

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Feb. 26th, 1902.

Ashes.—Some few small parcels of pot ashes have been marketed at prices ranging from \$4.40 to \$4.45 for firsts, and from \$3.95 to \$4 for seconds, but receipts are still very light. Not a transaction has been reported in pearls for some time.

Cements and Firebricks.—There is still an absence of business in these lines, though some little enquiry is reported regarding opening prices for spring shipments. It is said European manufacturers are disposed to make lower quotations than a year ago, though no definite quotations have been yet received.

Dairy Products.—The Liverpool cable advanced to-day from sixpence to a shilling, with improved English demand, and some good business has been reported, several large firms being reported pretty well sold out. Quotations are firmer at $10\frac{1}{4}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. for finest Western; Townships, 10 to $10\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Quebecs, $9\frac{3}{4}$ to 10c. The butter market is rather firmer, with good demand for fine creamery. The general quotation for best goods is $21\frac{1}{2}$ to 22c., though it is claimed half a cent more has been realized; seconds, 19 to 20c.; good dairy, 16 to 17c.

Dry Goods.—A good many travellers are getting through the first spring trip, and are striking for Montreal and Toronto to meet customers attending the spring millinery openings, which are fixed at Montreal for the 4th, 5th and 6th of March, and at Toronto for the 3rd, 4th and 5th. Quite a few letters received from retailers, both in the West and this province, complain of business still being affected by heavy roads, but remittances as a whole do not show any noteworthy falling off, and failures are gratifyingly few. The indications of a stiffening in cottons, alluded to last week, have taken more definite shape, as three of the leading mills have issued circulars that orders will only be received subject to advance at any moment.

Furs.—It is now considered a pretty well established fact that the season's catch of Canadian furs will be a small one. Receipts thus far have been quite light, and dealers are not apparently looking for any large parcels. Quotations remain as lately revised. 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, \$1 to \$1.50;

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INCOME

Premiums, Net	\$ 998,619 06
Interest, Rent and Annuities	279,067 02
Total	\$ 1,277,686 08

DISBURSEMENTS

Death Claims, Endowments, Profits, etc.	\$ 493,532 45
All other Payments	215,676 94
Total	\$ 709,209 39

ASSETS

Loans on First Mortgages	\$ 2,643,066 61
Municipal Debentures and Bonds	2,019,949 08
Loans on Company's Policies	643,361 93
Real Estate, including Company's Office	123,729 01
Cash in hand and in Banks	18,325 75
Other Assets	309,389 84
Total	\$ 5,757,822 17

LIABILITIES

Reserve, 4 and $3\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 5,301,100 41
All other Liabilities	76,751 23
Total	\$ 5,377,851 64

SURPLUS

On the Company's Standard, 4 and $3\frac{1}{2}$ %	\$ 379,970 53
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