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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, March 6th, 1901.

ASHES.—The market is weaker; there is no English demand, and some Michigan ashes have found their way into this market. It is said some first pots have been bought as low as \$4.75, and we quote \$4.75 to \$4.90; seconds, about \$4.40 to \$4.50; pearls, very scarce, and would realize \$6.50.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—More of a movement is reported in firebricks, but cements continue inactive. We quote: Belgian cements, \$2 to \$2.20; English, \$2.40 to \$2.50; German, \$2.55 to \$2.65; firebricks, \$18 to \$24 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—There has been no recovery in the cheese market, which continues a quiet and weak one. For finest goods, 10c. is an extreme price, and what little trading is being done is in medium goods at 9½ to 9¾c. Receipts of butter are increasing in volume, with the result that the market shows an easier tendency, though quotations show no marked reduction as yet, and for finest creamery 22½c. is being paid. Last week's exports of cheese amounted to 19,494 boxes, of butter, 135 packages. Since May 1st, 1900, the total exports of cheese aggregate 2,313,363 boxes, butter, 264,096. For same period of previous year, the figures are 2,197,966 boxes of cheese, and 477,822 boxes of butter.

DRY GOODS.—Though the weather continues decidedly wintry, and "Old Probs" promises a further spell of cold wave, the millinery openings this week have been well attended, some say better than a year ago, and wholesalers in the dry goods line report quite a goodly number of buyers visiting the warehouses, a fair proportion from Atlantic Coast points. These visitors seem in a contented state of mind as regards business, and they are reported as buying a good class of goods, as a rule. The fourth was a fair-sized day, as regards payments, and as far as can be judged from returns, so far to hand, the results will show a good average of paper met.

FISH.—The demand already shows signs of slackening, but stocks are light, and values pretty steady, except for pickled herrings. We quote Nova Scotia salmon, \$13; B.C., ditto, \$12.50; green cod, No. 1, \$6.50; No. 2, ditto, \$5.25 to \$5.50; No. 2, mackerel, \$10; Nova Scotia herrings, No. 1, \$4.50 to \$4.75; dried cod, \$4.75; boneless cod, 5 to 5½c.; boneless fish, 3½ to 4c.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Feb. 25.	March 4.
Wheat	95,244	95,244
Corn	11,771	11,771
Oats	145,935	161,364
Rye	8,678	8,678
Peas	30,491	30,491
Barley	49,315	42,510
Total grain ...	341,434	350,058
Oatmeal	485	452
Flour	18,365	19,256
Buckwheat	11,675	11,675

GROCERIES.—As was anticipated in these columns a fortnight ago, there has been a further marked decline in molasses; prices at the island are last reported down to 12c., and there has been a local cut of 4c., making present jobbing quotations 34 to 35c., meaning a shrinkage of \$7 a puncheon, a not very pleasant outlook for holders of any quantity. Sugars are unchanged, refinery quotation for standard remaining at \$4.65; yellows, ranging from \$3.80 up, but there is a feeling that the New York market is likely to ease off further, and buyers are inclined to hold back. Tea men report very little doing; what stocks of Japans

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