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Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, DEC. 10th, 1890.

-We hear of a few small lots going ASHES.to Providence and other American points. but on the whole business is quiet, and receipts are ridiculously light; stock in store is only 30 brls. Prices continue high, and letters from consumers show a disposition to look to cheaper mineral substitutes. First pots are quoted at \$5.70 to \$5.75, seconds \$4.90. Pearls are dull and nominal.

CEMENTS. FIREBRICKS.—Coments are natur-CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS.—Cements are naturally very dull at this time, but a close survey of stocks would warrant the belief that there will be a scarcity of good English brands in the spring when the season for outdoor works opens. Belgian can be had at \$2.40, English \$2.70 to \$2.85.

Dry Goods.—Business still rules on the quiet side in wholesale circles, though several houses report some very good orders from the North-West. City retail trade is satisfactory. The little improvement noted in remittances last week has not been maintained, and complaints are again pretty general on this score. The week has been marked by three rather heavy failures in the wholesale trade, two here

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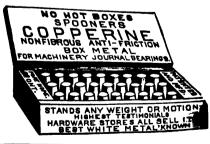
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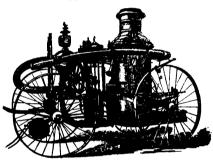
Fish.—With the approach of the holidays trade has quieted down, but prices are comparatively steady, owing to the generally light stocks. Labrador herrings are quoted at \$5.50: shore ditto, \$5; green cod, \$5.50 for No. 1; dry cod, \$5.50; sea trout, \$8.50 to 9.00; Nova Scotia salmon, \$15 for No. 1; finnan haddies, 71c. per pound.

FURS.—The stormy weather and heavy snows of last week interfered with receipts, which were small. Our remarks of a week ago anent the effect which the advance in seal will have on other furs are worthy of special attention. Mink, skunk and muskrat are showing improved values, and holders are again urged to forward values, and holders are again urged to forward their pelts speedily and profit by the prices being paid for furs needed for local consumption. We quote:—Beaver, per lb. \$4.00 to 4.50; bear, per skin, \$10 to 15; bear cub, \$5 to 8; fisher, \$3.50 to 5; fox, red, \$1 to 1.25; fox, cross, \$2.50 to 5; lynx, \$1.50 to 2.50; marten, 75 to 90c; mink, \$1.50 to 1.75; muskrat, fall, 12 and 15c; otter, \$8 to 10; raccoon, 50 to 60c; skunk, 50, 75c. and \$1.00, according to quality and stripe.

GROCERIES.—The houses consulted this week report trade as rather better than it has been the last week or two, probably due to the now generally prevailing snow roads, though there

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