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ing to keep out the American article. Trade in general groceries has not been up to the mark the last few days. Canned goods, especially tomatoes, however, are in somewhat better request than they have been of late. Teas continue fairly firm, except Japans, which are very dull. The primary market for currants is stronger, and an advance has taken place in London. Valencia raisins are somewhat stronger owing to the disposal of the bulk of the inferior article.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is a fair demand for hides, with moderate offerings. Prices show no very wide fluctuations. Calfskins are coming in large numbers, and prices have advanced about a cent. Tallow is quiet, and the prices are easier.

LEATHER.—The leather trade is somewhat quiet just now, but prospects are fairly good. Prices remain about the same.

PROVISIONS.—Butter still continues weak, the price asked being 13 to 13½¢ for fresh rolls. Held fetches about 10 to 11¢. Cheese is unchanged. Hog products are in good demand, without any appreciable change in quotations. Live hogs are one-eighth up this week, which tends to keep the feeling firm. Eggs remain steady at 10 to 11¢.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 8th May, 1901.

ASHES.—The dullness in this is unrelieved. There have been no lots of any consequence received as yet, as is usual by first boats from the West, but values are easier, if anything, and first pots are quoted from \$4.15 to \$4.25; seconds, about \$3.75.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Business in cements is improved a little, but there is not the usual western demand, which appears to be now largely supplied by home productions. We quote: Belgian cement, \$1.70 to \$1.95; German, \$2.30 to \$2.50; English, \$2.25 to \$2.35; American, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Canadian, Beaver brand, \$1.90; star, \$2.20; Silicas, \$2.10; firebricks, \$16 to \$22.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The first offerings of French country cheese were made yesterday, selling at 8½ to 8¾¢; Western, white, quotes at 8½ to 8¾¢. Shipments from this port for the first week of navigation, were 10,854 boxes, as compared with 8,881 boxes for corresponding week of last year; there were also 1,330 boxes shipped via Portland. The butter market is an easy one, finest creamery in boxes being quoted at 17½ to 17¾. Shipments last week from this port were 2,641 packages, as against only 182 packages for first week of the season in 1900.

DRY GOODS.—The 4th panned out remarkably well. Six houses consulted with regard to customers payments on that day, all agree that results were much better than average, a couple of them reporting from 85 to 90 per cent. of paper met. From all sections, money came in well, and this is all the more gratifying, as, owing to the somewhat unfavorable spring, the asking of a fair proportion of renewals were not unexpected. Travellers' letters say that spring stocks in the country are not greatly broken into as yet, but the last few days of actually warm weather is greatly helping retail trade, and wholesale houses are getting quite a fair proportion of letter orders for light fabrics, to be expressed. As regards values, nothing new is reported.

GROCERIES.—A stronger market is noted for sugars, both granulated and yellows having been advanced 5¢ a cental, a few days ago, and a very fair demand is reported. Factory price for granulated is now \$4.60; yellows from \$3.75 to \$4.40. Molasses rules easy at 29¢, this being the price at which sales are made in this

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