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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, July 18th, 1900.

ASHES.—The market has a little firmer tone, and though the actual demand does not appear much greater, dealers are quoting \$3.75 to \$3.80 to makers for first pots, and seconds, \$3.35 to \$3.40. Pearls are reported dull as ditch water.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—European makers of cement are reported rather firmer in their views, but the demand locally is hardly sufficiently brisk to establish any advance here, and quotations remain as quoted last week. Receipts for the week are 5,270 barrels of Belgian and German cement, and 13,500 firebricks.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Last week was a banner one as regards cheese exports, the exports reaching 143,474 boxes, some 57,000 boxes more than the same week of last year. The market is again a peg higher this week, 10c. being asked for fine Westerns, which makes trade less active. Easterns are quoted at from 9½ to 9¾c. Receipts of butter are comparatively light, and the market is a firm one, 19 to 19½c. being quoted for fine creamery. Shipments last week were 4,854 packages, as against 7,340 packages for corresponding week of 1899.

DRY GOODS.—A tour of the wholesale warehouses results in nothing special in the way of news this week. Notwithstanding the hanging back in buying on the part of some, and a certain amount of cancelling from the North-West, orders are reported a good average for the season, and general collections continue to come in well. General firmness is reported in values.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

| | Bushels. July 10. | Bushels. July 17. |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Wheat | 666,658 | 543,632 |
| Corn | 9,522 | 72,857 |
| Oats | 783,220 | 682,335 |
| Rye | 4,119 | 3,840 |
| Peas | 132,924 | 139,559 |
| Barley | 47,073 | 24,692 |

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| Total grain .. | 1,443,516 | 1,466,915 |
| Oatmeal | 566 | 547 |
| Flour | 19,246 | 22,917 |
| Buckwheat | 18,140 | 15,160 |

GROCERIES.—Again we report the usual weekly advance in sugars, the factory figure for granulated now standing at \$5.10, and the lowest in yellows being \$4.40. The demand is good, with continued reported scarcity of raws, and authorities in the trade profess a strong belief in still higher prices. Molasses is also higher, and no further supplies are available in Barbadoes, where the market is practically closed, and the Guild price has been put up to 41c. for single puncheons, and 40c. for car lots. Antigua molasses is also very scarce on spot, only one moderate lot being held here, with 35c. as the quotation for lots. Three cargoes of Barbadoes are now afloat for this market, and will complete the season's receipts. Of Porto Rico molasses, there

is none to speak of here. Teas continue to receive active attention, with growing strength, in China, blacks as well as greens, and reported scarcity in all lines.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Hide dealers report a very dull market, sales to tanners being of limited volume, and they quote 8, 7, and 6c. for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, beef hides. No. 1, calf skins, 9c.; No. 2, ditto, 7c.; lambskins and clips, 30c. No sheepskins offering now. Rendered tallow is quoted at about 5½c. for best.

LEATHER.—No special briskness of general demand can yet be noted, though a certain volume of trade is reported in dongolas and fancy leathers. Values are well sustained considering the easy hide market. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 25 to 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 24½c.; No. 3, B.A., 23 to 23½c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 24c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1, slaughter, 27 to 28c.; No. 2.

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