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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, July 4th, 1900.

ASHES.—A few shipments of five and ten-barrel lots are reported, but business is still of restricted character, and as regards pearls there has not been sufficient doing of late to establish a quotation. First pots are quoted at \$4.55 to \$4.65; seconds, \$4.10 to \$4.20.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—While no large transactions in cements are reported, a fair business is doing in car lots, and values are steadily held. We quote: Belgian, \$1.90 to \$2.10; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.55; firebricks, \$18 to \$24 per thousand. Receipts for week ending to-day, Belgian and German cement, 12,930 barrels; English, 1,600 barrels; bricks, 30,000.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Both butter and cheese are easier since last writing. English advices indicate a weaker market, and present local quotations for fine Western range from 9½ to 9¾c., and Easterns, 9¼ to 9½c. For fine creamery butter, the outside figure is now about 19c., with the market described as heavy. Export business continues brisk, and 101,900 boxes of cheese left this port last week, as compared with 79,484 boxes for the corresponding period of last year. Of butter, 16,032 packages were shipped abroad, against 17,301 packages the same week of 1899.

DRY GOODS.—Last week, with its cold spell, making spring overcoats and heavy flannels welcome, was not a favorable one for the city retailer, but wholesale trade is reported fair for the season. Speaking of the slackening in fall orders, as compared with last year, and referred to last week, a couple of leading houses report that this is more apparent in domestic staples, and that orders for dress goods, and most other lines, show a demand well up to last year. Most of the larger houses report cash receipts for June equal to last year's figures. Values are all well held, and with raw cotton up to something over 10c. in New York; local manufacturers are showing some uneasiness.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels. June 26.	Bushels. July 3.
Wheat	542,016	571,049
Corn	123,164	52,823
Oats	630,127	602,647
Rye	13,634	14,290
Peas	134,107	163,242
Barley	59,877	18,644
Total grain	1,502,915	1,422,695
Oatmeal	627	616
Flour	23,643	21,800
Buckwheat	33,068	19,032

GROCERIES.—Jobbers report a good demand for the seasons, and remittances are satisfactory. The New York sugar market moved upwards Monday, and the local refiners followed suit with an advance of 5c. a cental, making standard granulated now \$4.90 at the factory; yellows, \$4.20 to \$4.70, and Phoenix brand, \$4.80. Molasses is also stiffer, offers cabled at 17c., last week's figure, have been declined, and 19c., first cost, is now wanted at the island, with reported difficulty in getting supplies. This would mean a laid-down cost of nearly 39c., the present jobbing price, and it is considered likely that the Guild will advance quotations. The reports of damage to the currant crop are confirmed by a Patras merchant, who has been in the city, and old stock is considered good property to hold. The market for Japan teas is a strong one and importers having any supplies of low-priced goods of last crop, are disposed to husband stocks. China goods have not yet shown any pronounced tendency to ad-

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