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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, July 25th, 1900.

Ashes -Values are again up a little stronger, buyers being more plentiful than sellers, and we quote. \$4.00 to \$3.45. In for first pots; seconds, \$3.40 to \$3.45. In the reported. The than sellers, and we quote: \$4.80 to \$4.90 pearls no business is reported. The stock in store is low, only about 50 bar-

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Business rules on the quiet side, but values hold rules on the quiet side, but values hold firm, and we quote: Belgian, \$1.90 to \$2.10; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.55; firebricks, \$18 to \$24 per thousand. Receipts, ending to-day, 3.700 barrels of Belgian, 3,300 barrels of lng-lish, and 65,000 firebricks.

DRY GOODS.—A fair volume of orders is reported for the week, and business in the older provinces is reported not behind last year, but in British Columbia and the North-West there is a notable shortage. Country collections well sustained, but some houses say they do not find city payments as good as they would like. Fall goods are being taken into stock freely, and some deliveries are already being made. A Belfast linen man was in town this week, and talked very stiff prices, and values in other lines are well sustained, though lowering of woolen prices is deemed not improbable for spring.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Butter is nrmer than DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Butter is nrmer than a week ago, with holders asking 21½c. or a shade over for finest creamery, though shippers claim they cannot pay this figure for export; second grade creamery is quoted at 19 to 19½c., and dairy, 16 to 17½c. Cheese is barely as strong as at last writing; fine Western ranges about 9¾ to 9½c.; Quebec, 9¼ to 9¾c. Exports of cheese last week 50 101 boxes. Exports of cheese last week, 59,191 boxes, as against 73,383 boxes same week of 1899. Butter shipments, 6,741 packages. as against 7,333 packages at same date last year.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	July 17.	July 24.
Wheat	543,632	416,387
Corn	72,857	104,320
Oats	682,335	652,194
Rye	3,840	4,840
Peas	139,559	102.323
Barley	24,692	27.132
Total grain	,466,915	1,307.196
Oatmeal	547	6 3 4
Flour	22,917	17.927
Buckwheat	15,160	11,064

GROCERIES.—Jobbers seem well satisfied with the volume of orders coming to spoken of. Reports from the various dried fruit districts are now being looked for with interest. The primary markets for both currants and Sultanas are very strong, and advancing rapidly; there will probably not be more than half a crop of Sultanas, owing to damage from the same insect pest that has attacked the currant insect pest that has attacked the currant vines. The fig crop promises well. Valencias, it is estimated, will be a good crop; some lack of rain may cause the fruit to rule on the small side, but the yield will be fairly abundant. Malaga fruit will be both large and good. Some orders for French prunes, for October shipment, have been placed at low figures, but the market is now reported from I to but the market is now reported from I to 2½ francs firmer on the small sizes. From California come advices of good crops in all lines, and packers writing their local agents say they expect to be able to meet all competition. It is not likely that California loose muscatels will range at the high figures of last year. Sugars

continue in brisk demand, despite communed advance. The price of granulated has gone up this week to \$5.20, at the factory, and some authorities profess to look for 6c. sugar ere long. The jobbing figure across the line in New York State is now reported at 634c. Teas continue to strengthen, and a cable from London to-day announces an advance of 1½d. in good medium Ceylons. Some fair supplies of new Japans are due here this week, and 20 to 22c. is being quoted for grades that sold last season at 17 to 181/2c. Canned goods are all firm, and some packers are declining to increase contracts for corn.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The situation with regard to the hide market is alto-gether unchanged. The demand from tanners is slow, and dealers are not anxious buyers at 8c. for No. 1, beef anxious buyers at 8c. for No. 1, beef hides. Caliskins continue to be quoted at 9 and 7c., and lambskins and clips, 3oc. Tallow, 5½c. for best rendered.

LEATHER.—Some of the larger shoe factories are now running pretty full capacity, and shipments of fall footwear are being made, but as yet principally to Coast points Rather more buying is reported of sole and dongolas, but ordinary black leathers remain dull. Export reported of sole and dongolas, but ordinary black leathers remain dull. Export business in sole leather is excellent; all the large tanners are said to be reporting good mail and cable orders. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 25 to 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 24½c.; No. 3, B.A., 23 to 23½c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 24c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1, slaughter, 27 to 28c.; No. 2, ditto, 25 to 26c.; common, 20 to 21c.; Union crop. 32c.: waxed upper. waxed upper, crop, 32c.;

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