

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Nov. 11, 1903.

Ashes.—Business continues of a limited character. Some few small lots of pots have come to hand of late, and as the likelihood of any active British enquiry is now rather remote, owing to the advanced season, quotations are a little easier at \$5.85 to \$5.90 for first quality of pots. In pearls there has been no recent business, and a quotation of \$6 to \$6.25 is entirely normal.

Cements and Firebricks.—Receipts for week ending to-day are 3,050 bbls. of Belgian cement and 191,000 firebricks. We quote: Belgian cement, \$1.70 to \$1.95; English, \$2.05 to \$2.15; German, \$2.05 to \$2.25. Firebricks, \$16 to \$22.

Dairy Products.—Cheese exports last week were figured at 65,778 boxes, as against 106,372 boxes for the same week in 1902, but the total aggregate for the season to date is still much ahead of last year's figures, being as 2,240,612 is to 1,951,932. Butter shipments are just moderate, last week's figures being 13,412 packages, as compared with 20,814 packages for the corresponding week of last year. The cheese market has shown decline since last writing, and the prices of to-day show a difference of nearly 2c. a lb. from the quotations of several weeks ago. English buyers now seem more disposed to trade, and quotations are fairly steady at 10½ to 10¾c. for finest Westerns; Townships, 10¼ to 10½c., and Quebecs at 10 to 10¼c. Butter is slightly firmer under lesser receipts and fair demand. We quote fine Townships creameries at 21½ to 21¾c., and good dairy at about 16½c.

Dry Goods.—Full returns with regard to 4th November payments proved of generally gratifying character, one local house which does a business of three to four millions a year reporting that 90 per cent. of its customers' paper was provided for. Despite the remarkably fine open weather, city retailers report a good trade. With country dealers business is not so active. Travellers are now carrying pretty full lines of spring samples, and are doing well with the same. No changes in values have developed since last writing.

Fish.—There is a fair demand for pickled fish, for which quotations are as follows: New salt herrings, in barrels, \$5.50, half-barrels, \$3; No. 1 salt mackerel, in kits, \$2; No. 1 green cod, \$6; No. 2 ditto, \$5; new B.C. salmon, \$13.50; halves, \$7; dry cod, \$4.75 per cwt; boneless fish in 25-lb. boxes, 4c. per lb.; boneless cod in bricks, 6c. per lb; haddies, smoked, 7½c. per lb.; bloaters, \$1.25 to \$1.50 a box.

Groceries.—The trade report lots of goods as moving out, particularly heavy goods, by boat, and collections are satisfactory on the whole. The demand for sugars at the refineries is a very fair one, and prices remain steady at \$4.10 for standard granulated in bbls., with yellows ranging from \$3.40 upwards; bags, 5c. less. There is not the usual seasonable demand for molasses, but the goods are

not here, and this article is being displaced to some extent by corn syrups at 2¾c. per lb. by the bbl. Tea values are firm, and London advices report an advance in Ceylon blacks of a halfpenny, and of from a halfpenny to three farthings in Ceylon greens. With the arrival of the second direct fruit boat stocks in all lines are full. Prices of Val-

encias, Sultanias and currants are steady at former quotations. Of Malaga fruit importations are comparatively light; London layers are quoted at \$2; connoisseur clusters, \$2.25 to \$2.50, with finer grades ranging up to \$4. Coffees are firmer. New evaporated apples are quoted at 6 to 6¼c.; gallon apples at \$1.90.

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