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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 18th April, 1900.

Ashes.—The market continues a Stocks are said to be pretty full in one. England, and no special activity of demand is looked for from that quarter this spring. Pearls are particularly easy here, and it is claimed that under \$5 would buy a car lot. First pots are quoted at \$4.65 to \$4.75; seconds, relatively lower \$4.15 to \$4.25 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS .mand for cements is not as brisk as might be expected; firebricks are moving in fair lots, and prices are steadily held at quotations. European manufacheld at quotations. turers of cement remain very firm in their quotations. We quote Belgian cement, \$2.10 to \$2.20; English, \$2.45 to \$2.60; German, \$2.60 to \$2.80; for delivery, exwharf, on opening of navigation quotations are from 15 to 20c. a barrel lower. Firebricks are quoted at from \$18 to \$25, as to brand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Exports of cheese last week were 15,516 boxes, making a total since close of navigation of 442,534 boxes, as against 514,176 boxes for the same period a twelvemonth ago. English cables this morning report a weaker market but local quotations for new cheese continue at 10½ to 11c. Butter values have gone off since a week ago, 191/2c. being now the limit for fine creamery; dairy makes, 14 to 16c. per pound.

DRY GOODS.—Easter ushered in a spell of more spring-like balmy weather, which dry goods retailers would have gladly hailed a fortnight ago. An overcoat is now becoming an encumbrance, and businow becoming an electrication, and but mess is feeling the benefit of the change; sorting orders are coming in more briskly, and some fair buying by visiting buyers from outside points is reported. Regarding collections no special complete the processing the pr plaint can be reasonably made. Since last writing, the Dominion Cotton Co. has advised an advance of from 5 to 7½ per cent. in cheese and butter cloths and interlinings.

Furs.—Receipts are small at present, probably due to the break up of roads in the interior. We quote, for prime skins: \$2.50; dark, \$2 to 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 \$5: otter, dark, \$10 to \$13; pale, \$5 to \$7; red fox, \$3 to \$4; cross ditto, \$4 to \$10; silver, \$20 to \$150; skunk, 30c. to \$1; coon, 20c. to \$1; large fall rats, 10c.; medium, 70; life 3 to 50; winter, rats medium, 7c.; kits, 2 to 5c.; winter rats, II to I4c.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

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	April 10.	April 17.
Wheat	51,379	51,879
Corn	14,541	12,707
Oats		689,936
Rye		17,945
Peas		120,150
Barley		38,118
Total grain	. 858,420	930,735
Oatmeal	. 425	502
Flour	. 28,434	30,623
Flour	45,806	51,283

GROCERIES. - Travellers are moving more freely, and business shows improvement. Just after writing last week, the local sugar refiners advanced granulated sc. a cental, and yellows 10c., making granulated at the factory now \$4.50, and yellows \$3.75 to \$4.30. The market for raws is reported strong, further stiffening being reported since above advance, and any revision of prices in New York will, no doubt, be promptly followed up here.

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