

—Police Magistrate Denoyers, at Montreal, dismissed the action of the Dominion Government, which aimed to recover from contractor Emanuel St. Louis \$170,930 wrongfully obtained at the expense of the country. However, Mons. S. is not to get off so easily, for a charge has been filed against him under section 595 of the Criminal Code, dated 1894. The Chief of Dominion Police, Mr. Sherwood, acting for the Government, will prosecute Mr. St. Louis in the Court of Queen's Bench (criminal side) on the charge of robbing Her Majesty the Queen of the stated sum.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, June 5th, 1895.

ASHES.—Receipts for May were exactly the same as in May, 1894, namely, 222 brls. Total receipts this year to May 31st were 658 brls. pots and 125 of pearls; there was in store May 31st 107 brls. pots and 15 of pearls. The market is practically unchanged, quotations being for first quality pots \$4.10 to 4.15, seconds \$3.80, pearls \$5.50 per cental.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, &c.—A fair business is reported as being done. No large sales are being made, but the aggregate of orders is moderately good. Prices are rather firmer abroad, English makers asking a penny half-penny advance. We quote English \$1.90 to 1.95, Belgian \$1.80 to 1.85. A good demand continues for firebricks, which range in price from \$15 to 20 per M.

GROCERIES.—A very fair distribution is reported by the trade at large, but collections are not wholly satisfactory. As regards prices, there is little new since a week ago. Granulated sugar, at the refinery, is quoted at 4½c. firm per lb., but outside lots can be still bought at 4½c. Factory prices for yellows range from 3½ to 3¾c., and in these no outside lines are held. Barbadoes molasses is scarce, but jobbing prices are yet unchanged at 35c. per gal., in puncheons, and 38½c. in brls. The first lots of new Japan teas are just about due here, but will only comprise some 500 or 600 packages. Standard B. rice is quoted at \$3.45; Patna Royal, 4½c.; Imperial Seeta, 4¾c.; the mill has withdrawn the J.

grade. The present is a dull time for dried fruits, in which there have been no recent changes, and there are fair stocks in most lines except 4 crown California muscatels. Canned goods are in moderate request, and tomatoes are quoted at 85 to 9½c.; corn, 87½ to 92½c.; peas, 85 to 90c.; gallon apples, very firm, at \$2.30. No quotations have yet been received for new pack of lobsters or salmon.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Shipments of cheese last week were 34,346 boxes, as against 50,752 boxes for same period last year. Total shipments for season of 1895 are 99,724 boxes, as against 111,669 in 1894. Notwithstanding continued low cable quotations, prices have improved locally, and from 7½ to 7¾c. per lb. is being paid at the moment. Butter remains dull and depressed, and from 15 to 16c. per lb. is a full price for creamery, and 13 to 14c. of choice Townships dairy. Eggs are in good request at 10 to 10½c. the dozen.

DRY GOODS.—The wholesale houses report a steady sorting business with country buyers, and fair orders for fall underwear, and some other lines of heavy goods are also being booked. Retail trade in the city has been somewhat interfered with by late rains, but on the whole moderate satisfaction is expressed with the business being done. Remittances are fair. English letters reported continued firmness in worsteds.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—A meeting of the trade was held on Monday afternoon, when the dealers' price for No. 1 hides was fixed at 8½c.; to tanners the quotation is now 9½c. steady. Lambskins are advanced to 25c. each; calfskins firmer at 8 to 9c. per lb. The scarcity of hides still continues. Tallow is dull and low in price.

LEATHER.—Shoe men are not buying very much just now, but prices have lost none of their firmness, and in some lines, notably sole and splits, may be called dearer. For No. 1 slaughter 29c. is being asked, and for No. 1 B.A. 26 to 27c. Several western tanners report sales of splits at 28 to 30c., and instruct local agents to hold at 28c., though we have not heard of any sales locally beyond 25 or 26c. The last London sales of dongola raw stock on May 30th are said to have shown quite an advance in prices. We quote:—Spanish

sole B.A. No. 1, 25 to 27c.; do. No. 2 to B.A. 24 to 25c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28 to 29c.; No. 2 do., 26 to 27c.; common, 22c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 35 to 40c.; do. heavy, 33 to 36c.; grained, 38 to 40c.; Scotch grained, 38 to 40c.; western splits, 26 to 28c.; Quebec do., 20 to 22c.; juniors, 16 to 19c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 30c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 15 to 16c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 25 to 32c.; buffed cow, 13 to 16c.; extra heavy buff, 17c.; pebbled cow, 12½ to 15c.; polished buff, 12 to 14c.; glove grain, 12½ to 14c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The recently improved movement is fairly maintained, and there is further evidence of advancing values in several lines. Rolling-mill men have withdrawn quotations for bar iron, and there is no longer \$1.55 as a price. Pipe quotations have also been withdrawn, and American prices are advanced. In pig iron no important transactions are noted, and prices remain about the same. The advance of a quarter cent noted in zinc last week is maintained. Nail manufacturers have had a meeting this week, and have advanced cut tacks 15 to 20 per cent. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none here; Calder, No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$19.00 to 20.00; Eglington, \$18.00; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$18.00; Shotts, none here; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17; Niagara, No. 2, \$18.00; Siemens, pig, No. 1, \$15.75 to 16.25; Ferrona, No. 1, \$15.75 to 16.25; machinery scrap, \$14.75 to 15.00; common do., \$12.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.00, 52 sheets to box, 60 sheets \$2.10 to \$2.15, 75 sheets \$2.20 to \$2.25; all polished Canadas, \$2.50; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.20 to 2.80; No. 26, \$2.15 to 2.20; No. 24, \$2.10; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5 to 5.50; charcoal I.C., \$3 to 3.25, according to finish; P.D. Crown, \$3.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; Coke I. C., \$2.70 to 2.80; coke wasters, \$2.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 26, 4c.;

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