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DRY GOODS .- The very showery weather of the past week does not seem to have materially interfered with city retail trade, which is described as good; money from this source comes in well. The sorting trip in the country has come to a close, and the wholesale warehouses do not show much activity, though some houses report a fair proportion of small Wholesale stocks are reported in very fair condition and not disproportionately large for the season. Country remittances are not in any way improved, and are the subject of general complaint, but failures, it is agreeable to note, are quite few. There is no weakening in values of textiles, and the firmness in all lines of imported goods is exceptional.

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Furs.—Business in this line is quieting down, still some fair lots of spring furs, beaver, bear, and muskrat principally, have been offered to dealers during the past week. As regards prices there is nothing new to note; we shall likely have fresh advices regarding the European outlook next week. We quote:—Beaver, \$4.50 to 4.75; bear, large, \$15.00 to 20.00; bear, medium, \$10 to 15.00; bear, small, cub, \$5.00 to 6.00; fisher, \$5.00 to 7.00; red fox, \$1.50 to 1.60; cross fox, \$3.00 to 3.50; lynx, \$3.50 to 4.50; marten, \$1.00 to 1.10; mink, \$1 to \$1.25; winter muskrats, 20c.; spring ditto, 25 to 27c.; raccoon, 75c.; skunk, black, \$1.00, 75c., 40c., 20c.; otter, \$10.00 to 12.00.

Groceries.—The late lengthened spell of wet weather has not helped business, and trade as

weather has not helped business, and trade as a whole is hardly as active as a fortnight ago.
At the moment every eye is turned sugarwards, and the turnover in this article is described by some as "tremendous," a powerful
word to be used in this connection. Since last report the advance in price has been a full three-eighths of a cent, and at moment of writing the local refiners will sell only 100 barrel lots of granulated at 9c., with every probability of a further rise before the day closes. In New York granulated was reported at 9kc. yesterday. The lowest in yellows is 75 to 75c. An advance of a shilling a cwt. is reported from London in raws, and all foreign markets are London in raws, and all foreign markets are excited. The Halifax refinery is closed down, which helps the stiffness. Local refiners are reported to be again in the market buying up stocks of refined sugars. Molasses also excited, with reported sale of a cargo lot of Barbadoes at 46½c. per gal., while 47½c. is said to be lowest for ordinary lots. Teas present no feature of special interest, being almost overshadowed by the excitement in sugars; the few small lots of new Japans received ten days or so ago have been absorbed, and there have been no further arrivals since. Coffees, spices, tobacoes, &c., remain as they were. Canned goods, except fruits, slow and inactive; the only Collingwood, April 16th, 1889.

special feature is the firmness in lobsters, from

7 to 8 per case being asked for good brands. METALS AND HARDWARE.—The metal market is very dull, almost unaccountably so; sales are small, what stock is coming forward is on account of orders booked some time ago, and account of orders booked some time ago, and there is not much even at that. Makers' prices in Scotland were from 3d. to 6d. lower at last advices, though they reported larger orders being placed, few of which, however, could have been from this market. The marcould have been from this market. The market closed last Friday, to remain so until Tuesday, so that we have no late advices. In bar iron and plates generally there is nothing new; copper a shade stiffer on the other side, but not likely to develop any material gain in strength; lead and tin as before; antimony firm at advance noted last week. We quote:—Coltness, none here, \$21 to arrive; Calder, \$20.50 to 21. Langless, none; Summerles, \$20.50 to 21. Coltness, none here, \$21 to arrive; Calder, \$20.50 to 21; Langloan, none; Summerlee, \$20.50 to 21; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$18.50 to 19; Gartsherrie, \$20; Carnbroe, \$19; Shotts, \$20 to \$20.50; Glengarnock, none here; Middlesboro, No. 1, \$19.00, No. 3, \$18.50; cast sorap, railway chairs, &c., to arrive, \$18.50; machinery sorap, \$17; common ditto, \$13 to 00; bariron, \$2.10; best refined, \$2.35. The products of the Londonderry Iron Company we quote as follows: Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21.00; Acadia bar, \$1.95; Siemens' bar, \$2.10; these figures for round lots. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.65 to 2.70. Tern roofing plate, 20x28, \$6.75 to 7.00. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.70. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.75; charcoal I.C., \$4.00 to 4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25; coke I.C., \$3.50 to 3.65; coke wasters, \$3.25; galvanized sheets, No. 28, \$\frac{5}{4}\$ to 7c., according to brand; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, \$\frac{5}{4}\$c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.35. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; common sheet iron, \$2.60 to 2.70; steel boiler plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10\frac{1}{2}c.; lead per 100 lbs., —; pig, \$3.75 to 4.00; sheet, \$5.00; shot, \$6.00; host cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50 to 2.80; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.30 to 2.40; round machinery steel, \$2.75 to 3.00; ingot tin, 23\frac{1}{2} to 25c.; bartin, 26 to 27c.; ingot copper, 12c.; sheet zinc, \$5.25; spelter, \$5.00; antimony, 15c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.20 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.20 to 2.25.

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OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—A fair movement in these lines still goes on, though not as active as a few weeks ago. Linseed oil continues firm here, with further strengthening at home; we quote 59 to 60c. per gallon for raw; 62 to 63c. for boiled; turpentine, 58 to 60c. as to lot. In fish oils steam refined seal sells at 43 to 45c.; In fish oils steam refined seal sells at 43 to 45c.; Nfid. cod, 40 to 41c.; Gaspe, 36 to 38c. Castor oil, 8½ to 8½c. per lb.; olive, \$1.00 for pure. In leads there is nothing new, and glasses and colors generally remain as before. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, 4.50; dry white lead, 5½c.; red do. 41 to 4½c.; London washed whiting 55c.; Paris 4½ to 4½c.; London washed whiting, 55c.; Paris white, \$1.00; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.60 to 1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.40 to

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