

Commercial

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 4, 1901.

Ashes.—No change of any kind is reported in the market. There have been one or two recent English enquiries for pearls, but no business seems to have developed, and in pots there is very little doing. We quote: First pots, \$4.25 to \$4.30; seconds, about \$3.75; pearls, \$6.50 to \$6.75 per cental.

Cements and Firebricks.—Receipts have been small for the week ending to-day, being only 1,500 brls. of German and Belgian cement, 100 brls. of English, and 17,100 firebricks. A moderate aggregate of business, in small lots, is reported at steady prices. We quote: Belgian cement, \$1.70 to \$1.95; German, \$2.30 to \$2.50; English, \$2.25 to \$2.35; American, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Canadian, Beaver brand, \$1.90; Star, \$2.20; Silicas, \$2.10; firebricks, \$16 to \$22.

Dairy Products.—Cheese values continue to show a tendency to weakness, though no special decline is noted since last report. quotations ranging from 9c. for ordinary Quebecs to 9¾c. for choice Westerns. The exports for last week were 65,760 boxes, being about 3,000 boxes more than the corresponding week of 1900, but the total shipments for the season thus far are 337,000 boxes behind this date a year ago. Choicest creamery butter is fairly firm at 20½ to 20¾c.; seconds, 18½ to 19½c.; dairy, 16 to 16½c. Shipments last week were fairly large, aggregating 19,929 packages, as against 5,147 boxes the same week last year.

Dry Goods.—The millinery openings this week have been well attended, the number of visiting buyers being reported quite as large as a year ago, and the volume of orders placed quite satisfactory. A goodly amount of money has also been received, a considerable proportion of millinery bills coming due to-day. In the dry goods line this is a fairly heavy day, and wholesalers say that as far as can be judged from returns up to this afternoon the percentage of paper met will be a very fair one. Travellers are home in a good many cases to meet visiting buyers, of whom there have been quite a few from far distant points. With the opening of the schools, etc., city retail trade is showing some improvement.

Groceries.—Refiners report a notable improvement in the demand for sugars during the last few days, a number of very fair orders being booked from jobbers. Prices have not undergone any change during the past fortnight, granulated being quoted at \$4.40, and yellows from \$3.65 upwards. Molasses is a little firmer, 29c. being the price for either single puncheons or car-lots. There is rather an improved demand for Japan teas, more particularly from Western jobbers. The bulk of second crop teas are now forward, and third crop is shortly due, and are expected to quote at about 13c. Low grade ceylons are rather firmer in London. A cable received to-day says the "Escalona" is expected to leave Patras on the 7th, and will complete her lading at Denia. The

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