

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, 18th Sept., 1901.

Ashes.—Business continues limited in extent, English demand being light, and receipts small. Dealers are buying what first pots are offering at from \$4.25 to \$4.30, according to tare; seconds, \$3.75 to \$3.80; pearls, dull at \$6.50 to \$6.75 per cental.

Cements and Firebricks.—The demand is reported fair in the way of moderate lots, but there have been no recent big sales. Prices have undergone no variation since the opening of the season, and 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 demand for butter shows improvement, and quotations show a firmer tone. We quote finest late made creamery, 20½ to 21c.; earlier makes, 20 to 20¼c.; undergrades, 18½ to 19c.; good dairy, 16 to 16½c. The shipments last week were small, totalling only 3,202 packages. Some improvement is also noted in the cheese situation, values at date showing a gain of about ½c. since a week ago. We quote finest colored Ontarios, 9½c.; white, 9¾ to 9½c.; townships, 9¾c.; Quebecs, 9 to 9¾c. Shipments of cheese from this port last week were 54,976 boxes, as against 99,937 boxes for same week of 1900. The total shipments from Montreal this season aggregate 1,092,538 boxes, being about 370,000 boxes less than figures of

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