

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, October 1st, 1902.

Ashes.—There is really nothing doing on spot, and English advices are as dull as ever. There is little stock in store here, but quotations are easy at about \$4.40 for first quality pots, \$3.65 for seconds, and \$6.25 for pearls.

Cements and Firebricks.—A moderate aggregate of fair orders is reported, but there is a continued absence of any large transactions. Prices are steady. Receipts last week were 30,200 firebricks, 1,625 brls. of Belgian and German cement, and 1,350 brls. of English cement.

Dairy Products.—In the local cheese market there has been a further development of strength, and English cables show advanced quotations. Dealers are disposed to ask as high as 11c. for fine Westerns, while fine townships are quoted at 10½ to 10¾c., and fine Quebecs at 10¾ to 10½c. For butter the demand is barely so active as a week ago, but prices are steady to firm at about 20¾ to 21c. for fancy townships; fine creamery 20 to 20½c.; undergrades, 18½ to 20c.; dairy, 15 to 16c. Exports of cheese last week were 102,452 boxes, or 2,424 more than for same week of 1901, and of butter 35,210 pkgs., or 4,453 more than for same week of previous year.

Dry Goods.—Wholesalers report good sorting business, and have little complaint to make with regard to collections, while there has been an entire absence of any noteworthy failures for several weeks past. City retailers are also reported as doing fairly well. In all markets there is an evident tone of strength. Manufacturers of domestic cottons are firm in their quotations, and letters from buyers abroad report that prices in all lines are higher than this time a year ago.

Groceries.—At last a change, though a slight one, has taken place in sugars, local refiners having advanced all grades 5c. on Tuesday. This is due to general firmness abroad, raw beet being quoted higher for October and November delivery, and the New York market is also stronger. The local demand is good, and present factory prices are \$3.70 for standard granulated and \$3.05 to \$3.50 for yellows. Molasses is easy at 23 to 24c. for Barbados. In teas there is comparatively little doing, buyers apparently only placing orders as really compelled to do so, despite the improbability of any easing up in values. For ordinary good medium Japans from 18 to 20c. is demanded, and importations have been rarely so light. The new Ceylon greens are being brought quite prominently into notice, and quotations in London are up from a halfpenny to three farthings. The "Escalona," the first direct Mediterranean boat, is due here about the 10th inst., having left Denia on the 13th ult., and the "Bellona" was expected to leave Patras on the 24th ult., the last orders for here being placed at 11s. 6d. for fine Filiatras. The market for Valencia raisins continues very firm. Loose 3 crown Malagas are cabled at 11s. 9d. per box; California loose Muscatels are quoted at 4, 4½ and 5c. for 2, 3 and 4

crown, first cost. Comadre figs are firmer, sterling cost being now equal to about \$1 per tap net on wharf here. The Smyrna crop of figs seems quite short, only 16,800 camel loads being reported up to the 6th ult., as against 31,800 at same date last year.

Hides.—In calfskins there has been a decline, and in lambskins an advance, the latter being this week put up to 60c. each, while the former are now 10c. per lb. for No. 1, and 8c. for No. 2. Beef hides are quoted at unchanged figures.

Leather.—While no special activity is shown in the demand a fair business is reported. Prices rule steady, and stocks of black leather among Quebec tanners are said to be quite light; dongolas and other fancy lines are very firm. For manufacturers' sole the general quotation continues at 23½ to 24c., and slaughter sole at 27c. Quebec splits are if anything firmer at 15 to 17c., and best Western at 20 to 21c.

Metals and Hardware.—A well sustained movement is reported in these lines, and great firmness prevails in quotations of iron and all its products. The

annual session of the rolling mill and nail men, and other metal manufactures, is now in progress at the Windsor Hotel in this city, but the results of their deliberations has not yet been made public. The scarcity of domestic pig iron is still pronounced, and \$21.50 is being asked at the furnace. Some fair lots of Carnbroe are arriving, for which \$21 is quoted, net 30 days, off the dock. Domestic bars are still hard to get and firm at \$1.95; Swedish bars, \$4.10. Terne plates are easier at \$7.25, there being slack demand for them and fair supplies; a sale of a round lot is reported at \$7. Canadas, \$2.60 for 52 sheets is the general quotation, though a round lot could probably be done at \$2.50; sixties are more plentiful, and are quoted at \$2.65 to \$2.70. Ingot tin is easier at 29 to 30c.; copper, 12¾c.; lead, \$3.05; spelter, \$5.10. Iron pipe is firm at \$4.81 for inch.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—A fair degree of activity of demand is reported in these lines. There are no indications of the lead-grinders getting together again in the matter of prices, and these goods con-

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