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## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 11 July, 1900.

**ASHES.**—Though the European demand has not shown any appreciable improvement, some local dealers appeared more disposed to buy, and have been offering a little better prices, quoting about \$4.70 for first pots, and \$4.20 for seconds. Pearls remain dull and nominal.

**CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.**—A good demand is reported for moderate lots. Receipts for the week ending to-day are 4,300 barrels of Belgian and German, 3,450 barrels of English, and 103,100 firebricks. We quote to-day: German, \$1.90 to \$2.10; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.55; firebricks, \$18 to \$24 per thousand.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—The export movement in cheese is well sustained, 74,279 boxes having been shipped from this port last week, and the total for the season thus far is 592,389 boxes, as against 534,292 boxes at this date last year. Butter shipments are behind those of last year, last week's figures being 7,168 packages and the total to date, 5,545 packages, as compared with 85,000 packages up to this date in 1899. Cheese values have stiffened a little since last writing, fine Westerns being quoted at 9¾ to 9⅞c.; Easterns, 9½ to 9¾c. Butter is easier a point, the limit for fine creamery being 18¾ to 19c.

**DRY GOODS.**—Country retailers are reported as buying rather more conservatively than a year ago, and the volume of business is not so large, but wholesalers are not much disposed to find fault with the trade doing, and report collections as coming in well; one leading house reports 74 per cent. of customers' paper met on the 4th. Values are well sustained. Raw cotton is reported up to sixpence farthing in Liverpool, where the stock is only 453,000 bales, as compared with 1,204,000 bales a year ago. Manchester letters advise an advance in flannelettes. Delayed deliveries of domestic cottons are still complained of, and there is a marked dearth of linings.

### MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	July 3.	July 10.
Wheat .....	571,049	466,658
Corn .....	52,823	9,522
Oats .....	602,647	783,220
Rye .....	14,290	4,119
Peas .....	163,242	132,924
Barley .....	18,644	47,073

Total grain ..	1,422,695	1,443,516
Oatmeal .....	616	566
Flour .....	21,800	19,246
Buckwheat .....	19,032	18,140

**GROCERIES.**—And still sugars mount upwards, an advance of ten cents a cental, in both granulated and yellows, having been established this week, making the factory price for standard granulated now \$5; yellows and moist sugars, \$4.30 to \$4.90. Japan and green teas are booming, especially low-grade Japans; gunpowders and Pingsuey hysons, which have advanced from 2 to 3c. a lb., and the market is said to be getting quite bare of these goods. Black teas appear to be little affected as yet. First quotations for new Valencia raisins are to hand, twenty shillings being quoted for selected, a figure just about equal to last year's opening price. Old stock currants are held very firmly, 5 to 5½c. being quoted for Filiatras. Quotations for new pack of lobsters have not been fully established; some sales are reported at \$9 a case, for talls, but they were small meats. Canned fruits are all higher than last year, as follows: Peaches, 10c.; cherries, 10c.; strawberries, 20c.; raspberries, 15c.; and greengages, 20c.

**HIDES.**—The situation is without any change. The demand from tanners is reported slow, and prices easier. Dealers quote, as follows: No. 1, beef hides, 8c.; calfskins, 9 and 7c.; lambskins, 30c.; sheepskins, 1.10.

**LEATHER.**—Shoe manufacturers are making more enquiry, and some fair sales are reported in sole and dongolas; black leathers are not showing much movement. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 25 to 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 24½c.; No. 3, B.A., 23 to 23½c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 24c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1, slaughter, 27 to 28c.; No. 2, ditto, 25 to 26c.; common, 20 to 21c.; Union crop, 32c.; waxed upper, light, and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 20 to 22c.; Quebec, ditto, 16 to 17c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 13 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 12½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12½ to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The trade meeting, referred to last week, regarding the prices of plates, resulted in fixing the quotation for Canadas at \$2.90; and black sheets, \$3, for 28 gauge; sales had been made below these figures. In other lines, while there are no quotable changes, the market is in rather uncertain shape, and

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