

# SWEET CAPORAL



## CIGARETTES STANDARD OF THE WORLD

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WHOLESALE HOUSES.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 15th November, 1905.

**Ashes.**—The market rules dull, with a rather easier feeling as regards values. First quality of pearls are quoted at about \$7.50, though there has been really little late actual business on which to base figures. First pots are quoted at \$5.45 to \$5.60; seconds, \$4.75 to \$4.90, and thirds at \$3.80 to \$3.90 per cental.

**Dairy Products.**—The receipts of cheese last week were 66,850 boxes, and the total for the season to date 2,177,859 boxes, which is almost equal to the 2,204,640 boxes at same date a year ago. Shipments last week were only 41,702 boxes, as compared with 104,919 boxes for the same week of 1904. Exports of butter last week were also exceedingly light, only 774 packages, the higher prices evidently checking British demand. Fancy creameries are held at 23½ to 23¾c. with good to choice ranging from 22¾ to 23½c. Cheese quotations are firm at 12¾ to 12½c. for fine Westerns, and 12½ to 12¼c. per pound.

**Dry Goods.**—Quite a fair number of buyers from Western points have been in town during the week, making sorting selections for Christmas trade, and looking out for bargains in clearing jobs, which the trade generally offer prior to December stock-taking. General collections from retailers are reported up to the average. The Montreal Cotton Co. have, since last writing, given notice of an advance of about 5 per cent. in foulards, ducks, etc., and the Cornwall and York Mill, at St. John, N.B., has also advised an advance in denims, tickings, flannelettes, etc.

**Fish.**—There is now quite a good demand for salt fish, and we quote Labrador herrings, \$5.50 in barrels, halves, \$2.75; mackerel in 20 pound kits,

\$2; north shore salmon in tierces, \$18; ditto in barrels, \$13; lake trout, \$4.75; smoked haddies, 7 to 8c.; boneless cod, 6c.; dry cod, \$6 per quintal.

**Groceries.**—There is little new to be noted in this line. A week has passed without further decline in sugars, and quotations are fairly steady at \$4.30 for standard granulated, with yellows ranging from \$4.80 upwards. The Denia market for Valencia raisins still rules weak, and a fair amount of business is being booked on local account at the low prices now ruling. Seeded Malaga raisins are not turning out satisfactorily, both the skin and pulp being much tenderer than the California fruit, of which, however, importations are very light owing to the high price, laid down cost being figured at about 11c. in cartons. The currant market has developed some firmness since the "Jacona" left Patros. New dates are now being distributed at low prices. California prunes are reported high, owing to crop not being up to calculations, besides which there is good demand from Britain. Sultanas are steadily moving upwards, having developed an advance of several shillings since the opening of the market. All kinds of nuts are very firm.

**Hides.**—No change of any kind is to be noted since last report. No. 1 beef hides are firm at 11½ to 12c. per lb., and lambskins at 95c. each.

**Leather.**—A strike among the leather cutters is affecting the operations of some of the boot and shoe factories, and is not calculated to improve the demand for leather, but all values are firmly held, and tanners and dealers are not disposed to make any concessions in price.

**Metals and Hardware.**—Winter freight rates go into effect to-day, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that the long-continued active movement will now show some falling off. There is, however, no weakening of any kind in values as recently advanced. Lead is even higher, \$4.05 being now asked for pig-lead in an ordinary way, and the discount on shot has been reduced by 5 per cent.; ingot tin is firmer at 36½ to 37c.; the other lines of general metals are steady at last week's figures. Canada plates are quoted at \$2.50 for fifties, and black sheets at \$2.25 for 28 gauge; Ternes are advanced to \$6.75; galvanized sheets and Canada plates remain as last quoted. Boiler plates are \$2.20, and iron pipe \$4.29 for inch.

**Oils, Paints, etc.**—The movement in these goods is still well sustained, but is likely to quieten down somewhat after this week. Ground leads have stiffened up a little, owing to recent advances in pig-lead, and \$5.40 is now the lowest figure for fair lots of chemically pure, with \$5.50 for small lots. Putty is unaltered at \$1.40 in bulk. Window glass is very firm at the advance noted last week. Linseed oil brings 46c. for raw, and 48 to 49c. for boiled, in ordinary lots; turpentine steady at 98c.; fish oils continue very slow of movement.

### THE BRITISH MARKETS.

During the week under review the home trade of Manchester has continued active in the wholesale houses so far as cotton goods are concerned. Pressure has been felt from the retail shops for quicker delivery, but it has not been possible to fully supply their wants. The leading houses find considerable difficulty in getting goods round from makers. Manufacturers are doing their best to satisfy the requirements of their customers, but previously they had entered into engagements with shippers. It has been necessary for buyers of home cloths to give out fairly extensive orders so as to secure delivery on a larger scale later on. Not quite so much business has been given out to producers as last week and the week before. The general position is healthier than for some time back.

It may be mentioned that velveteens, as made in Oldham and elsewhere, are in good demand. Manufacturers of such fabrics are fortified with orders for some time to come, and local distributors are pressing for daily deliveries. In other kinds of cloth business is brisk, notably in fustians. All round a healthy feeling prevails for buyers and sellers, and the prospects of the trade for the coming winter and spring are looked upon as most encouraging. The shipping department in the leading Eastern outlets is moving a little better. This applies to India more than any other outlet. The boycott in Calcutta continues, according to the best information here. That is to say, no business worth naming is coming round, though clearances are going on in the bazaars.

Business in the linen market of Belfast continues quietly to improve, and prices are well maintained. The amount of business passing in the wholesale warehouses is considerable for the season, and there is a healthy tone throughout the country. The weather has been rather unpleasant for a few days, and shopping has not been so brisk as before; still, there is a good, steady, business in the retail.

The Bradford wool market is pursuing its uneventful course, and for the past month there has been practically no change in the prices of either the colonial or the home-grown product. Users of pure colonial merino wools profess to think that the great increase in the production of the new season's clip of Australian merino wools must make the prices rather easier in the near future, whilst, on the other hand, importers and holders point to the great expansion there is likely to be in the consumption, and the bareness of stocks all over the world, as strongly precluding the probability of any lower prices for these wools in the near future. It would, of course, be foolish to attempt to say which of these views is right, when any great political upset on the Continent might in a moment change the face of