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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Sept. 12th, 1900.

ASHES.—The market is fairly steady at the enhanced values noted last week, and offerings are very light. We quote \$5.05 to \$5.15 for first pots; seconds, \$4.65 to \$4.70; pearls, \$6 to \$6.25.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Some travellers are already out on the road with spring shoe samples and report a moderately active feeling among retailers, whose stocks however, are pretty large, as a rule.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Receipts last week were 3,800 barrels of Belgian and German cement, and 62,000 firebricks; for the week ending to-day, 8,855 barrels of Belgian and German cement; 1,500 barrels of English cement, and 53,000 bricks. Business is quiet at the moment, no large transactions being reported, but prices continue steady. We quote: Belgian, \$1.90 to \$2.10; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.55; firebricks, \$18 to \$24 per thousand. Receipts of firebricks, 54,750.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The cheese market is stronger by from one-quarter to a half a cent than a week ago, and the Liverpool cable to-day is sixpence stronger. We quote fine Westerns, 11½ to 11¾c.; Townships, 11¾ to 11½c.; Quebec, about 11¼c. The export shipments show an increase of 22,000 boxes. Butter shipments picked up somewhat last week, 16,135 packages being exported, but these figures fall much short of the same week last year, when some 45,000 packages were shipped. At the moment the market is dull, and values easier than a week ago by about three-quarters of a cent.

DRY GOODS.—City retail business is somewhat affected by unfavorable weather, but travellers in the country are sending in a very fair proportion of business. Remittances are reported fair to good; some of the larger clothing houses, who have considerable amounts of customers' paper coming due on the 4th October, report that they are already in receipt of quite a few letters from Manitoba and the North-West, which state that more or less indulgence will be required in the matter of obligations maturing on the above date. The rise in cotton textiles is a feature of the week, several of the mills having withdrawn quotations.

GROCERIES.—New Valencia raisins are to hand in moderate quantity, via Liverpool, and are being jobbed at 8c. for fine off-stalk. Quotations for California loose muscatels are not yet reported. Currants have made further strong advance since last week, and are now cabled at 42s. for fine Filiatras; it is said no old stock is at present available, and the high figures, reported as paid on spot last week, would be gladly repeated were the stock to be had. Some old Sultanas are procurable at 11c. for fairly bright goods. The sugar market is steady at last week's slight advance, the factory quotation for granulated being \$5.25; yellows from \$4.50 up. In other lines of grocery goods there is nothing specially new reported.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The advances of last week are maintained at date, as well as the rather improved demand for beef hides, fair business being reported with Quebec, and some little export to the United States. We quote dealers as paying 8c. per lb. for No. 1 beef hides; 8c. and 6c. for calfskins, and 60c. each for lambskins. Sales of rendered tallow are reported at about 5½c. per lb.

LEATHER.—Business is still quiet as regards local demand; a steady export movement is reported in sole. Values tend, if anything, to easiness. Following

are quotations: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24½ to 25½c.; No. 2, B.A., 23 to 24c.; No. 3, B.A., 22 to 23c.; 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 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; 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.—Pig iron is dull, and values easier. It is reported that American iron has been offered at about \$20, laid down. The Hamilton furnace is at present out of blast, but will be blown in again next month, and orders are being solicited at \$21. The Scotch market remains pretty firm, and from \$24 to \$25 is still being quoted for Summerlee, which is the only brand of Scotch iron in the market. Bars are easy at the late decline, and it is said some car lots have been offered in an irregular way at as low as \$1.72½. Iron pipe is also easier at \$4.50 for one-inch. Ingot tin is lower; lead and copper fairly steady. Spelter rules, it is said, somewhat easy. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$24 to \$25.00; Carnbroe, \$30.00; Calder, \$30.00; Hamilton, No. 1, \$21 to \$22; No. 2, ditto, \$23; Ferrona, No. 1, \$21 to \$22; Midland, \$22 to \$23; machinery scrap, \$17 to \$18; common, ditto, \$13 to \$14; bar iron, Canadian,

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