

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Aug. 29th, 1900. CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Receipts of foreign cements for the week ending to-day have been liberal, and include 3.520 barrels of English cement, and 8.800 barrels of Belgian and German makes. The movement, however, is not a very brisk one, being confined mainly to a fair number of sales of car and smaller lots. Prices hold steady, and we quote: Belgian, \$1.90 to \$2.10; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.55; firebricks, \$18 to \$24 per thousand. Receipts of firebricks, 54.750.

DATRY PRODUCTS.—Buyers of cheese are inclined to ask for rather more concession, but holders generally are pretty firm in quotations of fine Western at 105% to 105%c.; Eastern Townships, 10½ to 105%c.; Quebec, 10½ to 10½. Export business continues good, shipments last week aggregating 89,606 boxes, being some 9,500 boxes more than corresponding week of last year. There is a steady enquiry for butter, and prices show no recession. We quote finest creamery, 21½ to 2134c.; seconds, 20½ to 21c.; dairy, 17½ to 18c. Exports last week were large, amounting to 27,789 packages.

DRY GOODS .- The fall millinery openings are now on, and have attracted a goodly attendance of buyers. principally from this province, with some buyers from the Maritime and Western from the Maritime and Western provinces, and general satisfaction is ex-pressed with the aggregate of business thus far. In general dry goods, business may be called good, and money is coming in from country customers more freely than in the middle of the month, which is generally a rather quiet time for collections. City retailers have had a somewhat quiet summer's trade, owing in this line is looking up with the re-turn of the pleasure and health seekers from the seaside and country, and the opening of the schools. Values, as a whole, rule steady. A new price list for next spring's domestic prints is expected shortly, which may show some revision of quotations in the way of advance. Woolen dress goods of Rubaix manufacture show some little easing off in values.

GROCERIES.—The movement of goods is reported as being well sustained, and is better than the average at this time of the year. In sugars, there has been no recent change, the factory price for standard granulated being steadily maintained at \$5.20, with the lowest figure for yellows, \$4.50. Outside markets for yellows, \$4.50. Outside markets for raws show a tendency to advance, and refiners are anticipating a good Septem-The enquiry for teas is ber demand. barely as brisk as a fortnight ago, but Japans are as stiff as ever, and a cable received a few days ago says that any desirable goods are now almost unob-Further advance is reported tainable. from Denia in Valencia raisins, fine offstalk being now quoted at 23s. 6d., as against 17s. 6d., opening price. Sultanas are quoted at 48s., and considered almost a prohibitory figure. Currants also con-tinue to be quoted very high, and fine Elliatron it is astimated would cost Filiatras, it is estimated, would cost $9\frac{1}{2}c.$, laid down. Canned salmon are advanced from \$6 to \$6.25, being quoted in a jobbing way and 5.27 has a standard from \$6 to \$6.25. in a jobbing way, and \$5.75 has been refused for a 200 case lot; corn is still quoted at \$1.15, but new pack is expected on the market in course of ten days or so.

HIDES.—The market is dull, with little buying on the part of tanners; dealers' quotations for beef hides are easy at last decline, namely, 7¹/₂c. for No. I. For

calfskins there is a fair demand, local and American buyers about absorbing offerings; for these, dealers still pay 9 and 7c. per lb. for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. Lambskins and clips, 40c. each.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The demand has not undergone any special improvement as yet, and the business passing is of moderate extent. Canada plates are easier; transactions being reported at \$2.80 to \$2.85. Iron pipe is easier, \$4.75being the general quotation for inch. Copper a little firmer, and tin a shade easier. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$25.00; Carnbroe, \$00.00; Calder, \$00.00; Hamilton, No. I, \$23.50; No. 2, ditto, \$23.00; Ferrona, No. I, \$24.00 to \$24.50; Midland, \$24 to \$25; machinery scrap, \$17 to \$18; common, ditto, \$13 to \$14; bar iron, Canadian, \$2.15 to \$2.20; Hoops and bands, \$3.20; Canada plates — Pontypool, or equal, fifty-two sheets to the box, \$2.80 to \$2.85; 60 sheets, \$2.90; 75 sheets, \$2.95; all polished Canadas, \$3.30; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.60 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$8.50; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$3;; No. 26, \$2.95; No. 24, \$2.90; I.X., cokes, \$5; ditto, charcoal, \$5.35; galvanized sheets, No. 28, Queen's Head, \$4.75; No. 26, \$4.50; No. 24, \$4.25 in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 61/2 to 7c; the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler, plate, 3/6-inch and upwards, \$3.15; '4-inch \$2.75; tank steel, \$2.65; '4-inch, three-sixteenths, \$2.75; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards \$2.95; Russian sheet iron, Io to 10/2c; lead, per 100 pounds, \$4.60 to \$4.75; sheet, \$4.75 to \$5.00; best cast-steel, II to I2c.; toe calk, \$2.75; spring, \$3.10; sleigh shoe, \$2.25; irre, \$2.35; round machinery steel. \$3.25; ingot tin, 36/2c. for L. & F.; Straits, 36c; bar tin, 38c; in-



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