

prices, and told her why he did it. She gave him a baleful glance, tightened her lips, and went on working. By Saturday night next, despite the cut down, she made ten cents above the week before. Another week went by, when he cut her down still more. The damsel still proved game and rose equal to the occasion. After a week or more the Quaker conscience grew "scared," and he asked her what she meant. "It means," said the girl, "that you may keep on and I'll keep on till you have a corpse on your hands in this workroom, for I'm grit and you can't conquer me!" The race ended there, and the girl was allowed normal pay.—*Boston Advertiser.*

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, April 11th, 1888.

Trade is still quiet, country roads being in a bad condition and retail store dealings consequently limited. Payments, as a whole, can only be called fair; in the case of dry goods some houses report the proportion of 4th April payments provided for as something under fifty per cent.

ASHES.—We have to note a further small decline, and quote \$4.00 for first quality pots. For seconds it is difficult to make a quotation, as there have been very few coming in, and the few late transactions have been on p.t. For pearls \$7.50 is still a quotation, that figure being offered, but none can be had; last sale, ten days ago, cleared out stock except one barrel of seconds. Receipts first three days of

month were pretty liberal, but have fallen off again.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The trade report a fair jobbing distribution in progress. In prices there is nothing of a very striking novel character. Quinine and products remain very dull and flat; bi-carb soda is quotably lower; also flowers sulphur; iodine and citric acid are also easier. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.00 to 1.05; bi-carb soda, \$2.10 to 2.25; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70 to \$0.08 bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 9½ to 10½c.; cream tartar crystals, 34 to 36c.; do. ground, 36 to 38c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 60c.; citric acid, 70 to 75c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; sugar of lead, 10 to 11c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.60; alum, \$1.65 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to 2.50; roil sulphur, \$2.00 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.25 to 1.40; saltpetre \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 60 to 65c.; German quinine, 55 to 65c.; Howard's quinine, 65 to 75c.; opium, \$4.50 to 5.00; morphia, \$2.25 to 2.50; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to \$1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 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 3.50; orange, \$2.75 to 3.00; oil peppermint, \$3.50 to 4.50; glycerine, 25 to 35c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 40 to 45c.; American do., 36 to 40c.; insect powder, 70 to 90c.

Dry Goods.—There is as yet no very notable increase in the movement of merchandise in this line since last writing; the weather last week was unseasonably cold, and there are quite a few travellers who have not yet started out on their sorting trip. In the city, retail trade, we are pleased to hear, is quite good, and money comes in from this source very well, but country collections are not as good as at the beginning of the month. From what we can glean regarding 4th April payments we are led to infer that they fell rather below the average, several houses reporting the proportion of liabilities paid as rather under 50 per cent. There is nothing new in prices.

FURS.—The market rules very quiet, the results of late London sales having apparently a very depressing effect, and there are no pelts offering of any consequence. Outside markets are equally dull, and dealers here find great difficulty in making sales. In New York, according to late reports, business is very much depressed, and values very low, it being difficult to get 60c for marten there; other lines are correspondingly weak. We quote for prime skins:—Beaver, \$3.50 to 4.00; bear, \$10.00 to 12.00; cub ditto, \$4.00 to 5.00; fisher, \$5.00; red fox,

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\$1.00 to 1.25; cross ditto, \$2.00 to 3.00; lynx, \$2.00 to \$2.50; marten, 60 to 65c.; mink, 50 to 60c.; fall muskrat, 8c.; winter muskrat, 12c.; spring, 15c.; raccoon, 25, 50 and 75c.; skunk, 25, 50 and 75c.; otter, \$8.00 to 10.00.

GROCERIES.—The volume of trade does not show any very noticeable increase since a week ago, the roads in the interior being in a very bad state. Payments cannot be called more than fair. Little of a novel character can be noted as regards prices. Sugars remain steady at slight decline last noted, granulated being still sold in wholesale lots at refinery at 6½c.; of yellows there is now a very small range obtainable, prices running from 5½ to 6½c.; grocery raws are moving fairly at prices ranging from 5½ to 6½c. for bright crystals. Molasses not in so active a demand but supplies are light and prices steady, Barbadoes

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