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MONTREAL MARKETS

Montreal, 20th Feb., 1901. Ashes.—The same conditions prevail as formerly noted, there being practically no business doing. We quote nominal figures, as follows: First pots, \$5; seconds, \$4.60; pearls, \$6.25 to \$6.50 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Some moderate demand is reported for firebricks for the usual mid-winter repairs in manuracturing establishments, and a little more enquiry is being experienced for cements, but the entire volume of business is small. 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. — Prices continue firm, but receipts have been larger the past few days, and will likely continue to increase with the advancing season, and the market is expected to ease off. For fine creamery, the quotation is still 22½ to 23c.; seconds, 21 to 22c.; good dairy, 19 to 19½c. The cheese market shows notable weakness. The English demand is light, and stocks there apparently larger than calculated. Some holders quote 10½c. for finest, but find difficulty in doing business at this figure. Shipments last week were 14,793 boxes of cheese, and 960 packages of butter. Total shipments since close of navigation, 199,-926 boxes of cheese, as compared with 200,690 boxes for same period last year; of butter, 6,935 packages, as against 12,-651 last year.

DRY GOODS.—City retail business is quiet, as it usually is in February, but wholesalers appear to be well satisfied with the volume of trade passing, and report general remittances as coming fairly, though hardly as well as last month. Values continue to be at all month. Values continue to be steadily maintained in all lines. It has been generally reported that there is a movement among some of the larger knitting mills to go direct to the retail trade with their product, and it is understood that at least two have so decided.

FISH.—There is a fair demand for the season of the year, but Lenten business is not expected to be heavy, as the rules for the observance of that season have been considerably modified by the Roman Catholic Bishop, owing to the prevalence of grippe, etc. With the exception of of grippe, etc. herrings, pickled fish are in rather light supply. We quote: Nova Scotia herrings, \$4.75 to \$5; North shore salmon. \$13; B. C., ditto, \$12.50; green cod, No I. \$6; small, ditto, \$4.25 to \$4.50; dry cod, \$4.75; skinless cod, in 100-lb. cases, \$4.25; hereless cod, to 5.60; here the fresh boneless cod, 5 to 5½c. per lb.: fresh haddock, 3¾c.; cod, 4½c.; frozen herrings, \$2 per hundred.

Furs.-Nothing new is reported in this line, and quotations are repeated, as follows: Mink, dark, \$1.25 to \$2.25; ditto, pale, 75c. to \$1.50; marten, large. \$3 to \$3.50; ditto, small. \$2.50 to \$3: fisher, \$4.50 to \$6.50; pale ditto, \$4 to \$5.50; FOUNDED 1825.

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