

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, Oct. 23rd, 1895.

ASHES.—The market is again down a peg, and late transactions have been reported at \$4.02½ and 4 for first quality pots, so that \$4 to 4.05 would be a full quotation; second pots, \$3.75 to 3.80. Pearls are demoralized, and \$4.60 to 4.70 is given as a present quotation. Receipts have been fairly large of late, and last week's steamers took out some moderate lots. There are in store about 160 brls. pots and 80 of pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—The factories are not particularly busy at the moment. Travellers have now started out on their routes with full lines of spring samples. Payments from the country are described as not being as good as they might be.

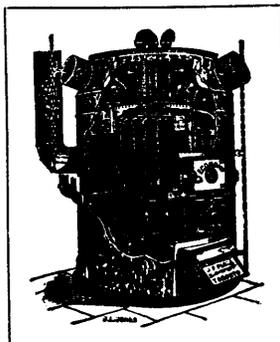
DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The improvement continues in these lines of business, and prices of cheese are from 9¼ to 9½c. per lb. for choice Western; Quebec, 9 to 9¼c. Shipments

last week were 74,017 boxes, making for the season thus far 1,325,120 boxes, being 70,825 boxes less than at the same date last year. The butter market is also much stronger, with more activity prevailing. We quote:—Choice creamery, 20 to 21c. per lb., though it is claimed 22c. has been paid in some cases; Townships dairy, 16 to 18c.; Western, 13 to 15c. Choice eggs fetch 14 to 14½c. per dozen.

GROCERIES.—The late little excitement in sugars has quieted down, but quotations are steady at 4½c. per lb. for granulated at the refinery, with 3½c. the lowest for yellows. In teas values incline to increased firmness; 13c. per lb. is now said to be the lowest figure available in Japans on spot, with but limited supplies available at that, and a Japan letter this week states that the poorest stock now available there would cost 13½c. laid down here. Cheap teas are reported scarce in the United States, and Japan dust is also in very light supply. In London, Ceylon teas are quoted higher. The fruit brought out by late Mediterranean steamer is now well distributed, and at the moment Valencia raisins and currants are both scarce on spot. The steamer "Fremona" left Cadiz, her last port of call, on the 15th inst., and is due about Monday next at Halifax, where she will discharge part of her cargo before coming to Montreal. Currants are advanced at Patras, and are cabled 1s. 3d. advanced from lowest figures. Valencias are also higher at Denia, and the low figures which some local houses have been quoting are suspended. Evaporated apples are quoted at 6c.; dried ditto, 4½c. per lb.

HIDES.—A further heavy decline has to be noted in hides this week, dealers having fixed the price for No. 1 green hides at 7c., a decline of a full cent since the revision of a week ago. They are trying to get 8½c. from tanners for cured, but few transactions are reported. Calfskins are also down a cent to 6c. per lb. Lambskins are still maintained at 25c. each.

LEATHER.—Trading is still of a limited character, and what sales are reported show concessions as a rule. A 500-side lot of mixed No. 1 and No. 2 ordinary Spanish sole is reported at as low as 19c., and 1,100 sides of slaughter at a cut figure which has not transpired. Black



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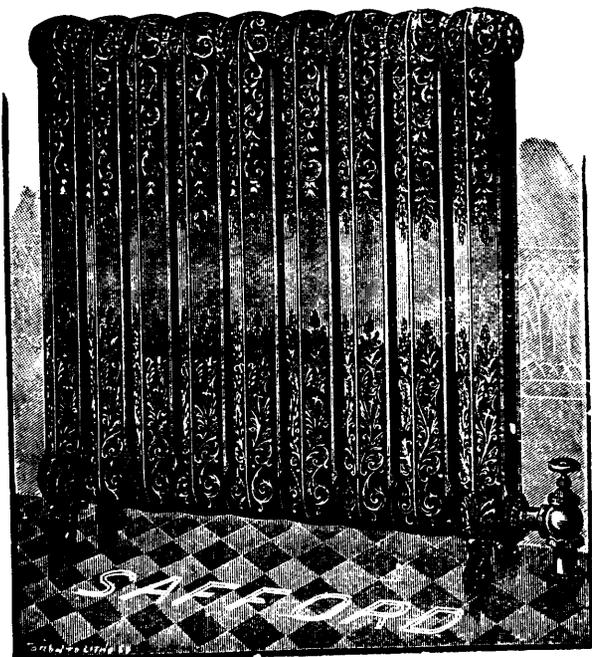
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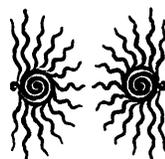
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