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MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan. 11th, 1905.

Ashes.—The good snow roads now general throughout the country have apparently brought out some fair lots—considering the present extent of the trade—and prices are consequently easier. For No. 1 pots dealers are now paying \$5.75 to \$5.85, with seconds ranging about \$5.30. Pearls would readily bring \$7.50 to \$7.75.

Dairy Products.—Values in cheese have been showing a steadily firmer tendency since the closing of navigation, and quotations at the moment are a full cent above the level of two months ago, even though the demand from Britain is not specially lively. Holders are indifferent sellers of best Westerns at 11c., and 11½c. has been realized, it is claimed. A good jobbing demand for butter readily absorbs current offerings, and the market is a very steady one. Fine creameries are quoted at 21¼ to 21¾c., and under grades at 20 to 21c.; good dairy makes bring 17 to 17¼c. Shipments of cheese last week amounted to 21,619 boxes of cheese, and 250 packages of butter.

Dry Goods.—Payments on the 4th were better provided for than generally expected, and one leading house reports that 86 per cent. of its customers' paper was taken up, certainly a gratifying showing. There has thus far been an absence of any undue proportion of insolvencies, though the 4th of February and March, sometimes trying periods, have yet to be passed. Travellers are fairly at work, and a moderate volume of orders is shown. In values no special changes are reported.

Furs.—The week has been without any special feature. Some rather larger lots have come to hand the last few days, for which prices according to quotations, as

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below, have been paid. We quote for prime pelts as follows: Black bear, large, \$12; medium, \$8; small, \$5; badger, 50c. for No. 1 large; fisher, \$5 for No. 1 dark; brown, \$4; pale, \$3; red fox, \$2 to \$3.25; silver fox, \$75 to \$150 for No. 1 as to size; cross fox, \$5 to \$10 for No. 1; wolverine, \$2.50 to \$5; lynx, \$2.50 to \$6, as to quality; marten, \$4 to \$7 for British Columbia; Eastern skins, \$2.50 to \$4 for No. 1; mink, \$2 to \$4 for No. 1; muskrat, 8 to 10c. for fall; 10 to 15c. for prime winter; otter, \$8 to \$12; fine Labrador pelts would bring \$18; coon, \$2.50 for fine, black, large pelts, with prices ranging down to 25c. for unprime, poor colored skins; skunk, No. 1, all black, \$1.50; short stripe, \$1.10; long stripe, 60c.; broad stripe, 20c.

Groceries.—Further steady advance in the markets for raw cane and beet sugars has led to still another revision of prices for refined goods, and the local refiners put up prices a full ten cents on all grades on Tuesday. They claim that raw sugar would now cost laid down as much as their low grade yellows are being sold at, and a further advance is deemed momentarily probable. The present factory quotation for standard granulated is \$5.50 in barrels, bags 5c. less, the highest figure that has ruled for 15 years; Phoenix, \$5.50, with yellows ranging down to \$5. In teas the demand has not in any way picked up since the opening of the year, and importers still report but a "hand-to-mouth" business. Ceylon blacks are cabled a farthing easier, and for Japans low prices still prevail, a good medium quality being

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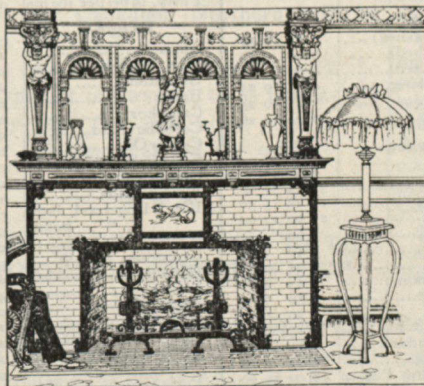
obtainable at about 12½c. Valencia raisins and currants maintain their value pretty steadily, fine off-stalk being quoted at 5 to 5½c. in a jobbing way; selected, 6c., and layers, 7c. California 3-crown muscatels sell at 7c. Fine Filiatra currants are quoted at 4¾c. in cases, ditto, cleaned, 5c. Sultanias, however, are remarkably cheap, nice bright goods being obtainable at 6c. Canned tomatoes are very firm, the Association price for standard goods being \$1.30; corn, \$1.20.

Hides.—The market is without change. For No. 1 beef hides dealers are still freely paying 9½c., and there is as yet no falling off in quality from the grub. There are as yet no offering of calfskins. Lambskins are still quoted at \$1.10.

Metals and Hardware.—No big business is yet reported in these lines, but a moderate volume of small orders is noted. Pig iron is not in demand, and most of the large foundries will not start up till next week. The American pig iron market is rather firmer; Scotch warrants are cabled at 55s. Bars are steady at \$1.75 to \$1.86; iron pipe, \$4.20 for inch, but the situation is rather stronger, and in the United States large

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