90 to 2.00. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ¼ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.00; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.65 to 3.75; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel \$2.25; ingot tin, 15½ to 16c. for L. & F.; Straits, 15½ to 15¾c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 12 to 12½c.; sheet zinc, \$5 to \$5.25; Silesian spelter, \$4.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$4.75 to 5.00; American spelter, \$4.75; anti-mony, 9 to 10c.

PAINTS AND OILS.—As a rule oils are quiet, but there is a little more enquiry for some kinds of paints. The firmness in glass is marked. Very little change in prices. We quote:—Turpentine one to four barrels, 49c.; five to nine barrels, 49c., net thirty days. Linseed oil, raw, one to four barrels, 43c.; five to nine barrels, 42c.; boiled, one to four barrels, 46c.; five to nine brls., 45c., net 30 days; olive oil machinery, 90c.; Nfld. cod, 35 to 37c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 30 to 32c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 45 to 47½c. per gallon in small lots. Castor oil, 10 to 11c. as to quantity. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.37½; No. 1, \$5.00; No. 2, \$4.67½; No. 3, \$4.25; No. 4, \$3.87½; dry white lead, 4½ to 5c.; genuine red do., 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, 1.55 to \$1.60 in bulk, \$1.70 to 1.75 in bladders, \$2 to 2.10 in tins; London washed whitening, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to 1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to 2.00; window glass, (German and Belgian) \$1.30 per 50 feet for first

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