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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, June 18, 1902.

Ashes.—Business is very light with values tending to easiness. We quote No. 1 pots, \$4.15 to \$4.20; seconds, \$3.70; pearls nominal at about \$6.

Cements and Firebricks.—Receipts for week ending to-day are very small, including only 250 brls. of Belgian cement, and 45,000 firebricks. A moderate aggregate of business is reported in car and small lots. Prices are entirely unchanged.

Dairy Products.—Shipments of cheese last week aggregated 54,230 boxes, as against 45,846 for same period of 1901. Total shipments for the season to date amount to 244,045 boxes, being about 50,000 boxes ahead of the figures at corresponding date a year ago. Of butter there were shipped from this port last week 18,997 packages, as against 14,285 packages a year ago. The firmness in the butter market is well maintained, and from 20 to 20½c. is realized for finest creamery. Cheese is easier than a week ago, 9¾c. being about the figure for fine Westerns; townships, 9½c.; Quebecs, 9⅓ to 9½c.

Dry Goods.—Since last writing there has been no improvement in the atmospheric conditions. Monday was fairly warm, but the weather for the balance of the week has been decidedly chilly, with suggestions of frost at night, and letters from travellers and customers in a good many sections report light fabrics as moving off slowly. Singularly enough, however, general remittances show no falling off, and there is a noteworthy absence of failures, values all tend to firmness; fine woolen goods are especially strong, and there is a difficulty in repeating orders for silks at old figures.

Furs.—The usual June sales of raw furs are now in progress in London, and the offerings there are said to be much larger than usual. Cable advices to hand thus far indicate that lately enhanced values are being maintained. Marten and Mink were sold on Monday at figures well up to prices realized at the March sales, and otter at 5 to 10 per cent advance. We expect to give a full report next week.

Groceries.—Nothing very new is reported in this line. Letters now to hand from Japan fully confirm the telegraphic reports as to the strength of the market, and the shortness of the new crop. It is said that 21c. is the lowest figure at which any business can be done now, and that it is a question if any new teas will be bought this season much under 18 to 19c. China greens are firmer, and the market is reported to have opened last week some 25 to 30 per cent. higher than the closing last year. Ceylons are also cabled firmer. The jobbing and retail trade are seemingly more disposed to accept the situation, and the demand for teas is reported rather better. The sugar situation is unchanged, and in other lines no noteworthy changes are to be noted.

Hides.—The local hide and skin buy-

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