

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, January 9 h. 1901.

**ASHES.**—The situation is just as described a week ago, there being little or no present demand, but the extreme lightness of supply keeps values fairly steady at about \$5.10 for first pots; \$4.70 for seconds, and \$6.50 for pearls.

**CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.**—Trade is dull and very little is doing. Indications point to a dull month, but prices are steady, as below: We quote: Belgian cement, \$2 to \$2.20; English, \$2.40 to \$2.50; German, \$2.55 to \$2.65; firebricks, \$18 to \$26 per thousand.

**DRY GOODS.**—Four representative houses consulted with regard to 4th January payments, express themselves satisfied therewith, from 60 to 65 per cent. being the generally estimated proportion of paper met. Travellers are again on the wing, with some fair proportion of orders already reported, and the shipping out of spring goods is becoming general. Values generally are very steady. A leading Scotch authority regarding linen goods, writes with reference to these goods as follows: "We are certain to see a period of high prices. Yarns and flax are higher to-day than the extreme limit they have reached hitherto, and from the undoubted scarcity of the latter article, we can only expect higher prices still. We are of the opinion that buyers who take the earliest opportunity of making their purchases will be best served."

**FURS.**—It is more evident than ever that considerable holdings of raw furs are being held back in the country, but all authorities agree in the belief that lower prices are certain to prevail at the London sales' opening on the 21st inst. Advices to hand point to the probability that Russia, usually the largest consumer of American furs, will be a comparatively light buyer, while indications from Germany are not wholly favorable, and it is considered that country collectors are pursuing a policy which will only result in loss to themselves. The offerings at the Lampson sale will be as follows: 85,000 coon, one million rats, 165,000 skunk, 150,000 mink, 23,000 red fox, 120 cross fox, 150 silver fox, 550 blue fox, 6,200 grey fox, 2,000 white fox. We quote: Mink, dark, \$1.25 to \$2.25; ditto, pale, 75c. to \$1.50; marten, large, \$3 to \$3.50; ditto, small, \$2.50 to \$3; fisher, \$4.50 to \$6.50; pale, ditto, \$4 to \$5.50; lynx, \$1.50 to \$3.50; otter, dark, \$10 to \$14; pale, ditto, \$5 to \$7; red fox, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; small, \$1.50; cross fox, \$5 to \$9; skunk, 20c., 40c., 50c., and 75c.; coon, 20c., 30c., 40c., 50c., and 75c.; large fall rats, 8 to 10c.; medium, 5 to 7c.; kits, 2 to 5c.

**GROCERIES.**—Stock-taking is occupying the attention of the wholesale trade, more or less, and business is not specially brisk. Sugars have recovered 10c. a cental in New York, since last report, with some show of further upward movement, but local refiners, who report a good fair demand, have made no change as yet, and quote standard granulated at \$4.75; yellows from \$4.05 to \$4.65. Teas remain dull. In blacks there is an easy feeling, with Ceylon notably cheap, but Japans continue very firmly held. Canned goods are dull at the moment, but retailers' stocks are said to be generally small, and improved demand is looked for shortly. Gallon apples are easy at \$2 as the association price, but evaporated apples are firmer, and 6c. is quoted in a jobbing way.

**HIDES.**—Beef hides are again off half a cent, dealers now buying No. 1 beef hides at 7½c. Calfskins are beginning to come in a little more freely, and are bought at 8 and 6c. for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. Lambskins, 90c.

**LEATHER.**—The boot and shoe factories generally started up in full operation Monday, and some improvement is reported in the demand for sole leather and dongolas. In the former line some fair-sized sales are reported to manufacturers, reaching to 1,000 sides, and business with jobbers is also reported better. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24½ to 25½c.; No. 2, B.A., 23 to 24c.; No. 3, B.A., 22c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 24c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 27c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 29 to 30c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 18 to 21c.; Quebec, ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 26c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored sheepskins, 6½ to 7½c.; black, ditto, 6 to 6½c.; black Indias, 7 to 8c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11 to 13c.; glove-grain, 11½ to 13c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—Hardware travellers have hardly got fairly to work yet, and business in this line is comparatively quiet, but in heavy metals there is a little more doing. In pig iron, the market shows a little easier tone, and some authorities profess to look for an era of keen competition between Canadian producers. Bars are steady, iron pipe easy at \$4.30 for inch. The English market for plates is easier, but local quotations are unchanged. Ingot tin, lead and copper steady at quotations; antimony a little easier. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$25; Hamilton, No. 1, \$19 to \$20.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$19 to \$20.00; Midland, \$19 to \$20.00; machinery scrap, \$18.00; common ditto, \$13.00 to \$14.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Hoops, \$1.95; bands, \$3.10; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, fifty-two sheets to the box, \$2.80 to \$2.90; 60 sheets, \$2.95; 75 sheets, \$3; all polished Canadas, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.60 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$8.35; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.85 to 2.90; No. 26, \$2.85 No. 24, \$2.80; I.C., cokes, \$4.10 to \$4.20; charcoal, do., \$4.60; I.X., cokes, \$5; do., charcoal, \$5.35; galvanized sheets, No. 28, Queen's Head, \$4.60; No. 26, \$4.40; No. 24, \$4.25, in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½ to 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, one-quarter inch, \$2.10; tank steel, \$2.10 for ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, \$2.20; heads, seven-sixteenths, and upwards, \$2.50; Russian sheet iron 10 to 10½c. lead, per 100 pounds, \$4.30 to \$4.40; sheet, \$4.75 to \$5.00; best cast-steel, 8c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$3.10; sleigh shoe, \$2.00; tire, \$2.10; round machinery steel, \$3.25; ingot tin, 31½c. for L. & F.; Straits, 30½c.; bar tin, 33c.; ingot copper, 17¼ to 18c.; sheet-zinc, 6c.; Silesian spelter, \$4.85 to \$5.00; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.25;

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