

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, September 10th, 1902.

Ashes.—Under limited supply the advance of last week is steadily held, and from \$4.35 to \$4.40 is quoted for No. 1 pots; seconds, \$3.65 to \$3.70; pearls, \$6.25 to \$6.50.

Cements and Firebricks.—Receipts of foreign cement have been larger of late, and for the week ending to-day, 9,450 brls. of German and Belgian are reported, and 1,250 brls. of English; firebricks, 55,000. A very fair demand is reported, and prices are steady at former quotations.

Dairy Products.—The cheese market took a turn upward after last writing, and the advance has been well maintained, finest Ontario's being quoted at 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; finest township, 10 to 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ c.; undergrades, 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 10c. Butter values are also firmer at 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 20c. for fancy townships; fine to finest, ditto., 18 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; dairy makes, 16 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Last week's exports of butter were large, aggregating 23,929 pkgs., as against 14,527 pkgs. for same date a year ago. Of cheese, 73,876 boxes were exported, as compared with 100,551 boxes for the same week of 1901.

Dry Goods.—Business is again brisker. Travellers are all again at work and are sending in very fair commands, and the warehouses have been visited during the past ten days by quite a number of outside buyers, some of whom are reported as making good selections. August collections panned out very well, and of the moderate amount of paper falling due on the 4th, it is generally estimated that about 65 per cent. was paid. The Canadian Colored Cotton Co. has issued a circular under date Sept. 5th, stating that gingham for next spring's trade will be sold at same prices as last year.

Groceries.—A good seasonable distribution is reported. The sugar market is still unaltered, the old prices still prevailing with little indications of any change in the near future; the demand at the refineries is good. Raw beet is cabled easy at 6s. and 6s. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. for October delivery. A cable from Denia this week reports the "Escalona" as completing cargo there, and she is ex-

pected to clear on the 13th for Montreal. The "Bellona," the second direct vessel is timed to leave Denia about the 4th prox. Malaga loose Muscatels are being quoted at 11s. for 50 lb. boxes, c. and f., Montreal, and 22 lb. boxes at 5s. There is considerable enquiry for Comodore figs, which are coming into more extended use for cooking purposes, and an approximate quotation is made of 10s. per 50 kilos., but as the crop is only at its best about the middle of October, this price is more or less speculative. There will undoubtedly be a dearth of new canned tomatoes, and as high as \$1.25 is being asked for last year's goods. New evaporated apples are being quoted at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in quantity, gallon apples at \$1.80 to \$1.90, and 3-lb. ditto., at 70 to 80c. There is good demand for China green teas, and a difficulty in getting orders filled.

Hides.—Business is of a comparatively quiet character, and values are unaltered. We quote 9c. as the regular quotation for No. 1 beef hides, though in the keen competition between buyers this figure is often exceeded; lambskins, 50c.; calfskins, 12 and 10c. for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively.

Furs.—There is as yet nothing doing in the raw fur trade, and it is too early to make any quotations for the fall catch. The usual October sales are fixed for the 18th prox., and the results will influence new quotations more or less.

Metals and hardware.—A good demand is reported for heavy metals, and hardware men also profess satisfaction with the amount of business doing. The iron market shows increasing strength, and quotations for selected No. 2 Summerlee range from \$21.50 to \$22.50. Some round lots of Carnbroe are also being brought out, one local house having just placed an order for 1,000 tons, and the quotation in a jobbing way is given at \$20.50 to \$20.75, net terms. English iron is selling at about \$20. Bars are firm and unchanged. Boiler plate, \$2.10, and tank steel, 10c. less. Iron pipe stiff at \$4.81 for inch. No special changes are reported in metal sheets. The supply of 52 sheet Canada's is now fairly liberal, but sixties and seventies

are still somewhat scarce; galvanized Canada's are also not plentiful. Galvanized sheets are firmer abroad, but the local quotation is unaltered, \$4.35 for 28 gauge. Black sheets are also a little stiffer in Britain. Lead is a little easier at \$3.05, and ingot tin at 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; copper, 13c. in an ordinary way; sheet zinc, 6c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—The only change to be noted in these lines is a decline of 2c. in linseed oil; all other quotations are unaltered. We quote: Single brls., raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 75 and 78c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 74 and 77c. net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, one barrel, 68c.; two to four barrels, 67c.; net 30 days. Olive oil machinery, 90c.; cod oil, 35 to 40c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 55c. per gallon; straw ditto, 45 to 47c.; Castor oil, 8 to 9c. as to quality and lot. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands), \$5 to 5.25; No. 1, \$4.75 to 4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.12 $\frac{1}{2}$; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for pure; No. 1, do., 5c.; genuine red, do., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4 to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; putty, in bulk, tbls., \$2; bladder putty in bbls., \$2.35; ditto, in kegs or boxes, \$2.50; 25-lb. tins, \$2.45; 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -lb. tins, \$2.75. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2, Paris green, in kegs, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c.; in lb. packages, 16c.; window glass, \$2.10 per 50 feet for first break; \$2.20 for second break.

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Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Toronto Railway Company will be closed from the 10th September, 1902, to the 7th October, 1902, both days inclusive.

J. C. GRACE,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Toronto, Sept. 5th, 1902.

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