

## Commercial

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal 7th Feb., 1900.

**ASHES.**—There is comparatively light enquiry, and few transactions, but owing to the very limited receipts, values are noticeably firmer, and good tars of first quality pots would realize \$4.60 to \$4.70; seconds, \$4.25 to \$4.35. In pearls, there has been nothing doing of late, and a nominal quotation would be about \$5.25 per cental.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—There has been a further stiffening of butter values, and the general quotation for creamery is now 21 to 23c., with 24c. asked for small jobbing lots of fancy. Dairy rolls are scarce at 21c. for choice, and tub butter is still more scarce, so much so that exported stock is actually being brought back from Liverpool, and can be sold at a profit, after paying freight both ways. Cheese is about steady at last quotations, with a fair, steady movement reported.

**DRY GOODS.**—Wholesalers report a good movement, and apart from a run of failures in the Quebec retail trade, noted in our summary columns, the situation is regarded as a healthy one. The Montreal Cotton Co. has this week notified the trade of advances in foulards of about 5 per cent., some lines of their sateens and linenettes have also been advanced a quarter of a cent a yard. The Excelsior Woolen Mills have also made an advance in their makes of costume cloths.

**FURS.**—Fair receipts are reported of assorted lots of raw furs, and we quote revised prices for prime skins, as follows: Mink, dark, \$2 to \$2.50; pale, ditto, \$1 to \$1.50; marten, dark, \$5 to \$10; large pale ditto, \$3 to \$3.50; small pale, \$2 to \$2.50; fisher, \$4 to \$7; lynx, \$3 to \$4.50; otter, dark, \$10 to \$13; pale, \$5 to \$7; red fox, \$3 to \$3.50; cross, ditto, \$4 to \$10; silver, \$20 to \$150; skunk, 30c. to \$1; coon, 20c. to \$1; large fall rats, 10c.; medium, 7c.; kits, 2 to 5c.; winter, rats, 11 to 14c.

## MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Jan. 30.	Feb. 6.
Wheat .....	58,913	56,381
Corn .....	20,754	20,569
Oats .....	273,514	280,921
Rye .....	13,164	12,629
Peas .....	51,772	52,793
Barley .....	28,369	28,369
Total grain .....	446,486	451,662
Oatmeal .....	253	532
Flour .....	21,970	27,906
Buckwheat .....	29,062	31,887

**GROCERIES.**—Business is reported as showing quite an improvement on last month, the general fair snowfall having improved trade conditions in the country. As regards values, little change is to be noted. Sugars are steady at late advance, but refiners do not report any special briskness of demand from jobbers. Molasses is held very steadily, and reports from the island, where the market will shortly open for new crop, indicate that opening prices are expected to range at from 16 to 17c., first cost, as against 12c. last year. For teas there is a somewhat improved enquiry, and some fair-sized parcels are reported as changing hands since last report. Spices are showing much firmness, with some advance in pepper and cloves.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—The decline in price of hides, anticipated last week, has gone into effect, dealers now buying on the basis of 9c. per lb. for No. 1, green, and quote 9½ to 10c. to tanners, for cured; they would not accept these figures for December and January hides in store,

which are much superior in quality to those now coming in. Lambskins are advanced to \$1.10 each; calfskins bring 11 and 9c. per lb., for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. Tallow is firm at about 5c. per lb. for rendered; rough, 1½ to 2c. per pound.

**LEATHER.**—An absence of new transactions of any importance is still reported, but fair deliveries are being made upon old contracts, and most of the big sole leather firms are said to have English orders ahead for several months. Western tanners write their local agents in stiff terms, and report they are having to pay higher prices for tan bark. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24½ to 25½c.; No. 3, B.A., 23½ to 24c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28 to 29c.; No. 2, ditto, 25 to 27c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec ditto, 18 to 20c.; 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 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 12½ to 14c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12½ to 14c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—Increasing activity is reported in these lines. Ingot tin keeps moving up again, late cable quotations figuring at £131 2s. 6d., quite a notable gain, and local prices have been advanced a little; lead and copper are a little easier. Tin and all other kinds of plates are very firm. Pig iron shows no sign locally of easing off; a leading representative of the Hamilton furnace was in town this week, and quoted \$24 for No. 1, at the furnace, equal to \$26.25, net 30 days, here, and would not undertake making large contracts. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$28 to \$29; Carnbroe, \$26; Calder, \$28; Hamilton, No. 1, \$30.00 to \$30.00; No. 2, do., \$30.00 to \$30.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$30; machinery scrap, \$19 to \$20; common ditto, \$30 to \$30; bar iron, Canadian, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, 52 sheets to the box, \$3.10 to \$3.15; 60 sheets, \$3.20; 75 sheets, \$3.25; all polished Canadas, \$3.45 Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.25 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$8.50; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$3 to \$3.15; No. 26, \$3.05 to \$3.10; No. 24, \$2.95; No. 16, and heavier, \$3; tin plates; Charcoal, I.C. Alloway, \$4.80 to \$5; do., I.X., \$5.25 to \$5.50; P.D., Crown, I.C., \$5.50 to \$5.75; do., I.X., \$4.75; coke, I.C., \$4.40 to \$4.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, Queen's Head, \$4.75; No. 26, \$4.25 to \$4.50; No. 24, \$2 in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, ¾-inch, and upwards, \$3.15; ½-inch, \$3.25; tank steel, \$2.90; ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, \$3; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.95; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 9½c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$4.50 to \$4.60; sheet, \$4.75 to \$5; shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast-steel, 11 to 12c.; toe calk, \$3.40 to \$3.50; spring, \$3.50; sleigh shoe, \$2.80 to \$2.85; tire, \$2.85; round machinery steel, \$3.57, as to finish; ingot tin, 32½ to 33c. for L. & F.; Straits, 31½ to 32c.; bar tin, 35c.; ingot copper, 17 to 17½c.; sheet-zinc, \$7 to \$7.50; Silesian spelter, \$5.40; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.50; American spelter, \$5.40 to \$5.50; antimony, 10½ to 11c.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Business keeps good. The advances noted last week in paints, varnishes, and turpentine, are confirmed, and this week linseed oil is put up two cents a gallon, making the

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