

## A MALE TRICK.

"My wife got me into an awful pickle the other day," remarked a Detroit business man. "She telephoned me to bring her a silk waist. When I got into the store, I remembered that I didn't know her size, so I picked out a saleswoman of my wife's size and bought a waist suitable for her. When I got home with the thing, my wife recalled that she hadn't told me her size, and—well, I told her how I solved the puzzle by having the saleswoman try the garment on. She still looks at me with a gleam of sad suspicion in her dark blue eyes."

It is proposed to build in Montreal another apartment house, this time of eight stories, capable of housing ninety-six families. It will have probably 600 or 700 rooms, and is intended to have all modern improvements.

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, April 15th, 1903.

**Ashes.**—The volume of business is very light, and there is comparatively little enquiry from Britain for goods to be shipped by first outward steamships, as is usual. Receipts, however, continue very small, and dealers would pay \$4.95 to \$5 for first pots, and about \$4.30 to \$4.35 for seconds. There has been a little enquiry for pearls lately, but there is but small stock of these.

**Cements and Firebricks.**—The demand is good for the season, and prices are unchanged. We quote: Belgian, \$1.95 to \$2.10 for standard brands; English, \$2.25 to \$2.30; German, \$2.30 to \$2.45.

**Dairy Products.**—With the prospects of an increased make, butter quotations have eased off noticeably since last report, and a large number of factories are said to be about opening up in the country. From 22½ to 23½c. is now quoted for fine new goods. There are very few held goods now here. Cheese is also easier than a week ago, and the make of new fodder cheese is apparently larger than calculated. From 13 to 13¼c. appear to be about the present figures.

**Dry Goods.**—Quite cheerful reports are heard from city retailers regarding Easter trade, notwithstanding the somewhat unfavorable weather that prevailed up to the 8th. Judging from the large number of letter orders being received by wholesalers, country stocks must be moving out pretty well. Remittances are good. European advices all indicate continued firmness in all lines of fine woollens, silks and linens.

**Furs.**—The fuller mail advices regarding the late London sales merely confirm the cable reports quoted in former issues. The principal receipts at present are spring rats, for which there is good demand, and dealers have advanced quotations as follows: For square handled, extra large, 32c.; large ditto, 30c.; medium, 25c.; small, 20c.; shot, 14c. Round handled spring rats one cent less all around on above figures. Lynx has also

been advanced, and new quotations are for large, \$12; medium, \$8, and small, \$7.

**Groceries.**—Sugars have again taken a turn upwards. New York prices stiffened 5c. early in the week, and this morning the local refineries advised a 10c. advance on all grades, making standard granulated again \$3.90, with yellows ranging from \$3.25 to \$3.70. Molasses is again firmer, the cable from the island to-day quoting first cost at 18c., making cost here 35c. There has been a decline in starch of from ¾c. to 1c. Salt is up 10c. a barrel, and all grades of Tuckett's tobaccos are advanced 2c. a lb. Canned corn is quite scarce and jobbing quotation is firm at 95c. to \$1; tomatoes, \$1.50 to \$1.60. The sardine fishery is a failure, and there is little possibility of orders to packers being filled before August next. Those who have any stock on hand here are holding the same very jealously for their own trade.

**Hides.**—No change of any kind has transpired since last report, and we continue to quote No. 1 beef hides at 8c.; No. 1 calfskins, 11c.; No. 2 ditto, 9c.; lambskins, 10c., and sheepskins, 75c.

**Leather.**—Trade is comparatively quiet, but there is no easing off in the prices of sole, and some dealers report a difficulty in getting full supplies of jobbing sorts. Prices of dongolas are barely firm, owing to some accumulation of stocks.

**Metals and Hardware.**—Hardware orders are still coming in freely, and for heavy metals there is good general

demand. In pig iron there will not now be much done until the arrival of direct new supplies, and quotations for Scotch brands, ex-wharf, range from \$21 to \$22, and for Middlesboro, \$18.50 to \$19. Bars, nails, wire, etc., are all firm at old figures, and no changes are reported in plates, sheets, etc. Lead is easier at \$3.35, but spot stocks of copper are reported low, with quotations very firm, and ingot tin and spelter continue stiff in price.

**Oils, Paints and Glass.**—No special changes are reported in these lines. There appears to be some see-sawing in the English linseed oil market, but local quotations remain stationary. Turpentine is firm at 95c., but May prices will be easier with new crop coming in. We quote. Single barrels, raw linseed oil, 59c.; boiled, 62c.; net thirty days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, 95c. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; cod oil, 35 to 37½c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 50 to 53c. per gallon; straw. do., 45 to 47c.; castor oil, 8 to 8½c. for machinery; pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c.; lead (chemically pure and first-class brands) \$5.15 to \$5.25; No. 1, \$4.75 to \$4.87½; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.12½; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4½ to 5c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 4¼ to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4 to 4½c.; putty, in bulk, barrels, \$2; bladder putty in barrels, \$1.90; ditto, in kegs, or boxes, \$2.40; 23-lb. tins, \$2.55; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.65. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25

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