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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, June 27th, 1900.

ASHES.—The market still rules dull, the English demand being limited, and local transactions few in number. Values are reported easy at \$4.55 to \$4.65 for first pots; seconds, \$4.10 to \$4.20; pearls, about \$5.25.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—No changes are to be noted regarding values, and no special business activity has been reported during the week. Receipts for week ending to-day are 5,755 barrels of Belgian and German cement; 1,600 barrels of English, and 183,370 firebricks.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Cheese values have eased off since a week ago to the extent of a good half-cent, although the cable shows no apparent change, and Westerns are now quoted at 9 3/4 to 10c., with the latter an exceptional figure; Easterns, 9 1/2 to 9 3/4c. Butter is barely so strong, but fine creamery still commands 20 to 20 1/2c., and other makes proportionate figures. Cheese shipments to Britain last week were 70,996 boxes, as against 98,405 same week of 1899; butter exports were 9,590 packages, as compared with 18,814 packages at date last year.

DRY GOODS.—It is now generally conceded that fall orders so far are not up to last year's figures, but some are of the opinion that they will come in all right later, believing that the country merchants are holding back for lower prices, which, it is claimed, can hardly be expected this year. English letters received this week announce that nearly all the manufacturers of tapestry carpets have advanced prices, from a farthing to a penny a yard; advices from Belfast report a strong linen market, with a difficulty experienced in getting goods, and the prospects for the flax crop not promising.

MONTREAL STORES IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	June 19	June 26.
Wheat	524,980	542,016
Corn	122,571	123,164
Oats	590,011	630,127
Rye	16,397	13,634
Peas	141,767	134,107
Barley	74,927	59,877
Total grain	1,470,653	1,502,915
Oatmeal	742	627
Flour		23,643
Buckwheat	31,121	33,068

GROCERIES.—The strength in the sugar market, noted last week, has developed into a further advance of a full ten cents a cental, which went into effect on Tuesday afternoon, making the present factory price \$4.85 while the lowest in yellows is now \$4.15. The American refiners have been active buyers of raw beet sugars, in Europe, owing to the scarcity of cane sugars, and the New York market for refined is still reported fully two-fifths of a cent above the local level. Molasses is reported advanced a point to 17c., at the island, but local quotations are unchanged. Further advance is reported in the Japan market for teas, and dealers who had placed a limit on orders there at 16c. have had to advance to over 18c. to secure the goods. Low-priced goods are very scarce on spot. Some Western canners are reported as having withdrawn quotations on strawberries, owing to the dry spell. Quotations on sockeye salmon are also reported as withdrawn by packers on the Coast.

HIDES.—A dull market is reported, but no further changes are reported in quotations, both beef hides and calfskins remaining fairly steady at the recent de-

cline. We quote dealers as buying beef hides at 8c., for No. 1.; calfskins, at 9 and 7c. for Nos. 1 and 2 respectively; 25c. for lambskins, and \$1.10 for sheepskins.

LEATHER.—Boot and shoe manufacturers still report orders for the fall as somewhat behind expectations, and some of them say they will defer any heavy buying of leather until August. Tanners are talking stiff, and profess to believe that the market is going to hold steady, but there is no doubt that large buying could secure shaded figures. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 25 to 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 24 1/2c.; No. 3, B.A., 23 to 23 1/2c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 24; No. 2, 22 1/2 to 23c.; No. 1, slaughter, 27 to 28c.; No. 2, ditto, 25 to 26c.; common, 20 to 21c.; Union crop, 32c.; waxed upper, light, and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 20 to 23c.; Quebec, ditto, 16 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7 1/4c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 12 1/2 to 14c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 1/2 to 14c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The demand for heavy goods is not active, and the anticipations of lower values are becoming more pronounced. Some of the

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