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"Oh, yes, but someone says: 'You are for the protection and development of New England, but not for Pennsylvania and West Virginia.' I am for their protection when they need it, not otherwise.

"Our trade with Canada is greater than that of all the other countries of the Western Hemisphere combined. Canada, therefore, is the one above all others with whom we should seek to carry out friendly and reciprocal relations of trade.

"I tell you, if we Republicans do not take the matter in hand and adjust our tariff to prevent inequalities and abuses, we shall not have the opportunity. The people will take the chance from us and give it to a free trader, as they did when Cleveland was elected." Part of this published platform reads as follows:

"I stand for immediate tariff revision along such lines as will give New England industries fair play and every man a fair chance to earn a living.

"I stand for reciprocity with Canada, our best foreign customer, per capita, and Cuba, our ward, and for such reciprocal treaties with other countries as will build up our home industries and increase our commerce."

Commercial

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Oct. 14th, 1902.

Ashes.—English advices report little enquiry in Great Britain, and on spot there is nothing doing of consequence, with receipts very light. Quotations are more or less nominal at \$4.40 for No. 1 pots; seconds, \$3.65 to \$3.70, and pearls, \$6.25 to \$6.50.

Cements and Firebricks.—Some recent receipts have partly relieved the comparative scarcity of cement, and there is fair activity in the despatch of fall orders, with firmness in quotations.

Dairy Products.—The cheese market rules very firm, and there are those who claim the statistical position is a very strong one. Best Ontarios are quoted on spot at 11½ to 11¾c., and finest Townships at 11 to 11¼c., with undergrades ranging down to 10¾c. Butter remains just about at the level of a week ago, without any special activity in the movement. Fancy Townships' creamery is quoted at 20¼ to 20½c.; fine ditto, 19½ to 20¼c.; dairy, 14 to 16c. Exports last week were fairly liberal, being 77,188 boxes of cheese, or 40,526 more than same week last year, and 19,066 packages of butter, being 11,230 packages more than for same week of 1901.

Dry Goods.—Bright, cool weather at the moment of writing is favorable to the city retail trade, and the shoppers are out in goodly numbers. Wholesalers continue to report good sorting busi-

ness, with a considerable proportion of orders being also booked for prints and other spring lines. Payments keep up well, and failures are singularly few. The general firmness in values is unimpaired, and there are some who profess to look for an advance in some lines of domestic cottons.

Groceries.—The movement in this line is described as of a brisk seasonable character and likely to continue for some time. The demand for sugars from jobbers is not as active as during September, owing to the peculiar condition of the market, but the two local refineries are still very busy with deliveries of orders on hand. New York prices on refined are still low for the reasons mentioned in last report, but raw beet continues to advance, being cabled three farthings up on Tuesday, making the present quotations for November delivery seven shillings and a penny half-penny. Molasses is rather firmer at 24½ to 25c. for Barbadoes, with some low grade New Orleans selling at 22½ to 23c. The "Escalona" was delayed in the river,

and only reached port on Sunday, so that jobbers have hardly yet received their shipments of new Valencias and currants by her, but the quality is said to show up well; fine off-stalk Valencias are quoted in a jobbing way at 7c., fine selected, 8 to 8½c.; fine Filiatra currants, 4¼c. Sultana raisins are again cabled somewhat firmer. Some new California prunes are to hand, finding ready sale. New packed tomatoes are not up to the standard of last year, and are quoted at \$1.10, while old are held at \$1.40 or over; corn firmer at 85c.; gallon apples, \$2; and evaporated ditto, 7½c.

Metals and Hardware.—There is a good volume of business doing in these lines, but business is much hampered by the backwardness of manufacturers, and the patience of wholesalers is sorely tried in endeavoring to explain to irate customers the difficulty in filling their orders for bar iron, bolts, nuts, saws, tools, builders' hardware, and many other lines. The types made us quote galvanized Canada plates last week at \$2.25 for fifty-twos, and \$2.45 for sixties,

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