

—The thirty-ninth meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held at Indianapolis, Ind., beginning on Tuesday, August 19, 1890, and continuing some days. The general sessions and the meetings of the sections will all be held in the State House. This meeting will be the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Association of Geologists and Naturalists, the parent of the A. A. S., which will add to the interest of the meeting.

—The sale of Government lots on English Bay, near Vancouver, a week or so ago, was a success, about \$52,000 being realized. The prices ranged from \$75 to \$250 per lot. The too frequent repetition of certain names, in the list of purchasers, sounds ominous for the future of the Province, to those who have seen parts of Ontario bought up by speculators in this way, and held for the advance in value created by the hard work of the industrious settler.

—Tuesday was settling day with the Dominion Government, and Wednesday cheques for \$4,000,000 were sent away from Ottawa, \$2,000,000 for provincial subsidies and \$2,000,000 for interest on Dominion securities held in England.

—The Government is doing away with the telegraph line between Qu'Appelle and Prince Albert, the operators having received notice to quit on August 31st. The line will be used as a telephone line.

—Leary rafts, says the *Kennebec Journal*, ought to be prohibited, as they are always a menace to navigation. The fate of the first great venture in this line two years ago appeared to demonstrate the futility of undertaking to tow large rafts of logs great distances at sea. For months the heavy timbers of that raft were a constant menace to navigation. Already we hear that sections of the raft he is now attempting to navigate have been lost, and should not be surprised to hear that the whole thing had gone to pieces, to become a floating menace to mariners.

—At a meeting of the United Labor League, held in Philadelphia last week, it was resolved that Common and Select Councils should be asked to make an appropriation sufficient to allow an eight-hour day to the employees of the city.

—There are no strikes in China. When a Chinese boss carpenter takes the contract for building a house there is inserted a clause that if he does not finish on time he forfeits a thumb. On his part he contracts with the journeyman that if he doesn't toe the scratch he shall lose his head.

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MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, July 9th, 1890.

ASHES.—Business is quiet with continued small receipts. First quality pots are quoted at \$4.10, last reported sale of seconds at \$3.65. All pearls coming forward go to one concern, and are immediately sent forward to England.

There are in stock only 55 old pearls and 177 pots.

BOOTS, SHOES, AND LEATHER.—Rather more cutting is being done among shoe manufacturers, though active operations in this line have not yet become general. Leather is selling a little better, and the month promises fairly. Values may be called again firmer, more especially for Quebec, and 14c. has been asked for splits in large lots to the trade. Rough leather is also dearer, and a sale of 300 sides of clean stock is reported at 22c.; grained and waxed upper is in good demand, and not in full supply. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do., No. 2, B.A., 16 to 18c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2 ditto, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, 18 to 19c.; No. 1 slaughter, 22 to 24c.; No. 2 do. 20 to 21c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 29 to 32c.; ditto, heavy, 24 to 30c.; grained, 28 to 32c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 33c.; splits, large, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 16c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 45 to 55c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 22 to 27c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 11 to 14c.; rough, 16 to 22c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

CEMENTS, &c.—The stock of cement on spot is in much healthier compass, being now from 9,000 to 10,000 bbls., as compared with about 18,000 several weeks ago, but the market has recovered very little stiffness, and it is said recent sales of large lots have been made at about \$2.25, running up to \$2.65, according to lot and brand. Bricks as last quoted.

DRY GOODS.—There has been nothing of a noteworthy character in the current of affairs since a week ago; some fair orders are reported from Nor'-Western points, but as a whole trade has been quiet. Such payments as fell due on the 4th inst. are said to have been fairly met, and money is perhaps a little freer than in June, but there is still ample margin for improvement. City retail trade, for the season, has been very fairly maintained. There is nothing new as regards prices in any line.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in these lines is of a seasonable sorting character. Essential oils of lemon, orange, bergamot and citronella are firmer, pennyroyal in good demand and advancing. In roots, golden seal, ipecac, and mandrake are easier, jalap tending to advance. Cream tartar very quiet, but raw material said to be scarcer, and a firmer tone prevails. There has been an active demand for strychnine and producers have raised prices. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.25 to 2.40; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 9 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 26 to 28c.; do. ground, 29 to 30c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 46 to 48c.; do. powder, 48 to 50c.; citric acid, 55 to 60c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.35 to 2.50; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.75; alum, \$1.60 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to 2.40; roll sulphur, \$2.10 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.75 to 1.90; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 45 to 50c.; German quinine, 45 to 50c.; Howard's quinine, 47 to 50c.; opium, \$4.75 to 5.00; morphia, \$2.20 to 2.30; gum arabic, sorts, 70 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to 1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodine potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$5.00 to 5.25; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$6.50 to 7.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$1.50 to 2.00; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.75; orange, \$2.90 to 3.10; oil peppermint, \$3.75 to 5.00; glycerine, 25 to 28c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 70 to 80c.; American do., 65 to 70c.; insect powder, 40 to 45c.

FISH.—Aside from a little demand for dry cod, which sells at about \$4.50, there is nothing doing.

GROCERIES.—Trade in this line seems hardly to have recovered from the holiday character of last week, and orders are said to be coming in rather slowly at the moment. Sugars remain just as they were at last writing, and the refiners give no sign of change either way. We quote 6c. for granulated at the factory, yellows 5½ to 5½c. Molasses not very active. Barbadoes in lots quoted 33½ to 34c.; single puncheons 35c. Teas have been rather quiet,

but values lose none of their stiffness. It is said some lots of Japans consigned originally here, have been ordered to New York, as affording a better market. Coffees quiet but steady. Rios have sold at 20 to 22c., Jamaica at same figure; Mocha, 27 to 29c.; Java, 25 to 27c. Dried fruits hardly a factor in trade at present, but values of Valencia raisins and currants very steady at last quoted prices. The growing crop of currants is reported as likely to be a large one, probably exceeding last year's yield. Evaporated apples are quoted at 12 to 12½c.; dried do., 6c. There is nothing new in spices, rice, canned goods or other lines.

HIDES.—Since our last report in this line, local green hides have advanced another half cent, dealers paying now on basis of 7c. for No. 1, and charging tanners, 7½c.; the demand is a fair one. Lambskins are also dearer at 35c.; calfskins, 5c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Business is reported somewhat better in iron and other metals, but the marked variations in the quotations of warrants have all had an unsettling effect. A few days ago warrants were quoted at 46/2d, while latest cable puts them at 45/6d. Makers' prices have not shown any marked fluctuations, but freights were a little dearer, and local quotations if anything are firmer. A sale of 100 tons Shotts is reported at \$22.00, and 100 Siemens' No. 1 at same figures. Bar unchanged nominally; copper solid at quotations, lead and tin rather easier. Terne plates

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