

Wool.—Little is being done in the wool market just now. New clip is not expected in quantity for some time yet, and meanwhile prices are merely nominal.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, May 3, 1905.

Ashes.—Though there has been some little enquiry there has as yet been no actual business leading to any material shipments by first outgoing steamships. There are, however, only 25 to 30 barrels in store, and prices remain steady at \$5.50 for No. 1 pots; seconds, \$4.95 to \$5; pearls, \$7.25 to \$7.50.

Dairy Products.—Owing to more liberal receipts of new fodder cheese the market shows some decline, and the present limit of prices is $10\frac{1}{4}$ to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. For butter there has been a brisker enquiry, and prices are firm at $18\frac{1}{4}$ to $18\frac{1}{2}$ c. for choice creamery; rolls are quoted at 15 to 16c.

Cements and Firebricks.—There are as yet no new stocks on the wharves, and we continue to quote prices from store as follows: Belgian cement, \$1.70 to \$2.10; English, \$2.05; American and Canadian, \$2.30 to \$2.40, less rebate for returned packages; bricks, \$18 to \$23 per thousand.

Dry Goods.—Business in this line cannot be called brisk. Retail country stocks are said to be still pretty full, owing to the raw, backward weather, and some fair number of requests for renewal indulgence are reported in connection with payments due on the 4th, which is a fairly heavy day. The Colonial and Magog mills have issued their fall price list for printed cottons, which shows very little variation from figures of last list. British advices indicate generally firm markets.

Groceries.—The distribution can hardly be called an active one, such as is usual at the season, and the sugar refining companies complain of slack business for the past six weeks. A decline in refined sugars was announced last Friday, both refineries making a cut of 10 cents a cental, making \$5.55 now the factory figure for granulated in barrels, with \$5.05 the lowest for yellows. Since then there has been some recovery in the market for raws, but no advance is looked for in refined. Owing to the weaker market in Barbados for new molasses, the local jobbing price for single puncheons from stock has been reduced by 2c. to 38c.; barrels, $40\frac{1}{2}$ c.; half-barrels, 41c. Thus far, it is said, only one cargo lot of Barbados has been bought for this market; some small trial lots of Antigua molasses are reported as being ordered. The Milling Company has advised a reduction of 10c. a cental in standard B. and C. C. makes of rice.

Hides.—Lambskins are advanced this week to 15c. each; sheepskins remain at \$1.20. Beef hides come in slowly, and are still bought by dealers at $9\frac{1}{2}$ c. for No. 1, but of calfskins receipts are

liberal, with prices steady at 14c. for No. 1, and 12c. for No. 2.

Metals and Hardware.—The movement in these lines is very well sustained. In prices there are no marked changes. Ingot tin and copper are slightly easier at 33c. for the former, and 16c. for the latter in a jobbing way; antimony, 9 to $9\frac{1}{4}$ c.; spelter, \$6.50; lead, \$3.40. Reports referred to last week of a possible combination among British manufacturers of galvanized sheets are not confirmed; the market is firm from 5s. to 12s. 6d. a ton on the other side, but local prices remain as they were at \$4.10 for Queen's head and equal. Canadian plates are also a little firm in

Britain, but \$2.35 is still the general quotation here; black sheets, \$2.15; Ternes, \$6.50; coke tins, \$3.65, and charcoal ditto, \$3.90. Summerlee No. 1 pig iron to arrive, \$19 ex wharf; selected No. 2 ditto, \$18.50; Middlesboro No. 3, \$17.25. Bars are unchanged at \$1.75 to \$1.80; boiler plate, \$2; iron pipe, \$4.20 per 100 feet for inch.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Linseed oil has made two advances since last report, and is now quoted at 53c. for boiled and 50c. for raw. White leads and putty are not advanced, though it is claimed they should be. Turpentine remains steady at 87c.; glass, firm at \$3.75 per 100 feet for first break.



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