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have been in fair demand. Sheep and lambs are firm, though receipts have been quite heavy. Hog prices are still fairly firm.

Wool.—With little business doing, values continue very firm at about the same quotations as reported last week.

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### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 23rd November, 1904.

Ashes.—No. 1 pots still bring \$6.10, and seconds about \$5.60, but the market

will likely decline after the last ocean steamers leave this week. At the moment there is quite a little spurt to get together as much stock as possible for immediate despatch. A small transaction is reported in pearls, the first for some months, the price realized to maker being \$7.50, less commission.

Cements and Firebricks.—A fair aggregate of moderate orders is reported in cements, prices of which are likely to be subject to some revision, now that the close of ocean navigation is at hand. We quote English and American cement at \$1.95 to \$2.15; Belgian, \$1.75 to \$2.10. Firebricks, \$18 to \$23 per thousand.

Dairy Products.—Cheese shipments last week were fairly large, aggregating 84,386 boxes, but these figures were 12,282 boxes short of the exports for the same week of 1903. The shipments of butter were light, being only 3,364 packages. Last ocean going vessels leave this week, taking out closing direct consignments for this season. The movement in cheese continues a restricted one, holders and buyers in England being still far apart, and the moderate business passing is almost altogether in undergrades. Finest Westerns are held at 10¼ to 10½c.; Townships, 10¼ to 10½c.; Quebecs, 10 to 10½c., and ordinary French country goods, 9½ to 10c. For fine creamery butter there is a good local demand, and some fair amount of export trade. We quote finest creamery, 20 to 20½c.; medium to good, 19 to 19½c.; dairy, 15½ to 16c. per pound.

Dry Goods.—From all over the Dominion, even from the North-West, reports indicate unusually mild weather, while earlier than this last year winter had a firm grip of the country. As a consequence, retail stocks are moving off

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rather slowly. It is gratifying to be able to report, however, that remittances are being generally well sustained, and that failures of traders are comparatively few. As the result of the higher prices at the London raw wool sales, which opened on Tuesday, cables have been received from Bradford, intimating that an advance in dress goods, etc., would likely go into effect at any moment.

Furs.—Business in raw furs has not as yet assumed any active phase, nor is likely to do so until there be a fair snow-fall. Dealers have not as yet issued new prices, and the only receipts consist of a few small lots of coon, skunk, rats, etc., mostly in prime, in quality, which shippers have difficulty in realizing on.

Groceries.—Immediately after wiring a week ago a further advance in refined sugars was announced of 10c. a cental, bringing granulated in bbls. up to \$5.20, with the lowest figure for yellows now \$4.60, and the market has since remained firm at these figures, with no apparent signs of any easing off. There has not been the sympathetic advance in molasses that some observers seemed to expect, and Barbados is quoted in fair lots between houses at about 26½ to 27c., with the jobbing figure for single puncheons at 29c. In teas there is a continued dullness, which is hard to account for. In other lines of groceries there is nothing new. The trade movement is still a very fair one.

Hides.—A well maintained demand from tanners exists, which fairly absorbs offerings of beef hides, and values are steady at 9c. per lb. for No. 1, with the usual advance to tanners. The quotation for lambskins remains at 95c. each.

Metals and Hardware.—Business in general hardware is fairly brisk, but there is some falling off apparent in the demand for heavy metals. The principal feature of interest is the continued strong upward movement in the general metal market. Antimony has advanced almost 2c. a lb. during the past week or so, with the cable quotations now standing at £39 a ton, and the local market has been almost cleared out of stock in the anxiety of consumers to get in supplies; in a jobbing way from 9¼ to 9½c. is now asked. For copper from 15¾ to 16c. is now asked, and a pronounced revision of quotations for all lines of brass goods is looked for shortly. Spelter is very firm at \$6.25 to \$6.50 per hun-

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