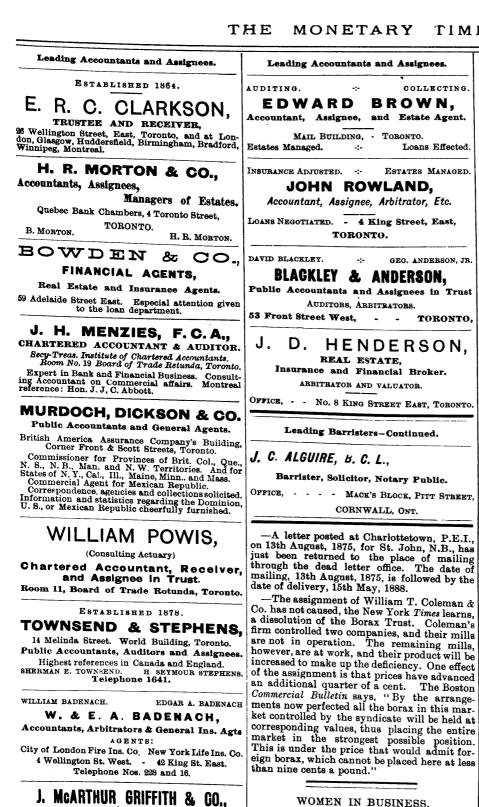
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## MONTREAL MARKETS.

## MONTREAL, June 6th, 1888.

Ashes.—Since last writing the market has taken quite an upward jump, partly due to a more active export movement, and first quality more active export movement, and first quality pots are now quoted at \$4.30 to \$4.40, while for seconds \$3.90—the price at which firsts were selling a week ago—is being paid. What few pearls are coming in all go to one dealer at prices which have not transpired, but \$7.25 would be paid for them by other operators. Receipts were light during May, and 170 brls. behind May 1887, but they have been more liberal last few days.

BOOTS, SHOES, AND LEATHER.—Travellers in the boot and shoe trade who did fairly well in the eastern provinces, and who are now in the west, report business with them as poor, dealers being apparently averse to order any quantity of fall goods until the prospects of the crops are better assured. In leather, business in very dull : prices are not curch bly business in very dull; prices are not quotably weaker, but fair buyers could obtain concessions; stocks are full in most lines, though there are hardly so many cheap splits offering. The English market remains quiet and weak. We quote :--Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 24 to 25c; do. No. 2, B. A., 19 to 20c; No. 1 ordi-nary Spanish, 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 19c.; No. 1 China, 20 to 21c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 23 to 26c.; oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 28 to 33c.; grained, 32 to 36c.; Scotch grained, 33 to 87c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins, 35 to 46 lbs.), 55 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 70 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 24 to 33c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 144c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 54 to 55c. cessions; stocks are full in most lines, though

CEMENTS, FIRELAY, &C.—There is a very fair business doing in cements at the moment, with prices of Portland ranging from \$2.25 to 2.60 as to brand for round lots, in smaller quantities \$2.50 to 2.75; firebricks, \$18 to 20 in fair lots ex-ship; fireclay, \$1.50 per bag.

in fair lots ex-ship; fireclay, \$1.50 per bag. DRY GOODS.—Wholesale trade is assuming a quiet phase; some travellers are already back from the sorting trip, and the majority will be home in course of a week or so. They nearly all report that it has been more than usually hard to pick up orders, and some are forty per cent. behind their sales of last year. In spite of this, wholesale stocks do not seem disproportion tely large for the season, and this is partly accounted for by the fact that importations have been judiciously restricted. City trade has also been unusually good, and rather more than the usual number of country buyers from adjacent districts now make it their buyers from adjacent districts now make it their habit to run in to make their sorting selections. Money is not coming in very well as a whole, though fairly well from some sections, but much activity in this respect is not looked for about the beginning of the month.

WOMEN IN BUSINESS. WHAT A WOMAN SAYS OF THEM. Women who go into business, from either habits, adopt business methods, and possess themselves of all knowledge of details and general information. There should be no sentiment about it; they should expect no immunity from disagreeables on the score of being "ladies;" their prospect of marriage should have no more effect on their work than it has on that of men. Their dress should suit the requirements of the occupation. In no dress does a girl look neater, prettier, or more graceful than that adopted for gymnas tics or lawn tennis, both of which give fullest play for all movements. How much better would many working girls look and feel and general debility are at adiscount. They should call for no foolish notions as to chivalry and defer-ence, and all that. Business is business, and general debility are at a discount. They should call for no foolish notions as to chivalry and defer-ence, and all that. Business is business, and golitical economy and the survival of the fit-test.—Bessie Bramble, in Pittsburg Dispatch. DRUGS AND CHEMICALS .- Trade in these lines