

—The Toronto Milk Dealers' Association held a meeting on Wednesday evening at which it was decided to raise the price of milk, owing to the increased prices adopted by producers in the country.

—Canada is not the only colony which sees the advisability of establishing a great iron industry. A company is being formed there to build extensive works in New South Wales, but the ore will be obtained from extensive deposits in Tasmania.

—The executive committee of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition Board are going ahead quickly in the matter of making arrangements for the exhibition this summer. It will begin on Sept. 1st, and conclude with Review Day on the 12th. Some ambitious productions are to be given in the entertainment section.

—"Miss Azalene Earle, formerly of Portland, but latterly a 'hello girl' of San Francisco, is now Mrs. William Halleck Deming, and will travel in Europe with her husband this summer," says The Portland Oregonian. "Mr. Deming, who is a man of wealth, was attracted by her soft and gentle voice in calling 'Number.' through the telephone, and acquaintance and marriage followed. If the voices of the telephone girls in this city have lately become indistinct through muffled sweetness, the above announcement accounts for it."

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 14th May, 1902.

Ashes.—Business during this spring has been unusually light, and it is said that the total exports of ashes to Britain thus far will hardly exceed 100 barrels. The tone of the market is an easy one, \$4.40 being an outside figure for first pots, with seconds quoted at \$3.85 to \$3.90 per cental.

Dairy Products.—Some fair shipments of butter were made to Britain last week, exports figuring at 4,370 packages, as against only 692 packages for same week of 1901. Shipments of cheese aggregated 15,014 boxes, as compared with 9,349 boxes at same date a year ago. Butter is a shade firmer than a week ago, as there is no over-supply of fine grades, and 19¾c. is quoted for fine creamery, while good dairy would probably bring 18c. New cheese is quoted at 11 to 11¼c., and old cheese of good quality is firmly held at 11½ to 12c. the pound.

Cements and Firebricks.—Receipts of European cements have been so far small; for the first week of navigation, the figures were only 2,400 barrels of Belgian and German, and for the week ending to-day, 4,920 barrels of Belgian and German, and 300 barrels of English. Of firebricks 193,000 were reported last week, and 172,550 for week ending to-day. Prices remain without change. We quote: Belgian, \$1.55 to \$1.90; English, \$2.10 to \$2.20; German, \$2.20 to \$2.40;

American, \$1.80 to \$2.10 for four bags, being equivalent to one barrel. Firebricks, \$16 to \$21.

Dry Goods.—There has not been much let up as yet on the raw, chilly weather, but wholesale business keeps up very fairly, notwithstanding. Some fair number of visiting buyers have been in town during the past few days, who have bought some fair sorting orders, and one large house reports house sales yesterday of \$25,000. Preparations are being made by most houses for the semi-annual stock-taking. Money is not coming in very freely from Manitoba as yet, but general collections are very fair. Since last writing, an advance is advised in cheese cloth.

Furs.—Outside of some fair lots of spring rats, receipts from this district are small, but quite a few British Columbia furs are coming forward. The date of the June sale in London is fixed for the 17th, and Lampson & Co. advise that latest shipments for that sale must be made by May 27th from New York. 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, \$150 to \$450 for northern; silver fox, \$50 to \$300; cross fox, \$5 to \$15; wolverine, \$1.50 to \$5; lynx, \$3 to \$7; marten, fine, British Columbia, \$3.50 to \$7; eastern, \$2 to \$4.50; mink, eastern, \$2.75 to \$4; western, No. 1, \$2.50 to \$3.50; fall rats, 8 to 10c.; winter, ditto, 10 to 15c.; spring, ditto, 12½ to 20c.; 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; skunk, 20c. to \$1.75 for prime according to stripe, etc.

Groceries.—The large French-Canadian houses report an active business, but with the English firms the movement is apparently not so brisk. The first direct cargo of molasses, amounting to about 700 puncheons, is now in port. Prices at the island are without material change. 7¾c., first cost, being about the figure; local quotation is generally 24c. Sugars are fairly steady at late cut, and \$3.70 is the factory quotation for standard granulated. Some 12,000 bags of the 30,000-bag lot of Austrian refined reported last week, went through to Chicago in bond, but further fair supplies are reported close at hand. There has been quite a sharp advance in currants, owing to reported damage to the growing crop, and local holders are asking half a cent more, quoting provincials in cases at 5½ to 6c., and Filiatras at 6c. Valencia raisins are also firmer at 5¾c. for fine off-stalk, and 7c. for layers. There have been some reports of frost damage to the tea crop in Japan, though these are thought to be exaggerated. Cables just to hand report a firm market, and quotations for some standards are from half a cent to a cent higher than last year.

Hides.—Lambskins are advanced this week to 15c. Sheepskins are steady at

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