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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 19th, 1900.

Ashes.—No transactions of any moment are reported for the week, and quotations are easy at about \$5 for first pots, and \$4.70 for seconds; pearls firm at \$6.50.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Little mand is looked for at this time; but values are steady. We quote: Belgian cement, \$2 to \$2.20; English. \$2.40 to \$2.50; German, \$2.55 to \$2.65; firebricks. \$18 to \$26 per thousand.

DRY GOODS.—Christmas shopping is reported by retailers as brisk. Among wholesalers the final figuring on the Among year's results is being actively prosecuted, and travellers are mostly at home, preparing full lines of spring samples, with which they will start out after the New Year. The Canadian Colored Cotton Co. advanced ginghams to-day half a cent a yard.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—There is continued lightness of supply of finest grades of creamery butter, and the market is firmer at 22 to 22½c.; for these goods; seconds, 21 to 22½c.; dairy, 18 to 19c. A dull market prevails in cheese, with huners and sellers very much apart in buyers and sellers very much apart in their ideas. Quotations are more or less nominal, as follows: Fine Western Seotembers. 11 to 111/4c.; Octobers, 103/4 to 107/sc ; fine Easterns, 101/2 to 103/sc.

GROCERIES.—The movement in line is well sustained for December, good winter roads throughout the district no doubt contributing largely to the good demand. Sugars are steady at last advance, refiners quoting \$4.85 for standard granulated, and from \$4.05 to \$4.65 for yellows. There is quite a fair lot of Russian refined sugar in store here, on New York account, which arrived before the close of navigation from Dantzic, which apparently cannot be offered at present prices. An auction sale of dried fruits was held this week, at which 1.500 cases of fine off-stalk Valencias, 250 cases of currants, and a fair quantity of Malaga loose muscatels, but no very active bidding was shown. Some good judges declared the currents two years old; the Valencias were knocked down at 7½c., and the Malaga fruit at 8½c., but there is an impression that the goods were bought in.

HIDES.—Dealers are buying beef hides at another decline of half a cent, the general quotation for No. 1 beef hides ing now 8c., with not a great deal doing. Lambskins are steady at 90c.: calfskins easy at 8 and 6c. for Nos. 1 and 2. respectively.

LEATHER.—A leather man, just the shoe turned from Quebec, reports factories all working again, with good orders in hand, but no great amount of buying from that quarter is yet reported. Local enquiry is fairly maintained, as noted last week, and prices are steady. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. FOUNDED 1825.

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