

## Commercial

## MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, March 7th, 1900.

**ASHES.**—The heavy snow storm has affected receipts, which are very small indeed. English demand is light, but first quality of pots are firmer, \$4.75 being paid for ordinary tares; seconds are relatively cheaper at about \$4.25; pearls, dull and neglected.

**CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.**—Some moderate lots of bricks are moving, for the usual seasonable repairs in manufacturing establishments; cements rule quiet, but prices are firm. We quote: Belgian, \$2.10 to \$2.20; English, \$2.45 to \$2.60; German, \$2.60 to \$2.80. Firebricks, \$18.50 to \$25 per thousand.

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—There is practically a butter famine in force here, the country being ransacked for supplies, and some being brought in from the United States. From 27 to 28 cents per lb. is asked for fine creamery, and with the consumer paying 32c. for anything desirable, butter may be called a luxury. The Liverpool cable quotations for cheese have shown some little advance since last week. Local quotations range from 12¾ to 13c. for desirable goods.

**DRY GOODS.**—Travellers are now getting pretty well through their placing trip, but orders are still coming in freely. The spring millinery openings this week have hardly been so well attended as last year, but the unusually wintry weather conditions, and the general interference with travel, caused by the heavy continued snow storm, will largely account for this, as communication with interior points is practically cut off. Quite a few dry goods buyers from Halifax, Ottawa, and the larger centres, West, are reported. Fourth of March payments were very fairly met, all things considered, some of the leading houses reporting 60 per cent. Cables from England this week advise a marked advance in all lines of cotton goods.

**FISH.**—Business is reported better than last year, and the cold weather has also been more favorable to the keeping of frozen fresh fish. Stocks of herrings well reduced, and fresh haddock and herrings are in limited supply, but of other lines stocks ample. We quote: Nova Scotia herrings, \$5 to \$5.25; No. 1, Labrador herrings, \$5.25 to \$5.50; No. 1, green cod, \$4.50 to \$4.75; No. 1, large, \$5 to \$5.25; No. 2, \$3.50 to \$3.75; dry cod, \$4.75; N.S., salmon, \$13; B.C. do., \$12 to \$13; sea trout, \$8.50 to \$9; dressed cod, \$4.25 to \$4.50; boneless cod, 5½c. per lb.; fresh

herrings, \$1.75 to \$2 per hundred; fresh haddock and cod, 4 to 5c.

**FURS.**—Nothing new is reported in this line. We quote for prime skins: Mink, dark, \$2 to \$2.50; pale ditto, \$1 to \$1.50; marten, dark, \$5 to \$10; large pale ditto, \$3 to \$3.50; small pale, \$2 to \$2.50; fisher, \$4 to \$7; lynx, \$3 to \$4.50; otter, dark, \$10 to \$13; pale, \$5 to \$7; red fox, \$3 to \$3.50; cross ditto, \$4 to \$10; silver, \$20 to \$150; skunk, 30c. to \$1; coon, 20c. to \$1; large fall rats, 10c.; medium, 7c.; kits, 2 to 5c.; winter rats, 11 to 14c.

## MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Feb. 27.	Mar. 6.
Wheat .....	56,945	54,952
Corn .....	18,393	17,325
Oats .....	359,133	391,395
Rye .....	14,316	6,862
Peas .....	66,630	71,978
Barley .....	28,369	35,751
Total grain .....	542,786	578,263
Oatmeal .....	579	532
Flour .....	32,325	27,199
Buckwheat .....	41,404	41,467

**GROCERIES.**—A quiet week is reported. Thursday and Friday's snow storm was the heaviest in this district for years, and travellers snowed in at interior points have not been heard from for some days. The railway freight service has also been knocked out of time, and the freight sheds have been closed against the receipt of goods, being completely blocked with merchandise, which could not be despatched. A further cut of 5 cents a cental has been made on all grades of refined sugars, following a drop of ten cents in New York. The refinery figure for standard granulated is \$4.40; yellows ranging from \$3.60 to \$4.20, with a rather slow demand. In other lines there is nothing new reported.

**LEATHER.**—Some of the larger shoe houses appear to be about getting through cutting the large stocks contracted for last fall, and more enquiry is reported from this source, though no very important transactions have transpired as yet. Though hides are apparently lower, both in the United States and here, this is due largely to the seasonable depreciation in quality, and tanners are not disposed to make any large contracts ahead. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24½ to 25½c.; No. 3, B.A., 23½ to 24c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28 to 29c.; No. 2, ditto, 25 to 27c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light, and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec ditto, 18 to 20c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 12½ to 14c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12½ to 14c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The movement in these lines has been affected by the same causes as noted in our grocery report. The only noteworthy change in values is a further very stiff advance in tin, 40c. now being quoted for L. & F.; and 39c. for straits, in an ordinary way, and probability of further advance is hinted at. We quote as follows: Summerlee pig iron, \$27.50 to \$28.50; Carnbroe, \$26; Calder, \$27; Hamilton, No. 1, \$30.00 to \$30.00; No. 2, do., \$30.00 to \$30.00; Ferro-nal, No. 1, \$25.75; machinery scrap, \$19 to \$20; common ditto, \$30 to \$30; bar iron,

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