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### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, April 25, 1906.

**Ashes.**—There is still an absence of demand, and quotations are barely steady at \$5.17½ to \$5.20 for No. 1 pots; second pots, about \$4.70; pearls, \$7.25 per cental.

**Cements and Firebricks.**—Now that outdoor work of all kinds is general there is a good, steady demand for cements. We quote: Belgian, \$1.75 to \$2, as to quality; English, \$2 to \$2.10; Canadian, \$1.80 to \$2. Firebricks are steady at \$18 to \$23.

**Dairy Products.**—Receipts of new butter and cheese are steadily increasing, and there has been a notable decline in values since a week ago. For finest creamery butter 20 to 20¼c. is now an outside figure, while fresh dairy is quoted at 17 to 17¼c. New fodder cheese is quoted at 11¼ to 11½c. for fine white, and 11½ to 11¾c. for fine colored.

**Dry Goods.**—There has been an improvement in city retail trade since last writing, and payments from this quarter are coming in well. Of general sorting business wholesalers report a fairly good volume. The Trent Valley Woolen Co.

advise an advance in their tweeds, etc., equal to about 10 per cent. The close season for domestic prints, during which the wholesale trade are bound to sell at a fixed price, closes on May 1st.

**Groceries.**—The movement at the moment is not of a particularly brisk character, but with the opening of the canals next week there will likely be a freer distribution. The sugar market has undergone another sharp decline, refiners having announced a second cut of 10c. a cental on all grades, making the present factory figure for standard granulated an even \$4. in barrels, and \$3.95 in bags; yellows range from \$3.55 in bags upwards. Molasses, however, is firmer. Advices from Barbadoes indicate that the make is pretty well contracted for, and first cost is advanced to 16c. equal to about 26½c. cost laid down here. The present jobbing figure is 28c. A large steamship cargo is due here early in May. Teas continue in somewhat slow demand. All kinds of canned goods are very firmly held; \$1.20 is asked for tomatoes, with the probability of further advance; corn is still sold at 85c.; gallon apples, \$2.50. Spot supplies of tapioca are very low.

**Hides.**—The week has developed little new in this line. Dealers still quote 11c. for No. 1 beef hides, 13c. for No. 1 calfskins, and 10c. each for lambskins.

**Leather.**—Boot and shoe manufacturers are not very free buyers at the moment, but all leather values are very firmly held. We quote: Manufacturers' No. 2 sole at 24½ to 25c.; slaughter, 28 to 29c.; Western splits, 27 to 28c.; Quebec ditto, 26 to 22c.; buff and pebble, 14½ to 16½c.; Scotch grain, 17c.; harness, 32 to 34c.; chrome calf, 24 to 25c.

**Metals and Hardware.**—A brisk business continues to be reported in these lines, and values all rule towards the firm side. Ingot tin has developed further pronounced strength, and the local jobbing figure has advanced to 44c., a figure previously unknown to the present generation. It is only reasonable to suppose that tinplates will be affected, and, though local quotations in these goods are as yet unaltered, it is reported that some agents for British makers have received cable instructions to withhold quotations until further advised. Antimony has now got up to 24c., with hardly any available stock here; lead, \$4.35 to \$4.40; copper, 26 to 20½c.; zinc, 7c. There is not much doing at this season in pig iron; best Scotch brands are quoted at about \$21.50, for delivery by first arrivals from sea. Bars are steady at \$2 to \$2.05; nails, wire, etc., remain at old figures. Plates and sheets of all kinds also stand at old

figures. Shovels of fourth grade are advanced \$1 per dozen.

**Oils, Paints, etc.**—All the houses in this line report continued good business, and apparently expect the demand to continue well into the summer. Linseed oil is steady at 54 and 57c. for raw and boiled, respectively, in ordinary jobbing lots. There is some expectation of a decline in turpentine, which is still quoted at 95c. per gallon, in single barrels. Stocks of glass are not at all full, and \$4 is firmly asked per 100 feet for first break. Leads, putty, etc., are firm at late quotations.

**Wool.**—Millmen are just buying "hand-to-mouth" parcels, but have to pay full figures, and there is no sign of any weakness in the market. We quote: Capes, 19 to 23c.; fine B.A., 44 to 45c.; medium ditto, 38 to 40c.; domestic pulled, 29 to 30c.

A valuable discovery of gold is reported by a man named Quebel on the Montreal River, near Latchford, Northern Ontario. It is in quartz, the vein being said to be four feet in width.

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