

random from the long and deplorable history of superstition, are presented with every mark of necessary and becoming respect to Prof. Wiggins, of the United States of America.—*London Telegraph.*

—On her trip from Lake Erie, shore last week, the "Dresden" carried to Windsor and Amherstburg over 500 baskets of peaches.

—The Colchester Reef Light-house, Lake Erie, is now furnished with a bell rung by clock-work in foggy weather.

—An agricultural fair is to be held on Pelee Island, Ont., on the 15th instant.

## Commercial.

### MONTREAL MARKETS.

MONTREAL, October 6th, 1886.

**ASHES.**—The market has shown but little change since a week ago. No. 1 pots being quoted at \$4.00, seconds \$3.40 to \$3.45. A small sale of pearls was made at about \$5.53. One lot of 66 brls. was received Monday, and represents the bulk of late receipts. The receipts from January 1st to October 1st, have been 2,809 pots, pearls 283; as against 4,019 pots, and 316 pearls, for same period of 1885, showing a decrease in all of 1,293 brls.

**CEMENTS, FIRECLAY, ETC.**—Some considerable lots of cements are moving and prices are stiff. Supplies are not very full on spot. We quote as before.

**DRY GOODS.**—The critical 4th of October, which has been looked forward to by wholesale dry goods dealers with a certain degree of foreboding in some quarters, owing to the general poorness of remittances during September, has passed off very well. The general report here, being that from 60 to 65 per cent. of bills due on that day were provided for by the makers. A satisfactory sorting business continues to be done. The celebration of the Jewish New Year, and other causes, have brought a certain number of buyers to town, and travellers in country districts are also meeting with a fair degree of success. The city retail trade continues to be well employed. There has been a further advance equal to another quarter of a cent in white cottons, and orders are being freely placed with the mills at the advance; in greys and other lines there is also a firmness which may result in a revision of prices. An advance in Canadian woollens of from 10 to 15 per cent. may be said to be established.

**FISH.**—A cargo of Labrador herrings of about 2,400 brls. is arrived, and are held at \$6.50 in fair lots, as already indicated the catch has been very light indeed. Cape Bretons in light supply still and firm at \$5.75 to \$6. Dry cod \$2.90 to \$3.25; green ditto, also at \$3.50 to \$3.75; salmon nominally \$16, \$15 and \$13.50 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, with very little to be had. Lake trout will be in stock next week, and is quoted at \$3.50.

**FURS.**—It is yet too early for new caught furs to come in, and will probably be the first week in November before any will be marketed. If the present unsettled state of affairs continues in Eastern Europe, prices for shipping furs will be seriously affected. For good furs for local consumption good prices will be paid at the opening of the season. We revise quotations as follows: We quote:—Beaver \$3.50 to \$4.00; bear \$10 to \$12; cub do. \$5 to \$6; fisher \$5 to \$6; fox, red, \$1 to \$1.10; lynx \$2.50 to \$3; marten 90c. to \$1.00; mink 75c. to \$1; muskrat 10c.; raccoon 40 to 50c.; skunk 40 to 60c. as to quality; otter \$8 to \$10.

**GROCERIES.**—A continued improvement is to be noted in this line, and a good fall assorting business is in progress. Collections are well spoken of, and any favors asked by debtors are only for short dates. Sugars remain as last quoted, with granulated at 6½ to 6¾c., yellows 4½ to 5½c.; bright yellows are in better supply, but medium goods are in demand and cannot readily be had. Molasses is higher, and 33c. to said to be the lowest figure for Barbadoes in fair lots. There are a good many enquiries for syrups which are not easily obtainable. For teas there is a good all-round demand, and the tendency is toward stiffness in all grades; gunpowders are very scarce in England, and reported up a penny-halfpenny to two pence a pound. Spot stocks are also very light; there is an enquiry for Ping Sney

which cannot be met. Fair supplies of new Valencia raisins have been received, and sell lower at 7½ to 8½c.; new currants 5½ to 6c.; the cable reports them two shillings higher than opening price. There is said to be some Malaga fruit on next steamer due here. The first of the three direct Mediterranean steamers is looked for about the 14th or 15th inst. Coffee are firmer, we quote O. G. Java 21 to 25c.; Mocha 21 to 25c.; Rio 10½ to 11c.; Jamaica 10 to 12c. The Milling Company here is reported as being sold out of rice, and prices are likely to stiffen. Canned goods generally continue dear; Western men are reported to have been down here looking for tomatoes, which are now held at \$1.30 in lots.

**LEATHER AND SHOES.**—The movement in leather is a moderate one. Shoe manufacturers are getting through with fall orders,

and are in some cases beginning to prepare spring samples. Some large shipments of splits and buff continue to be made to Britain, reducing stocks in these lines materially. Values generally are steady. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do. No. 2, B.A., 20 to 23c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2 do., 20 to 22c.; No. 1 China, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27c.; oak sole, 45 to 50c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 39c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained, 36 to 42c.; Splits large, 22 to 28c.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French (alf, shins 80 to 85; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 12 to 15½c.; Rough 13 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—There is an increased movement in iron and metals generally; the bulk of the orders are of moderate extent, but the aggregate business is a very fair one. The iron market is considerably stronger; there is an advance in the United States of \$1 a ton, and the British market is equal to 75c. a ton better. Warrants are cabled at 40/9d., being tenpence better than a week ago. The advance is due to a scarcity of special brands, and labor troubles in the collieries. Tin plates are firmer at home; a number of Welsh makers are reported as closing down, and an advance is not improbable. Other lines unchanged. We quote:—Summerlee, \$17 to \$17.50; Gartsherrie, \$17 to \$17.50; Langloan and Coltness, \$17 to \$17.50; Shott, \$17.50; Eglinton & Dalmellington, \$15.50 to \$16; Calder, \$17 to \$17.50; Carnbroe, \$16; Hematite, \$18 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$17.00; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, \$2.25 to \$2.35; Penn, \$2.50. Tin Plates,

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