

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, June 20, 1906.

Ashes.—Business is of a limited character, owing to the little stock that is offering. We quote first quality pots at about \$5.50; seconds, ditto, \$4.90 to \$5; pearls, \$6.75 to \$7.

Cements and Firebricks.—The demand for cements is good, and bricks are in fair request. We quote Belgian cement at \$1.70 to \$1.90; English ditto, \$1.90 to \$2.05; Canadian, \$1.90. Firebricks are quoted at \$17 to \$21 per M., according to brand.

Dairy Products.—Marked increase was shown in the shipments abroad last week, exports of cheese having reached 103,645 boxes last week, and the total for the season thus far is 361,755 boxes, as against 305,000 boxes for the same period of 1905. The shipments of butter were the largest for the season, reaching 18,363 packages, making the total to date 50,220 packages. With regard to cheese values there is practically no

change since a week ago, best Ontario makes quoting at 11½ to 11¼c., and fine Easterns at 11 to 11¼c. Choice creamery butter is quoted on spot at 21½ to 21¾c., and medium at about 21c.

Dry Goods.—The week has developed little new in this line. City retail business is rather more active, owing to warmer weather and the preparations being made for the summer vacation. Wholesalers report travellers as doing fairly well in the booking of fall orders. Advices continue to be received from British manufacturers of woollens of a general advance in quotations.

Flour, etc.—There is a well-sustained demand at steady prices. We quote: Manitoba spring wheat, \$4.70; strong bakers', 4.10 to \$4.20; winter wheat patents, \$4.30 to \$4.40; straight roller, \$4 to \$4.10. Bran is quoted at \$19.50 to \$20; moullie, \$22 to \$25; rolled oats, \$2.10 per bag; cornmeal, \$1.40 to \$1.45 per bag.

Furs.—The London June sales are on this week, and the offerings include

195,000 skunk, 535,000 muskrat, 54,000 mink, 60,000 coon, 7,500 marten, and some smaller assortments of Canadian furs, as well as a fair proportion of Eastern and Australian furs. Local business at the moment is very quiet.

Groceries.—Trade rules on the quiet side. Sugars are very firm at the advance of last week, and there appears to be some anticipation of further stiffening, as the markets for raw sugars are showing some access of strength, and there is good demand with the approach of the preserving season. A slight advance is reported in Ceylon black teas owing to unfavorable weather, and some scarcity is reported of good liquoring Ceylon greens. Canned salmon is in light supply, and quotations are firmer by 50 cents a case. There has been a little break in the high prices of evaporated apples, as new American apples will shortly be in the market, and the quotation is now about 11½c. Of evaporated apricots, peaches and small-sized prunes the mar-

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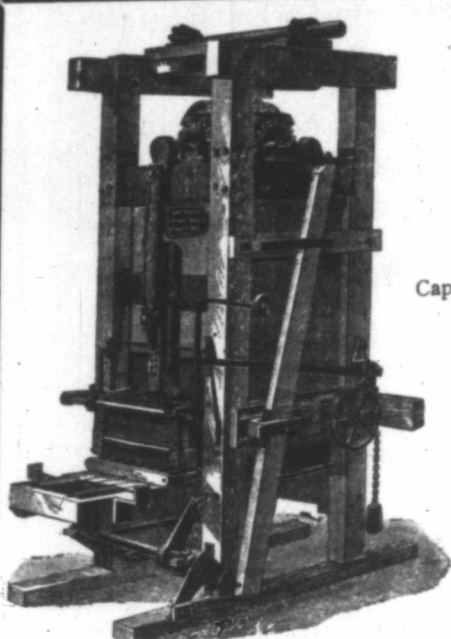
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