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MONTREAL MARKETS.

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ASHES.—Receipts are very light, and though the demand is not at all active, values are steady to firm at \$4.80 to \$4.90 for first quality of pots; seconds, \$4.30 to \$4.35. Pearl ashes altogether nominal.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The demand rules quiet, and no recent transactions of any consequence are reported. Receipts for week ending to-day are small, only 1,550 barrels of Belgian and German cement, and 43,000 firebricks. We quote: Belgian, \$1.00 to \$2.10; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.55; firebricks, \$18 to \$24 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The high values for butter, noted last week, are pretty steadily held, and there is good cable enquiry, though English buyers hesitate to do business at present ranges. We quote finest creamery about 20½c.; seconds, 20¼c.; dairy, 17½c. Cheese values are steady, with moderate trading; quotations are: Western, colored, 9½c.; white, 9¼c.; Townships, 9½ to 9¾c.; Quebec, 9¼ to 9½c. Exports of cheese last week were short of the same week of 1899, but were still liberal, aggregating 81,800 boxes. Shipments of butter, 6,877 packages; same week a year ago, 23,741.

DRY GOODS.—The week is without special feature. Orders, on the whole, are generally reported satisfactory; of staples there are probably not so many selling as a year ago, when business was more than ordinarily good, but sundries and novelties are selling well. Collections may be called good; some houses report some few applications for renewals on paper due August 4th, but nothing to call for special comment. The strikes at Valleyfield and Magog have been unfavorable to deliveries of domestic cottons, which are still very backward.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	July 24.	July 31.
Wheat	416,387	460,633
Corn	104,320	83,508
Oats	652,194	765,866
Rye	4,840	4,480
Peas	102,323	86,883
Barley	27,132	23,698

Total grain ..	1,307,196	1,424,968
Oatmeal	634	569
Flour	17,927	18,160
Buckwheat	11,064	5,775

GROCERIES.—July was a busy month for the grocerymen, some houses reporting their turnover larger than an average October, when there is generally a pretty good "hustle" on in this line. In values there is no slackening. The usual weekly advance in sugars is this week lacking but quotations are stiff at \$5.20 for standard granulated, and \$4.50 is the lowest in yellows. A cargo of raw cane

sugar is now discharging, the first for a year. Molasses is firm at 40 to 41c. for Barbadoes. Two moderate cargoes have arrived within the last few days, and will about complete the season's receipts. Teas keep firming up, and no desirable Japans are now available under 19c. A round lot of corn sold this week at \$1.10 and for tomatoes, in a jobbing way, 95c. is exacted.

HIDES.—The usual monthly advance in lambskins has been made, dealers now paying 40c. each. Beef hides rule very dull. Quebec tanners are not buying to any extent in this market, and are said to be drawing most of their supplies from Europe, claiming they can do better over there, and they can get ocean freight rates at comparatively little more than the railway rates from here to Quebec. Dealers still quote 8c. per lb. for No. 1

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