

SWEET CAPORAL



CIGARETTES STANDARD OF THE WORLD

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WHOLESALE HOUSES.**

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 20th Dec., 1905.

Ashes.—Business in this line is practically dead just now, and there have been no offerings for a fortnight past. Quotations are more or less nominal at about \$4.30 for first quality of pots, and \$7 to \$7.25 for pearls.

Cements and Firebricks.—Stocks of cements are now all in store, and winter quotations are firm at \$1.90 to \$2.10 for Belgian brands; English and Canadian, \$2 to \$2.20, but there is little present. Firebricks are in very fair request, and are held at \$18 to \$23 per thousand, as to quality.

Dairy Products.—A good, steady local demand is reported, fairly absorbing receipts, and there is a steady market at $23\frac{3}{4}$ to $23\frac{1}{2}$ c. for the choicer grades of butter; good to fine, 23 to $23\frac{1}{4}$ c. The movement in cheese is seasonably quiet, but values are firm at $12\frac{5}{8}$ to $12\frac{3}{4}$ c. for fine Westerns, and $12\frac{1}{4}$ to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. for fine Easterns.

Dry Goods.—The figuring up of results for the year is the present main occupation of most wholesale dry goods merchants and few buyers are to be seen among the warehouses just now. Complaints are heard of the slowness of deliveries from manufacturers here, as well as abroad.

Furs.—Fair receipts are now reported, principally composed of skunk, coon, mink and fox, and there appears to be a good deal of competition among buyers. We quote for prime skins: No. 1 large beaver, \$6.00 to \$7.00; medium ditto, \$5.00 to \$5.50; kilts, \$2.00; black bear, \$15.00 for large No. 1, \$10.00 for medium, and \$5.00 for small; badger, 40 to 60c.; fisher, \$6.00 to \$7.00 for fine dark; red fox,

No. 1 Northern, \$3.50; Eastern and Ontario No. 1, \$3.00; No. 1 silver fox, \$100 to \$175.00; cross fox, \$7.00 to \$10.00 for dark; wolverine, \$7.00 for No. 1 dark, other grades, \$2.00 to \$5.00; lynx, \$6.00 to \$7.00 for No. 1; Marten, Western and British Columbia No. 1, \$6.00 to \$7.00; Eastern ditto, \$4.50 to \$5.00; mink, \$6.00 to \$8.00 for large No. 1, and \$4.00 to \$5.00 for medium; winter rats, 15 to 18c. for large; other, No. 1 large dark Labrador, \$30, and \$15 for Western; coon, \$1.75 to \$2.50; skunk, \$2.00 for No. 1 prime black, \$1.50 for short stripe, other grades, 30 to 75c.

Groceries.—The recent slight advance in sugars has been steadily maintained, and the lowest quotation in yellows is \$3.85. There is reported scarcity of these grades, and some large purchases of molasses have been made within the past week or so for refining purposes. Standard granulated in barrels is quoted at \$4.30, and \$4.25 in bags. Molasses in a jobbing way is quoted at 35c. for Barbados. There are reports of possible disruption of the rolled oats combination.

Leather.—Very fair enquiry is reported from Britain, and local boot and shoe manufacturers are buying moderately freely. Values continue very firm, notably in all kinds of black leathers. No. 2 manufacturers' sole is quoted at 25c., and No. 2 jobbers' at 26c.; slaughter sole, 29c.; Western splits, 22 to 23c.; Quebec ditto, 19 to 20c.; buff and pebble, $13\frac{1}{2}$ to $16\frac{1}{2}$ c.; glove grain, $12\frac{1}{2}$ to $14\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Scotch grain, 33 to 37c.; harness, 32 to 33c.; russet, 40 to 45c.; black sheep skins, 8c.; colored ditto, $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{3}{4}$ c.

Metals and Hardware.—Owing to the open weather building operations are being actively prosecuted, and in all sorts of builders' supplies there is a continued good demand, though other lines are now comparatively quiet. A fair amount of business is reported in pig iron, with strong quotations prevailing. No. 1 Summerlee is quoted up to \$23.50 to \$24; No. 1 Middlesboro, \$21; Londonderry domestic, \$21.50 to \$22. Bars are firm at \$1.95 to \$1.97 $\frac{1}{2}$; boiler plate, \$2.20; iron pipe, \$4.37 for inch. Lead keeps away up in price, \$4.80 to \$4.85 being quoted now in an ordinary way; sheet lead, \$5 to \$5.50; copper is again higher at $20\frac{1}{4}$ to $20\frac{1}{2}$ c.; spelter, $7\frac{1}{4}$ c.; tin, 38c. Sheets of all kinds are firm at last quotations.

Oils and Paints.—Business is now of a very quiet holiday character. Turpentine remains at 93c. per gal., in single barrel lots; linseed oil, 47c. for raw, and 50c. for boiled. In fish oils there is really no movement; castor, 7 to 8c., as to lot. The tendency in ground white lead is towards advance, \$5.75 now generally the price; putty, \$1.40 in bulk.

A 400 horse-power compressor plant is being installed at the Atikokan iron mines, near Port Arthur, Ont., by the Canadian Rand Drill Co., of Sherbrooke.

Mercantile Summary.

These are great days for railway enterprise. We hear that Owen Sound citizens are approaching the Dominion Government for aid in building a railway connecting that place with Meaford.

At a meeting of the council of the township of Stanstead, Que., arrangements were made for the care of roads during the winter under the money-tax, roller-worked system, which was found satisfactory last year.

Our attention is called to the fact that on page 743 of last issue we referred to the Soughes Indian Reserve, of which the C.P.R. are anxious to secure a part for terminal purposes, as being in the heart of the city of Vancouver, whereas we should, of course, have stated that it was adjacent to Victoria.

Mr. E. Copps, of Detroit, and several English and American capitalists propose to build a railway from the north shore of Lake Superior to some point beyond the height of land. They wish to obtain from the Government concessions regarding pulp-wood, so as also to erect pulp mills and carry on other industries.

Two thousand pounds of dynamite exploded without warning at the Centre Star mine, Rossland, B.C., on the 17th inst., killed one man and so damaged neighboring mines that it is thought necessary to close down for some days. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. Every pane of plate glass in Rossland is said to have been broken by the explosion.

This year the Kingston council announces a surplus of \$4,604 in the operation of its municipally-owned water system, the largest in its history. The revenue was \$35,684.65, and expenses \$13,471.55; debentures paid from revenue, \$17,608.50. This year the revenue increased \$600, and the consumers in number by 60. The debenture debt is \$237,750.

Dr. Haanel, Superintendent of Mines at Ottawa, has just received a specimen of the first pig iron turned out at the Government experimental electric smelter at Sault Ste. Marie. It is stated to be of very superior quality. Operations have been suspended to permit of the instruments for measuring the electric current being adjusted. The object of the experiments is to determine whether the electric process is applicable to the economical smelting of Canadian hematite ores.

A week ago the annual meeting of the Montreal Wholesale Dry Goods Association was held, when the president submitted his report of the business transacted during the year, showing that the year had been a very active one, and that much work had been done for the benefit of the trade. The treasurer, Mr. Robert Henderson, submitted his statement, which was satisfactory. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Wm. Agnew; vice-president, R. A. Brock; treasurer, Robert