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#### MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, October 3rd, 1900.

Ashes.—The lightness of receipts causes a steady maintenance of prices, and we quote first quality of pots, \$5.10 to \$5.20; seconds, \$4.80 to \$4.85. A retail sale of pearls has been reported at \$7, and makers could command \$6.25 to \$6.50 from dealers.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The demand rules quiet for cements at present, but some fair business is expected pefore the close of navigation. Prices are steady, and we quote: Belgian, \$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.—Cheese is barely as strong as a week ago, and the Liverpool Townships, 11 to 11½c., and Quebec, 10½ to 11c. Shipments last week were figured at 68,137 boxes, almost double the quantity exported during the corresponding week of 1899. The putter market rules quiet, with values just about as last quoted. Exports last week were

14.571 packages.
DRY GOODS.—Weather conditions continue of a summerlike character, unfavorable to retail trade, and sorting business able to retail trade, and sorting business is somewhat affected. Travellers are reported as sending in fair orders, but a considerable proportion of the business they are doing is in spring goods. Further advances are reported in domestic cottons. The Dominion Cotton Co. has issued a new price list, under date Oct. 1st, for all lines produced at their Magog mills, such as prints, cretonnes, skirtings, costume cloths, etc., the advance ranging from 5 to 7½ per cent. The Colored Cotton Co. has also issued a revised list. under same date, showing an advance of 5 to 10 per cent. on denims, ginghams, shirtings, yarns, etc., and the Colonial Bleaching and Printing Co. has done likewise.

FURS.—The usual London October sales of raw furs will begin on the 17th inst., and though no special changes in price are looked for, local dealers prefer to await advices regarding results, be-forc issuing quotations for the fall catch of native furs.

GROCERIES.—American sugar refiners are again reported as induiging in a nerry war among themselves, resulting in a heavy decline in New York sugar quota-tions, and the local refineries have this day announced a ten-cent reduction in their prices for both yellows and granu-iated. The factory, quotation for standard granulated is now \$5.10, while low grade yellows are down to \$4.30. The market for dried fruits is stiffer than ever, and a prominent house reports that they were to-day offered 81/4c. for a round lot of fine off-stalk Valencias, and refused the same. All the stock on the "Escalona," which left Denia on the 21st ult., is reported as already sold, and the second direct ves-sel, the "Bellona," is not expected to bring much of a supply. Denia cables bring much of a supply. Denia cables now quote fine, selected, at 38s., equal to about 9c., laid down, and fine off-stalk at 36s., equal to about 8½c. Currants are still very high, and letter advices, ander date 7th September, stated that only about 5.000 tons were then available in first hands. The American embargo on Sultanas and figs has been removed, and prices are consequently stronger. Walnuts have advanced ten francs from opening prices; filberts advanced last to a figure representing about IIc., cost and freight New York. There has been an active demand for cheap French prunes, one firm of agents reporting recent orders for some 10,000 cases. California prunes have been reduced a quarter of a cent. Messina cable received yesterday advances all candied peels five pounds a ton.

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