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Dairy Products.—Some further little
gain in strength is to be noted in the
cheese market since last writing, and
some sales to England are reported at the
former prices. We quote finest Ontario,
10½ to 10¾c.; Townships, 10½ to 10¾c.;
Quebec, 10 to 10¾c. Receipts of butter
are small, and are fully absorbed by the
local demand. Quotations are firm at
20¾ to 21c. for finest creamery; seconds,
20 to 20¾c.; dairy, 15 to 16½c.

Dry Goods.—Travellers are all at work
again, and are sending in very fair orders.
The big city stores all report a good
holiday trade, though some suburban re-
tailers say December trade was not as
good as they looked for. Collections
generally are very fair. Both the Domin-
ion Cotton Co. and the Merchants' Cot-
ton Co. have notified the trade of an ad-
vance in gray and bleached ducks of from
7½ to 10 per cent.

Groceries.—The week has been without
any special features, and business is fair-
ly active for the season. The market for
sugars remains fairly steady on the basis
of \$4 for standard granulated, though the
foreign markets for raw beet continue
very low. Barbadoes molasses is in small
supply on spot, but can be brought in
from lower ports at 27c., in car lots, and
the jobbing price continues at 29c.; there
is no Porto Rico or New Orleans
molasses on spot, but there is a little
Antigua at 25 to 26c. There is the usual
after Christmas lull in the demand for
dried fruits, but prices rule very steady.
Patras quotations for Filiatra currants
range about 20s., and Vostizzas, 23s. 6d.;
the Denia market for Valencia is re-
ported well cleaned up and firm. The
jobbing demand for canned goods is not
very brisk, but Americans are reported
as buying up some fair lots of tomatoes
from packers, some of whom are now said
to be asking 87½c. Lobsters are in fair
request at \$11.50 for flats, and \$10 to
\$10.50 for tails.

Leather.—The boot and shoe factories
have hardly yet got fairly going again,
and the demand for leather at wholesale
is still light, but better business is looked
for shortly. The export demand for sole
from England has also fallen off during
the holiday season, as is usual. An Eng-
lish buyer is reported in the market look-
ing for some fair-sized lots of splits.
Prices are all steadily held, manufacturers'
sole being quoted from 23½ to 24½c.,
the latter figure for choice selections, and
No. 1 slaughter at 27 to 28c. Good
Western splits are held at 20 to 22c.
Dongolas and sheep are very firm.

Metals and Hardware.—Matters are
still pretty quiet in these lines, and no
very marked variations are to be noted
in values. The local foundries are all
shut down for the annual repairs, and
pig iron is dull. Bars continue firm at
\$1.90 to \$1.95. Tinplates are easier for
spring shipment, and coke tins are now
quoted locally at \$4.25; Canadas, \$2.60;
ditto galvanized, \$4.35 to \$4.60; Ternes,
\$7.75; black sheets, \$2.60 for 28 gauge;
boiler plates, \$2.10. Ingot copper is
again easier at 13½c.; tin, 27 to 28c.;
lead, \$3.15; antimony has been sagging
of late, and is quoted at 8¼c.; spelter,
43½c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—A fair volume
of orders is again being received, but
mainly for spring shipment. The Lead
Grinders' Association held their quarterly
meeting on the 3rd inst., at which lead
quotations were reduced 12½c. on all
grades. No change was made in putty.
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