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On motion of the Hon. Mr. Garrow, Q.C., seconded by Mr. George Moore, Mayor Diebel and Charles A. Ruby were appointed scrutineers, and when the ballots were counted, it was found that the retiring directors, Messrs. Melvin, Borden, Kidd and Snider, were re-elected for the ensuing term of three years.

VOTES OF THANKS.

As is customary at annual meetings, after a year of great success, resolutions were passed conveying the most hearty thanks of the policy-holders to the board of directors, executive committee, medical director, manager, secretary, superintendent of agencies, and the head office and agency staffs, for the very able and efficient manner in which they discharged their respective duties during the past year. The president, manager and others having gracefully acknowledged the compliments paid, "God Save the Queen" was sung in a burst of patriotic fervor, after which the meeting adjourned.

The directors met subsequently, and re-elected Mr. Robert Melvin, president; Mr. Alfred Hoskin, Q.C., first vice-president, and Mr. B. M. Britton, Q.C., M.P., second vice-president of the company for the ensuing year.

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 30th May, 1900.

ASHES.—Quietude still marks the situation, no noteworthy business being reported. We quote first quality pots at \$4.50 to \$4.60; seconds, \$4.10 to \$4.15; pearls, \$5 to \$5.20 per cental.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—No large transactions are reported since last week, but a fair volume of trade is passing in car lots. We quote: Belgian cement, \$1.90 to \$2.10; English, \$2.30 to \$2.40; German, \$2.45 to \$2.55. Firebricks, \$18 to \$24 per thousand.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The cheese market has ruled easier, but some dealers claim that the present good demand for shipping will likely hold prices steady. West-erns are quoted about 9½c. per lb., and Quebec ¼c. lower. Butter has kept moving gradually upwards, and fine cream-ery is now generally quoted at 18½c., with dairy makes ranging from 15 to 16c. Shipments of cheese last week to Britain were liberal for the season.

DRY GOODS.—Stock-taking in this line has been en regle with most of the larger houses this week, night work being done in order to get through by the 1st June. With regard to orders, a fair volume of booking is being done for fall stuff, and the more summery weather has induced a certain amount of sorting business. Remittances, on the whole, are coming in well, and there has been an absence of any late failures in this district. Values are without change.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	May 22.	May 29.
Wheat	313,220	318,764
Corn	93,821	135,834
Oats	673,533	484,369
Rye	3,312	4,689
Peas	216,321	211,156
Barley	59,057	61,609

Total grain	1,359,264	1,216,421
Oatmeal	796	763
Flour	25,505	23,685
Buckwheat	30,222	27,656

GROCERIES.—The sugar market is a strong one, and local refiners moved up both granulated and yellows, last Saturday, ten cents a cental, making the factory price for standard granulated now \$4.60, and the lowest, in yellows, \$3.85.

The guild has fixed the price of molasses even lower than we anticipated, last week. single puncheons of Barbadoes being now quoted at 39c.; car lots, 38c. Supplies of new molasses are coming to hand, two cargoes having arrived. A couple of hundred packages of early pickings of Japan teas, by first two steamers, are due in course of a few days, and have been pretty well sold from sample, at fancy prices, ranging from 28 to 35c. The spice market is reported a little easier, especially cloves and pepper.

HIDES.—Following the decline in beef hides, of half a cent, last week, calfskins have gone off a cent, and dealers now quote 10c. per lb. for No. 1, and 8c. for No. 2. Beef hides are bought, green, at 8½, 7½ and 6½c. per lb. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Lambskins are still 15c. each, but will likely be advanced next week; sheepskins, \$1.10 each.

LEATHER.—Leather men still complain of a dull market, boot and shoe manufacturers being disposed, it seems, to defer buying until the volume of fall orders is more clearly ascertained. It is reported that the backward weather in many sections has proved unfavorable to the brisk breaking into of spring stocks of footwear, and that travellers in a good many cases have been meeting with indifferent encouragement in the getting of fall orders, which may necessitate the covering of the ground a second time. Prices remain pretty steady, notwithstanding the recent weakening in hides. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 25c.; No. 3, B.A., 23 to 24c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1, slaughter, 27 to 29c.; No. 2, ditto, 25 to 27c.; common, 20 to 21c.;

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