

—There is a man in New York who makes it a part of his business to repair shirts, and in these hard times he finds plenty to do. Shirts of very respectable folks come to him to be cured of their ills, and go forth looking like new garments. If a man of fashion be not content, like ordinary mortals, to buy his shirts at \$1, \$2 or \$3 each, but must pay \$60 per dozen, when hard times overtake him and duns pour in, his only recourse is the shirt repairer.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Sept. 5, 1894.

Last Saturday was a "dies non" on the Montreal stock market, as was also Monday of the current week, being Labor Day, but apart from this the market has been a very dull one, with few noteworthy transactions of late. The only stock receiving any attention at present is street railway, which has been selling at 154 for old, and 149½ for new stock; a little has been done in Richelieu at 82½. Banks are neglected, the only recent transactions being a few small lots of Montreal at 220½ to 221. Money continues plentiful and easy at the banks, the general quotation being 4½ for call money, but some round loans have been done at 4 per cent.

ASHES.—Receipts continue very light. There were in store at the end of August only 98 brls. of pots, and 9 of pearls at this port, and receipts since are only 8 brls. pots and 8 brls. pearls. Values show a further stiffening tendency, and first quality pots are now quoted at \$4.15 to 4.20; seconds, \$3.75 to 3.80; pearls are also very much stronger; a recent sale of a lot of poor tares was made at about \$7, and we now quote \$7 to 7.50.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Freights are somewhat higher, but local prices are hard to advance, though there has been a large consumption and supplies come out slowly, making present supplies somewhat scant. Sales of Belgian cement have been made at from \$1.80

to 1.85; English, \$1.85 to 2.00. Firebricks are quoted at from \$14.50 for common to \$19 for Glenboig.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—In butter there is only a moderate amount of trading, and the export movement is very light, shipments last week being only 956 pkgs. We quote creamery 18½ to 19c.; Townships dairy, 16 to 17c.; Western, 14 to 15½c. per lb. In cheese the advance noted last week has been more than maintained, and finest Western colored is now quoted at 10½ to 10¾c., finest white 10½ to 10¾c., finest Quebec 10¾c. The shipments last week from this port were 69,090 boxes, as against 46,513 for the corresponding period of last year. Eggs are steady at 10½ to 11c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—The millinery openings this week have been exceedingly well attended, and millinery importers express themselves as well satisfied with results so far, but there has not been the influx of dry goods buyers expected this week. Quite a number of Montreal commercial travellers are attending the different fairs at other towns or cities, and are booking some pretty good orders thereat. City retail trade is quiet as yet. A letter just received from one of the first wholesale buyers to reach

England, reports a notable firmness in Bradford dress goods.

GROCERIES.—The numerous country fairs are interfering somewhat with travellers' operations in the country districts, and orders show some falling off from what they have been lately. With regard to values there is little new to note. Japan teas are fully as firm as last reported, if not firmer. Further cables confirm a strong advance in Japan, which may be accepted as a full two cents, though some claim considerably more. There is doubtless a shortage in the crop, as compared with last year, which was an off year, variously estimated at from 3 million to 7 million pounds, so that the market has grounds for firmness quite apart from war troubles. Several local agents of Japan houses are reported as entirely sold out of stock, and there is still an active demand from jobbers. Sugars remain exactly as last quoted, with a good steady distribution. Molasses is firmer, first hands quoting 27½c. per gal. for Barbadoes in lots ex store, there being no further supplies available from wharf; jobbing prices 29c. in car lots; 30c. the single puncheon. There is still a lack of interest in canned vegetables; jobbers do not seem inclined to buy ahead as heretofore, and the impression

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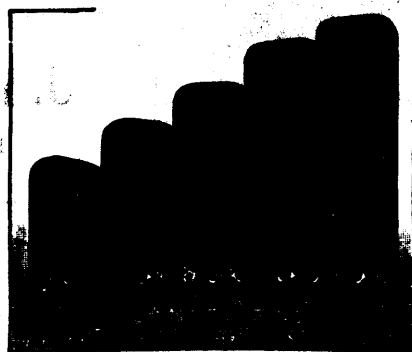


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