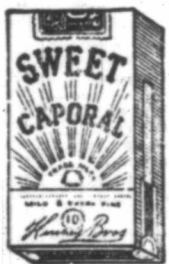


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Montreal, Dec. 27, 1905.

Ashes.—Nothing is being done in this line, nor are there any supplies coming forward. We quote nominal figures as follows:—No. 1 pots, \$5.25 to \$5.30; second pots, \$4.70 to \$4.75; pearls, \$7.00 to \$7.25 per cental.

Cements and Firebricks.—For firebricks there is quite a good demand, this being the season when general repairs are common with many large manufacturing concerns, but cements are dull. We quote Belgian cement at \$1.90 to \$2.10; Canadian and English, \$2.00 to \$2.20; firebricks, \$18.00 to \$23.00 per thousand as to brand.

Dairy Products.—Good enquiry is reported from the other side of the Atlantic, and as stocks are on the low side here, holders are even firmer in their views than a week ago. Quotations for fine Western makes are now up to 13¼ to 13½c., and good qualities of Easterns are quite scarce, and are held at 13 to 13½c. per lb. Export trade in butter is light, but local demand is good. Good dairy is quoted at 21c., while creamery runs up to 23½c. for choicest.

Dry Goods.—The week has been a quiet one in wholesale circles, the warehouse staffs being mainly occupied in figuring out the results of the year, and most travelling salesmen are in town having their samples revised. Retail Christmas trade in fancy lines is reported as having been good, but the prolonged mild weather—at the moment of writing—has been most of a summery character—has been much against the sale of heavy fabrics, and it is feared that a large proportion of goods of this character will have to be carried over.

Furs.—We report quotations for strictly prime pelts as follows:

No. 1 large beaver, \$6.00 to \$7.00; medium ditto, \$5.00 to \$5.50; kits, \$2.00; black bear, \$15.00 for large No. 1, \$10.00 for medium, and \$5.00 for small; badger, 40 to 60c.; fisher, \$0.00 to \$7.00 for fine dark; red fox, No. 1 Northern, \$3.50; Eastern and Ontario No. 1, \$3.00; No. 1 silver fox, \$100 to \$175.00; cross fox, \$7.00 to \$10.00 for dark; wolverine, \$7.00 for No. 1 dark, other grades \$2.00 to \$5.00; lynx, \$6.00 to \$7.00 for No. 1; Marten, Western and British Columbia No. 1, \$6.00 to \$7.00; Eastern ditto, \$4.50 to \$5.00; mink, \$6.00 to \$8.00 for large No. 1, and \$4.00 to \$5.00 for medium; winter rats, 15 to 18c. for large; other No. 1 large dark Labrador, \$30, and \$15.00 for Western; coon, \$1.75 to \$2.50; skunk, \$2.00 for No. 1 prime black \$1.50 for short stripe, other grades 30 to 75c.

Groceries.—The week has developed little of interest, and the movement at the moment is of a comparatively restricted character. The situation as regards the sugar market is unchanged; standard granulated is quoted at the factory at \$4.30 in barrels and \$4.25 in bags, with No. 1 yellows at \$3.90 in barrels, and \$3.85 in bags. Molasses is if anything firmer owing to some free purchasing by sugar refiners for the making of low grade yellow sugars. The demand for dried fruits is now very light, but prices are held fairly steady at former quotations. A rather better demand is reported for Japan teas, and the market for these goods is quite a strong one, while it is claimed that stocks of desirable sorts will be very low before new crop teas arrive.

Hides.—Receipts of country hides are quite free, though city stock is not over plentiful. Quotations are very steady at 12 to 12½c. for No. 1 Lambskins are still being bought at \$1.05 each, and it is hardly thought they are likely to go much higher.

Oils and Paints.—Business is very quiet at the moment, but already some travellers have started out on their routes again, and a good spring business is looked for. Quotations show no special changes of late. Linseed is fairly steady at 47c. for raw and 50c. for boiled; turpentine, 93c.; white lead is very firm at \$5.75 for chemically pure, and window glass at \$4 per 100 feet for first break.

Metals and Hardware.—While wholesale trade in most lines is comparatively slack, as is only natural in these holiday times, the demand for heavy metals and general hardware is unusually active for the season, and the head of one leading house says it is the busiest December his firm has known for fifty years, which is a pretty big statement, but is apparently borne out by reports from other quarters. Quotations in many lines continue to show a strengthening tendency, and that there is a belief that the high prices are likely to

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