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TEAS!****BROWN, BALFOUR & Co.****WHOLESALE GROCERS,****HAMILTON, ONT.**

Mr. Villeneuve estimates his damage at about \$8,000, insured for \$4,000.—Elgin, N. B., 7th.—The house of J. Garland at Elgin Corners destroyed by fire.—Halifax, 9th.—The Hopewell woollen mills, at Hopewell, Pictou County, destroyed by fire. The loss is \$36,000, with \$19,000 insurance, mostly in Queens, Citizens', and Western.—Thurso, Que., 10th.—Morrison's woollen factory and 5,500 pounds wool burned, not insured.—River John, N.S., 9th.—Dwellings of Allison Perrin and John Gorin destroyed; cause, children playing with matches.

Commercial.**MONTREAL MARKETS.**

MONTREAL, Sept. 26th, 1888.

ASHES.—The market has developed additional strength since this day week, prices of first pots having risen to \$4.45 to 4.50, though whether these figures will hold is a question, for there is more or less of a speculative character about recent transactions at these figures. Receipts, however, have been small of late, and stocks in store are only 314 brls. Seconds are badly wanted, and could probably realize about \$4. Pearls are difficult to quote, they have been sold at \$6.15 in small quantities, but can't say if these figures will hold; receipts in this line are large and much ahead of last year.

BOOTS, SHOES, AND LEATHER.—Boot and shoe men report a very fair sorting business, and are also employed getting out spring samples. Leather continues quiet, some houses reporting a fair trade in small lots, but as a whole the movement shows no real activity. Sole shows firmness, with an advance in the better grades; upper leathers are unchanged, and still in full supply in all lines. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 23 to 25c.; ditto, No. 2, B. A., 18 to 20c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 20 to 22c.; No. 2, do., 18 to 19c.; No. 1, China, 18 to 19c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 23 to 26c.; oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 33c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 30 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 33 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 23c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 46 lbs.), 55 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 70 to 80c.; russet sheep-skin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 21 to 30c.; buffed cow, 10 to 13c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 13c.; rough, 21 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, &c.—Cements show a considerable gain in firmness, owing to there being no surplus stock here and advanced freights. Portland is quoted at \$2.75 to 3.00 in an ordinary way; large lots, \$2.55 to 2.70; bricks, \$20 ex wharf, \$25 ex store.

DRY GOODS.—The long continued wet weather has not been favorable to trade; still city

retailers report very good sales, there being a certain amount of goods needed by families returning to the city and for the outfit of school children, &c. A good many travellers are out on their sorting trip, and in some cases have already done pretty well, encouraging anticipations of being able to make up the shortage of the first fall trip. Some houses, however, will not send their men out until the middle of October, as there has as yet been no weather to create any heavy demand for fall goods or make any break into winter stocks. Money is coming in slowly, but it may be from a desire on the part of retail men to husband their resources for that important date, the 4th October. As regards prices there has been a sharp advance in silks and cashmeres, which we have before anticipated in these columns, and which will be more felt in the lower lines, and from 5 to 10 per cent. higher will have to be paid for these goods than for last spring's importation.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The drug trade shows more activity in the regular sorting trade, and heavy chemicals are also moving more freely. Caustic soda is advanced 10 shillings in England, and oxalic acid is advanced 3 cents a pound, due to combination on the part of producers; for opium higher prices are being asked in the East, and an advance is probable here; borax advancing; cream tartar and tartaric acid rather easier. We quote:—Sal soda, 85 to 95c.; bi-carb soda, \$1.80 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 10 to 12c.; cream tartar crystals, 33 to 35c.; do. ground, 34 to 36c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 58c.; citric acid, 68 to 72c.; caustic soda, white, \$23.5 to 2.50; sugar of lead, 10 to 11c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.60; alum, \$1.60 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.00 to 2.25; roll sulphur, \$2.00 to 2.15; sulphate of copper, \$5.50 to 6.00; epsom salts, \$1.25 to 1.40; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 52c.; German quinine, 52c.; Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c.; opium, \$4 to 4.50; morphia, \$1.75 to 2.00; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to 1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$3.90 to 4.15 per lb.; iodine, \$5.25 to 5.75; iodoform, \$5.75 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.00 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.25; orange, \$2.75 to 3.00; oil peppermint, \$3.50 to 4.50; glycerine, 24 to 30c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 40 to 45c.; American do., 36 to 40c.; insect powder, 70 to 80c.

FISH.—A first cargo of Labrador herrings has been received, and is selling at about \$5.50, the catch is reported short. Cape Bretons, \$6 and scarce; dry cod in demand and selling at \$5; green cod, \$5.25 to 5.50; B. C. salmon, \$13 to 13.50 for No. 1.

HIDES.—Are in better demand and show more firmness. Toronto No. 1 are quoted at 6½ to 7c.; Hamilton, 6¼ to 6½c.; dry hides advanced to 10 to 11c.; local green hides in fair supply with dealers still paying 6c. for No. 1; calfskins, 5c.; lambskins, \$5.50 to 6.00.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale men report a very fair distribution in progress, but money coming in only fairly. Sugars have undergone a further marked advance, granulated being now 7½c. in largest lots at the refinery, while the lowest in yellows is 6 3-16c. and from that up to 7c. Indications would seem to favor a further rise, as there is a great scarcity of raws on this continent, and a cargo of grocery raws recently brought in by a local grocery house has been bought at 6c. by the St. Lawrence Refining Company for refining purposes. Molasses is steady at 39 to 41c. for Barbadoes. Syrups are advanced ½c. per lb. in all grades, and are still difficult to obtain. Teas show advancing values in all outside markets; there is a deal of enquiry in this market, but the policy seems to be to defer buying except for most pressing wants in hopes of getting lower prices later, a hope which is not at all likely to be gratified, as higher values are more than likely to prevail. Advice from China report a shortage at date of 11,000,000 pounds, principally in Moyunes, which, it is stated, may develop into a shortage of 20,000,000 pounds before the year is out, and an advance of ten per cent. is reported. The shipments of Japans are 4,000,000 pounds short at date as compared with last year, and for goods which were sold at \$25 the piece \$27 is now being asked. In blacks there are also predictions of shortages, and an advance is claimed. Some small lots of new fruit have been received via Liverpool, but

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