

good improvement the past few weeks. From New York, 17th inst.: "Trade is lifeless and prices still mainly nominal. We quote: Fair to choice clover at \$5 to \$6, and old timothy at \$2.90 to \$3.50 for common to choice per 100 lbs."

WOOL.—Trade in wool continues to be inactive. That there is plenty of wool in the country is evidenced by the letters received offering lots for sale, but transactions are necessarily limited when the holders are offered less for their wool than they paid for it. The owner of a large New Hampshire mill was in the city this week. A year ago he purchased more Canadian wool than any other American woolen manufacturer. But this year he maintains he has not purchased a pound of wool because of the high prices at which it is quoted.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, August 17, 1898.

ASHES.—There is not a great deal more actually doing, but some little English enquiry seems to have given rather more tone to the market, and some recent purchases of pots are reported by dealers at \$3.80 to \$3.90 for first quality, and \$3.60 to \$3.65 for seconds. Pearls are not wanted, and are dull and easy at \$4.60 to \$4.75.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—While most of the local boot and shoe factories are fairly busy, it is generally conceded that the volume of fall goods sold has not been equal to that of last year, when a particularly good fall trade was done. The feeling of returning confidence last summer, with promise of good crops, induced an active demand, which was further increased by the Klondyke boom, and it is just possible some dealers rather overstocked, and this, with somewhat advanced prices, has probably had some effect on retail orders this year. Factories making principally for jobbers, both in this city and Quebec, report rather slack demand from their usual customers.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—A marked stiffening has developed in cements, for which there is good enquiry and small stocks; makers in Europe have also advanced quotations and local prices are up ten cents a brl., making the figure for Belgian now \$1.90 to \$2.00, and for English \$2.30 to \$2.40. Receipts for the week ending to-day are, 3,700 brls. of English, and nil Belgian or German. Receipts of firebricks, 23,000, and prices unchanged at \$16 to \$21, as to quantity and brand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—In cheese the week has developed some further strength in the spot market, though the situation in England does not seem a particularly strong one. Eastern cheese is quoted at 7½ to 7¾c., and fine Western 8 to 8¾c. Prices of butter continue very steady at 17 to 17½c. for fine creamery, and 15 to 16c. for fine Township dairy. Western 13 to 14c.

DRY GOODS.—Matters are rather quiet in this line at present in a wholesale way, but the indications favor the expectation that quite a fair number of buyers will be in town, between now and the end of the month, from the Lower Provinces and Western points. While city retail is seasonably quiet, there is no doubt but that the steady warm weather has greatly favored the clearing out of prints, ginghams and other light fabrics, which a year ago rather dragged in sale owing to a cool August. As regards prices nothing new is reported, but new price lists for spring prints of domestic manufacture will be due in a week or so, and some curiosity is evinced as to what the Dominion Cotton Co. is likely to do in view of the increased discrimination in favor of British made goods.

GROCERIES.—In this line of trade there is nothing especially new to be noted since last writing. The great deficiency in the salmon pack already noted, has been further confirmed, and all local agents for

Pacific coast packers have had orders to withdraw all quotations. In sugars the situation is just as it was a week ago. The slight advance then reported is maintained, and quotations rule steady at 47-16c. for standard granulated at factory, while yellows range from 3¾ to 4¼c., with a fairly active demand reported by refiners. Molasses is not moving very briskly in a jobbing way, but prices are firm, and we hear of the sale to-day of a whole-sale lot of 150 puncheons of Barbadoes, at about 27½c. Coffees are quiet on spot, but European buyers are said to be operating more freely in primary markets, and values are if anything a shade firmer. The general firmness of the tea market is fully maintained. Cable advices from China indicate that the market is distinctly firmer than last year, and inclined to advance. There is a fair proportion of new Japans now available on spot, ranging down to about 16c.; the quality of anything below that is likely to be very poor.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Prices of hides and skins are wholly unchanged since last writing. The demand from tanners is not particularly active, and there is some accumulation of both hides and calfskins in the association's stores, though not very marked. We quote dealers paying on basis of 9c. for No. 1 beef hides, and asking the usual advance of half to one cent; lambskins, 40c.; calfskins, 10 and 8c. For rough tallow butchers realize 1½ to 2c., and rendered is quoted at about 3¾c.

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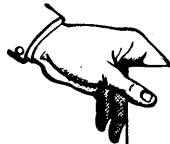
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