

SWEET CAPORAL



CIGARETTES STANDARD OF THE WORLD

SOLD BY ALL LEADING
WHOLESALE HOUSES.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 3rd Jan., 1906.

Ashes.—There is a lack of all interest in the market at the moment, and in the absence of business former quotations are repeated as more or less nominal as follows: No. 1 pots, \$5.25 to \$5.30; seconds, about \$4.75; pearls, \$7 to \$7.25 per cental.

Dairy Products.—The year 1906 has opened rather quiet in the cheese market, though some little enquiry is reported to have resulted in business in fine Ontarios at 13¼c., though there are holders who decline to consider less than 13½c., and advices from England would indicate an advancing market there. Of butter there have been moderate recent shipments via St. John and Portland, and local demand is fair: for finest creamery 23 to 23¼c. is the general quotation; good to fine, 22½ to 23c.; good dairy, 21c., and rolls, 21½ to 22c. per pound.

Dry Goods.—Travelling salesmen are all arranging to get out again on their routes, and wholesale business is quiet at the moment, fall assorting business being at an end, and city retailers having all their attention concentrated on clearing sales, for the weather is unfavorable to the sale of heavy goods.

Values in all lines of textiles remain very firm, but no special changes in price are to be noted for the past week or two.

Furs.—All quotations in this line rule firm as follows:

No. 1 large beaver, \$6.00 to \$7.00; medium ditto, \$5.00 to \$5.50; kilts, \$2.00; black bear, \$15.00 for large No. 1, \$10.00 for medium, and \$5.00 for small; badger 40 to 60c.; fisher, \$6.00 to \$7.00 for fine dark; red fox, No. 1 Northern, \$3.50; Eastern and Ontario No. 1, \$3.00; No. 1 silver fox, \$100 to \$175.00; cross fox, \$7.00 to \$10.00 for dark; wolverine, \$7.00 for No. 1 dark, other grades \$2.00 to \$5.00; lynx, \$6.00 to \$7.00 for No. 1; Marten, Western and British Columbia No. 1, \$6.00 to \$7.00; Eastern ditto, \$4.50 to \$5.00; mink, \$6.00 to \$8.00 for large No. 1, and \$4.00 to \$5.00 for medium; winter rats, 15 to 18c. for large; other No. 1 large dark Labrador, \$30, and \$15.00 for Western; coon, \$1.75 to \$2.50; skunk, \$2.00 for No. 1 prime black, \$1.50 for short stripe, other grades 30 to 75c.

Groceries.—As is usual about New Year's week, wholesale trade in groceries is slow, but expectations with regard to spring business are bright. The sugar market is about steady at last decline, but refiners report a very light demand at the moment. The factory figure for standard granulated is \$4.30 in barrels and \$4.25 in bags; the lowest for yellows is \$4.85, in bags. Molasses is steady at 35c. for Barbados, in single puncheons. Rice is advanced 20c. a cental. Sago and tapioca are dearer. Rolled oats show decline under reports of trouble in the combine; factory quotations declined from \$5.10 to \$4.85 last week, and about \$4.60 is now said to be the figure. Evaporated apples continue to advance, packers' price being now 9½c., while 10½c. is quoted in a jobbing way. Tomatoes in tins are getting scarce, some dealers now quoting \$1 for standard brands. The large and constantly increasing consumption of all kinds of canned goods in North-West Canada is becoming more and more manifest, and all goods in this line are considered good stock.

Hides.—Lambskins are firmer at \$1.05 to \$1.10 each. Beef hides are unchanged at 12 to 12½c. for No. 1, with fair receipts from the country, but city hides are in light supply.

Leather.—Many of the boot and shoe factories are entirely shut down this week, the operators keeping up their New Year merry-making up to Epiphany

(6th January), and the "swamp" is, therefore, pretty quiet, but all quotations are very firmly held as last given figures.

Metals and Hardware.—Our full report of last week will apply at date, with the exception that lead has made further gain, being quoted at \$4.90 to \$5. a sale of a ton lot being reported at the inside figure. Tin, lead, copper and spelter are all very firm at figures last quoted, and antimony is about the only easy article on the list.

Oils and Paints.—Business is still quiet, but some few orders are already coming to hand for spring delivery. Nothing new is reported in values since last writing.

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