

—A statement recently issued gives some interesting details of the beet sugar industry in Michigan. The factories in that State have an aggregate capacity for handling 6,600 tons of beets per day, and during the year just ended 66,400 acres of beets were harvested, for which the growers received \$3,197,520. The average output of sugar per ton of beets is 210 pounds, which for the present season amounts to 125,496,000 pounds, or 62,748 tons. Its value at 4½ cents per pound is \$5,647,320. Next year there will be 17 factories in the State, and it is expected that 930,960 tons of beets will be produced and converted into sugar.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 12th, 1902.

Ashes.—The market is still a very dull one, with \$4.40 a full quotation for first quality pots; seconds, about \$4. In pearls there has been no recent trading, and there are only two barrels in store.

Cements and Firebricks.—Apart from a few moderate sales of firebricks, there is very little doing. Prices, however, rule steady, as follows: Belgian cement, \$1.90 to \$2; German, \$2.35 to \$2.50; English, \$2.30 to \$2.45; American, \$2.35 to \$2.50; Canadian, Beaver brand, \$1.90; Star, \$2.20; Silicas, \$2.10; firebricks, \$17.50 to \$23.

Dairy Products.—New business in cheese continues moderate but stock stored here on English account is moving forward quite freely. Prices are barely so firm as they were, and we quote fine Ontarios, 9½ to 10¼c.; fine Townships, 9½ to 10c.; Quebecs, 9½ to 10c. Receipts of new creamery butter continue very light, and some inroads have been made into stocks of held goods. The tone of the market is firm, and we quote finest fresh creamery, 21½ to 22c.; held creamery, 19½ to 21c.; dairy, 15 to 17½c.; rolls, 16½ to 17½c.

Dry Goods.—Further bad snow storms in the West have interfered somewhat with the movements of travellers, but business on the whole is satisfactory, and deliveries of spring stuff is well advanced. Values are steady to firm. Raw cotton is showing strength, and in woollen fabrics there is more or less tendency to advance. Letters just received from French dress goods centres say that prices may move up at any moment.

Furs.—The date of the opening for the London March sales has been fixed for the 10th, when it is said a large collection will be offered. Local receipts are still reported small. Since results of the January sales have become fully confirmed, there has been some revision of local quotations, in the way, it is said, of an advance. We quote for prime skins: Black bear, \$18 for large, \$13.50 for medium, \$7.50 for small; badger, 10 to 50c.; wild cat, 10 to 35c.; fisher, \$4 to \$6 for northern; western ditto, \$3 to \$5 for No. 1; red fox, \$1.50 to \$3 for northern; silver fox, \$50 to \$100; cross fox, \$5 to \$10; wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5; lynx, \$3 to \$5; marten, fine, British Columbia, \$3.50 to \$7; eastern, \$2 to \$4.50; mink, eastern, \$3.25 to \$4; western, No. 1, \$2.50 to \$3.50; fall rats, 8 to 10c.; winter, ditto, 10 to 15c.; otter, \$12 to \$18 for fine north-eastern; No. 1, western, \$8 to \$12; coon, No. 1, black, \$1.50 to \$2.50; No. 1, dark, 80c. to \$1.35; skunk, 20c. to \$1.75 for prime, according to stripe, etc.

Groceries.—Trade in the country appears to be still somewhat unsettled, as a result of the late heavy storms, and wholesalers say they are not very busy. Tea importers report quite a good demand from jobbers for Japan teas, with 14c. the lowest figure for anything at all desirable. Nothing new is reported from London in Ceylons, Indians or

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