

Commercial.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Dec. 26th, 1900.

ASHES.—The market is quite lifeless, and quotations are more or less nominal at about \$5 for first pots; seconds, about \$4.70; pearls are really scarce, and dealers would probably exact \$7 from consumers.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Business is of decidedly holiday character; towards the middle of January some demand is expected for firebricks, for the usual mid-winter repairs in large manufacturing concerns. We quote: Belgian cement, \$2 to \$2.20; English, \$2.40 to \$2.50; German, \$2.55 to \$2.65; firebricks, \$18 to \$26 per thousand.

DRY GOODS.—In wholesale circles the week has been of the usual quiet Christmas character. Collections, however, are coming in well. Following on the reported stiffening in raw wool, as noted in our late reports, some houses report having advices of some advance in French dress goods. Manufactured cottons continue very firm at late advances, and those who follow the market closely profess to look for no easing off during the next six months.

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FURS.—Receipts of raw furs continue light. Some buyers say that their reports indicate a small catch so far, but the lower prices no doubt have some effect; however, as before stated, there are expectations of still lower figures after the January London sales. We quote: Mink, dark, \$1.25 to \$2.25; ditto, pale, 75c. to \$1.50; marten, large, \$3 to \$3.50; ditto, small, \$2.50 to \$3; fisher, \$4.50 to \$6.50; pale, ditto, \$4 to \$5.50; lynx, \$1.50 to \$3.50; otter, dark, \$10 to \$14; pale, ditto, \$5 to \$7; red fox, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; small, \$1.50; cross fox, \$5 to \$9; skunk, 20c., 40c., 50c., and 75c.; coon, 20c., 30c., 40c., 50c., and 75c.; large fall rats, 8 to 10c.; medium, 5 to 7c.; kits, 2 to 5c.

MONTREAL STOCKS IN STORE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.
	Dec. 17.	Dec. 24
Wheat	89,401	84,539
Corn	20,551	18,229
Oats	57,303	59,186
Rye	13,038	58,676
Peas	34,798	35,248
Barley	56,287	52,476
Total grain ...	271,378	308,354
Oatmeal	413	413
Flour	14,458
Buckwheat	9,038	9,035

GROCERIES.—There is very little news to be picked up in this line just now. With the English houses business is slack, and some of them are stock-taking, but the French houses are well employed, as from New Years to Epiphany is the great holiday making time for our French-Canadian citizens. In quotations there are no changes. Refiners still quote granulated sugar at \$4.85, and yellows from \$4.05 to \$4.65, but the raw sugar market has been showing gradual easing off, and some decline in New York prices is not altogether unexpected, a move in which local refiners would follow suit. Evaporated apples are reported as firming up some. Teas are dull, but values are steady, especially in Japan.

LEATHER.—With the advent of the holiday season, operations in most of the shoe factories are more or less curtailed, and the enquiry for leather is consequently not very brisk. Values, however, are all steady to firm. Some scarcity is reported of heavy dongolas, and manufacturers in this line say that raw goat skins are much dearer in New York and abroad. One local tanner states he has been offered 10 per cent. advance on all his stock of raw skins. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24½ to 25½c.; No. 2, B.A., 23 to 24c.; No. 3, B.A., 22c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 24c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 27c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 29 to 30c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 18 to 21c.; Quebec, ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored

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