

—"A leather trust!" says a dealer. "Why, I have to trust for about all the leather I sell, and sometimes I wish I hadn't."—*Shoe and Leather Reporter.*

—Mrs. Shoddy—What do you ask for termaterses, young man?

Educated Clerk—The consensus of the best educated literati is that the plural of tomato is not termaterses, but tomati.

Exit Mrs. Shoddy, indignantly.—*Texas Siftings.*

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, 2nd March, 1892.

ASHES.—The demand from Britain is very slack; one lot of 30 brls. was sold for that market the other day, but aside from this, little business has been done lately. Prices are again weaker; a lot of rather poor tars was bought a few days ago at \$4, and \$4.05 would now be the outside figure; seconds \$3.65; the last transaction in pearls was at \$6 15. Receipts for the month of February were only about 125 pots, and 25 pearls.

CEMENTS AND FIRECLAY.—There are quite a few enquiries from the West for cements, but actual business seems to drag. Quotations are \$2.45 to 2.75 for English, Belgian \$2.30 to 2.50. Firebricks have been moving out very fairly, ordinary brands \$20 to 25; Glenboag, \$28 to 30 per M.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The city demand for butter is good, with some enquiry from the lower ports, and values are well held, stocks of finer grade being very moderate. We quote creamery 24 to 25½c. per pound; Townships 19 to 21c.; western 17 to 19c. Cheese is quiet but steady at last quotations. In eggs limed stock is quoted at 14 to 15c. per dozen; good fresh eggs are worth 21 to 22c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A moderate seasonable distribution of a jobbing character is reported. Tartaric acid is very flat and depressed, and we amend quotations materially; citric acid, which was weak, is recovering; we reduce carbolic acid to 30 to 40c. Iodine is up sixpence in England, but not notably dearer here. Quinine has again flattened out, the recent slight improvement having disappeared, and prices are again weak in spite of the very considerable consumption caused by "la grippe." Camphor is a little cheaper this season than last. Insect powder is beginning to be in demand, and an advance is reported in Triste. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 26 to 27c.; do. ground, 28 to 30c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 40 to 42c.; do. powder, 43 to 45c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.75; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.75 to 3.00; roll sulphur, \$2.50 to 2.75; sulphate of copper, \$4.50 to 5.00; epsom salts, \$1.65 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.50; American quinine, 35 to 40c.; German quinine, 35 to 38c.; Howard's quinine, 40 to 45c.; opium, \$3.75 to 4.00; morphia, \$1.50 to 1.60; gum arabic,

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