

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The butter market rules on the dull side in the city, though a good deal of choice creamery is reported as being bought in the country. We quote fine fall creamery 21 to 22c. per lb.; creamery, 20 to 21c.; fine townships, 18 to 20c.; Western, 16 to 18c. Cheese very dull; finest September, 10 to 10½c.; finest August, 9½ to 9½c.; good to fine, 8½ to 9½c.

DRY GOODS.—The weather has been of a sharp, bright, bracing character, favorable to the disposal of fall stuffs, and business with the city retailers is good. If the weather continues favorable reports of a similar character are looked for from the country. Travellers are all out, and a fair number of orders are being received, but they are all small, indicating the continuance of the cautious policy which has marked the trade of late. Money comes in very poorly. Notable firmness prevails in European markets, and last London wool sales show a further advance. Locally an advance has been notified to the wholesale trade of 5 cents in fingering yarns.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The wholesale trade report a good distribution in progress. Cream tartar shows some decline; epsom salts have advanced notably; citric acid flat; sulphate of copper, which lately showed some weakening, is again on the advance; crude camphor keeps going up all the time, and refiners are advancing prices. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.00 to 1.15; bi-carb soda, \$1.90 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 9 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 26 to 28c.; do. ground, 28 to 30c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 48 to 50c.; do. powder, 50 to 53c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.35 to 2.50; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.75 to 3.00; alum, \$1.50 to 1.60; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to 2.40; roll sulphur, \$2.10 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.75 to 1.90; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 45 to 50c.; German quinine, 45 to 50c.; Howard's quinine, 50 to 55c.; opium, \$4.15 to 4.60; morphia, \$1.80 to 2.00; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to 1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$5.00 to 5.25; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$6.50 to 7.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$1.75 to 2.25; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.50; orange, \$2.90 to 3.10; oil peppermint, \$3.75 to 5.00; glycerine, 25 to 28c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary English camphor, 50 to 60c.; American do., 48 to 50c.; insect powder, 50 to 60c.

FISH.—A fair seasonable demand is to be noted; Labrador herrings firm at \$5.00 to 5.25; dry cod, \$4.75; green cod, \$4.50 for No. 1, and \$5.00 for No. 1 large; salmon as before.

FURS.—There is quite a brisk demand for bear, beaver, and skunk skins for the wants of the home trade, and probably rather better prices than quotations could now be realized for such furs. A great many enquiries as to values are being received from interior points, and anticipations are held of a good season's

business. Below we give quotations for average prime skins; extra size or quality are worth more, damage or unprime rule proportionately lower: Beaver, \$4.25 to 4.50; bear, \$15 to 18; cub, \$6 to 8; fisher, \$5 to 6; red fox, \$1.25 to 1.50; cross ditto, \$2.50 to 3; lynx, \$4 to 5; martin, \$1 to 1.25; mink, \$1.25 to 1.50; muskrat, fall, 10c.; winter, ditto, 15c.; otter, \$10 to 12; coon, 50 to 75c.; skunk, 50c., 75c., and \$1. In imported furs, dyed sealskins are dearer and lambskins very firm.

GROCERIES.—Orders are being received in fair number, though some think there is not the amount of business doing that there ought to be; probably the bad roads from recent continued rains may have something to do with this. The main feature in the situation is the further drop of a full quarter cent. in granulated sugar, which is now 7½c. at refinery; yellows range from 5½ to 6½c. Molasses firmer at 45 to 47c. in a jobbing way for Barbadoes, with sales of large lots reported at 44c. A good deal of American syrup is coming in, but there is not a great deal doing in this article. There is a very steady market for teas, though there is perhaps a little better supply of Japans at the moment. Low grade blacks and greens are very scarce in the London market; it is said there are no green teas to be had under 5½d. Dried fruits are in active demand, Valencias

selling at 6½c. in a wholesale way, jobbers asking from 6½ to 7c.; new currants 5½c. in brls., cases Patras 6½ to 7c.; no new sultanas or prunes yet to hand; a few choice figs have been received from London for the city retail trade, fetching high prices. Rice still \$3.70 in car lots at mill; tapioca, 7 to 7½c.; sago, 5c. Spices and tobacco without notable change. For new pack tomatoes packers are asking \$1.12½c., old tomatoes are being jobbed at \$1.15; corn, \$1.15 to 1.20; for lobsters \$6.75 is being asked now; salmon as before.

HIDES.—There has been a pretty fair demand for local green hides, which dealers are buying at 6, 5, and 4c. for No. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; Western hides have ruled rather easier; calf skins quiet at 5c.; lambskins selling well at 60c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Scotch warrants have jumped to 55½d., the highest point reached since 1879, and some authorities even look for 60/- before the end of the month. Makers' prices are up from 2/- to 2½d. American iron has been brought into the West at figures below present cost of Scotch, but this is not likely to last as American makers are shoving up prices too. Coltness would now cost \$25.25 to import. Canadian bar was put up 15c. last Thursday, making the price a stiff \$2.40 now; hoops and bands were also put up to \$2.75. The advance in tin plates in England has led to a general revision in prices here, and some houses decline selling coke I.C. under \$4.00. Some considerable sales are reported of iron, and metals generally. We quote:—Coltness, \$25.00 to 26.00—none here;

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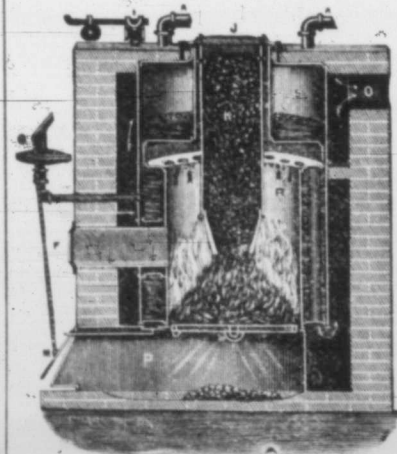
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