per lb. for No. 1 beef hides; lambskins, 60c. each, and 8c. and 6c. per lb. for Nos. 1 and 2 calfskins, respectively.

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, 10⅛ to 10½c.; Townships, 10⅛ to 10¼c.; Quebec, 10 to 10⅛c. 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 20¼c.; 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 retailers say December trade was not as good as they looked for. Collections generally are very fair. Both the Dominion Cotton Co. and the Merchants' Cotton Co. have notified the trade of an advance in gray and bleached ducks of from 7½ to 10 per cent.

Groceries.—The week has been without any special features, and business is fairly 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 Valencias is reported 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 talls.

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 English buyer is reported in the market looking 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, 4⅜c.

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. Linseed oil is lower by 4 cents a gallon, and turpentine is advanced to 60c. Quotations are: Single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil respectively, 75 and 78c. per gallon, for one to four