

though in some sections, notably the Eastern Townships, there has been a great lack of rain, not only interfering with fall ploughing, but seriously affecting milling interests through the lowness of the streams. Travellers for wholesale houses are now mainly engaged in spring samples, and are reported as doing satisfactory business in spring goods. Collections are well spoken of, and there have been few applications to wholesalers for help towards the meeting of engagements due to-day. Under date, November 2nd, the Canadian Colored Cotton Co. advises advances in cotton blankets, napped sheetings, etc., of from 5 to 12½ per cent.

Furs.—The opinions held in some quarters that the late high prices for raw furs were not likely to hold, appear to be verified by the result of the London October sales, at which the only advance recorded was in muskrats, Canadian sorts going up about 15 per cent., as compared with last January. Taking prices at last March sales for comparison, the declines in shipping furs have been as follows: Red fox, 10 per cent. lower; white fox, 10 per cent.; grey, ditto, 20 per cent.; bear, 30 per cent.; coon, 15 per cent.; mink, 10 per cent.; marten, 15 per cent.; otter, 15 per cent.; lynx, 10 per cent.; wolf, 25 per cent.; beaver, 10 per cent.

Groceries.—The movement continues a good one. The second direct fruit boat, the "Bellona," is reported calling at Sydney, for coal, to-day, and is due in this port Saturday. Her manifest includes 5,420 cases and 16,407 half-cases of currants from Patras; from Denia, 34,972 half-boxes, 600 quarters, and 2,900 eighths of Valencia raisins; 1,225 cases loose muscatels, 14,740 boxes, 5,383 quarter-boxes of Malaga raisins, 5,063 packages of almonds, besides a general assortment of wines, etc. A direct consignment of 2,000 boxes of dates, on English account, is shortly due, and will be sold by auction, being a new departure in this line. Fresh advices, regarding Grenoble walnuts, which it was expected would turn out poorly, are to the effect that the later crop is filling out well. In sugars there is nothing specially new. Refiners report a better demand since the opening of the month, at unaltered prices. An excellent demand exists for Ceylon green teas, good value being shown in mediums at 16 to 17c. One transaction of 1,000 cases was reported yesterday.

Hides.—No advance has been made this month in lambskins, it being considered that there is really little difference between November and October skins, and the quotation remains at 70c. each. Calfskins are down 1c. per lb., No. 1 now being quoted at 10c., and No. 2 at 8c. Hides, unchanged, with dealers still buying No. 1 at 9c. per lb.

Leather.—The demand has not improved. A good many shoe manufacturers are getting ready for stocktaking, so that there probably will not be

any very active buying this month. Prices rule steady for all sorts, except, perhaps, light dongolas, of which there appears to be some accumulation.

Metals and Hardware.—The movement is well sustained, and report of last week will fairly cover the situation at date. The Glasgow iron market continues easy, but local quotations for pig

iron are unchanged, nor is there any variation in bars, plates, sheets or piping. Ingot tin is a little firmer at 30½c. for Straits, and lead is advanced to \$3.20. Copper, spelter and antimony remain as last quoted.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—In these lines there is absolutely nothing new, and we repeat former quotations:

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