

—Mr. Louis Joliot, a Parisian manufacturer and importer of emery goods, has written to the Ontario Bureau of Mines asking for information about our corundum deposits. His attention was attracted by the special exhibit of the Bureau of Mines in crushed and graded corundum and corundum wheels. The Canada Corundum Company is opening up its properties in Renfrew and Hastings counties, and will soon have graded and crushed corundum in the market.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 12th, 1900.

ASHES.—The market is practically dead, the sale of one barrel being reported since the close of navigation. There is said to be no stock of pearls here, whatever, and the quotation for these is stiff at about \$6.50; first pots, more or less nominal, about \$5 to \$5.10 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Business is very slack, and no demand of any consequence is looked for this month. Prices are steady at last week's advance. We quote: Belgian cement, \$2 to \$2.20; English, \$2.40 to \$2.50; German, \$2.55 to \$2.65; firebricks, \$18 to \$26 per thousand.

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DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The local demand is more than equal to supplies of fine creamery offering, and prices are firmer. Cable advices also report a stronger market in England. From 21½ to 22c. is now quoted for finest creamery. Cheese is quiet but firm, and there is little cheap cheese now on the market. We quote fine Western Septembers, 11¼ to 11½c.; Octobers, 10¾ to 10¾c.; fine late Easterns, 10½c.

DRY GOODS.—The sharp zero weather now prevailing has made glad the heart of the dry goods retailer, in and about the city. The clothier and the furrier, and wholesalers are anticipating a fair renewal of sorting demand for seasonable stuffs. Buyers just returned from Britain report a well sustained market for cottons; linens are also stiff, with finer qualities somewhat hard to get. Woolen dress goods are, as a whole, firm. French silks are easier than for some time, but the English market for these goods is relatively firmer than the French.

FURS.—The London January fur sales are fixed for the 21st of that month, and some shippers profess to look for further decline in mink, fox, marten and skunk, which all went materially lower at last sales in October. It is said a good many furs are being held in the country, owing to the lowered prices this fall, but collectors are generally thought to be following an unwise policy, in face of the trend of market. We quote: Mink, dark, \$1.25 to \$2.25; ditto, pale, 75c. to \$1.50; marten, large, \$3 to \$3.50; ditto, small, \$2.50 to \$3; fisher, \$4.50 to \$6.50; pale, ditto, \$4 to \$5.50; lynx, \$1.50 to \$3.50; otter, dark, \$10 to \$14; pale, ditto, \$5 to \$7; red fox, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; small, \$1.50; cross fox, \$5 to \$9; skunk, 20c., 40c., 50c., and 75c.; coon, 20c., 30c., 40c., 50c., and 75c.; large fall rats, 8 to 10c.; medium, 5 to 7c.; kits, 2 to 5c.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—A moderate demand exists from local dealers for flour, and prices rule steady, as under: Manitoba best spring patents, \$4.35 to \$4.40; winter wheat, patents, \$3.65 to \$3.85; straight rollers, \$3.15 to \$3.40; in bags, \$1.60 to \$1.70; and Manitoba strong bakers, \$4.05 to \$4.10. Wheat is stronger in harmony with the stronger tone of the Chicago market. In oats there is a fair demand from local buyers for car lots, and sales were made at 30½c. ex-store. There was a good demand from shippers for grain at points east and west of Toronto, but owing to the firmness on the part of country holders buyers find it difficult to fill their wants at present prices. Quotations are: Peas, west, at 60 to 60½c.; oats at 25c.; No. 2 barley at 40 to 40½c. east; buckwheat, east, at 49½ to 50c.; rye, at 47½ to 48c. The demand for feed is good; bran is scarce and prices are firmly held. We quote: Manitoba bran, in bags, \$15; shorts, \$17; and mouillie, \$20 to \$24; Ontario bran, in bulk, \$15.50 to \$16; and shorts, \$17 to \$18 per ton.

GROCERIES.—There is little to be noted in the way of news in this line since last letter. A very fair distribution is report-

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