

19c.; No. 1 China, 20 to 21c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 23 to 26c.; oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c.; ditto, heavy, 31 to 35c.; grained, 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained, 36 to 40c.; splits, large, 16 to 26c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 46 lbs.), 55 to 70c.; imitation French calfskins, 75 to 85c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 24 to 33c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 19 to 14c.; rough, 23 to 26c.; russet and bridle, 54 to 55c.

Dry Goods.—The weather is now favorable to the retail trade, and in the city retailers report a steady business in progress; money from this source comes in well. The fine weather has also had the effect of bringing in a fair number of buyers from the Eastern Townships and other adjacent sections, who have bought in moderation; but later reports still confirm our remarks of a week ago that country stocks are still, as a rule, pretty full, and travellers' sorting orders are not reported by any house in the trade as being either numerous or large; in fact many say it is very hard work to sell goods at all. A redeeming feature is that country collectors show a decided improvement within the last fortnight. In prices there is nothing new.

Drugs and Chemicals.—Business in these lines partakes of a brisker character. Jobbing orders are coming in well, and the opening of navigation causes a freer movement of heavy chemicals, of which there have been fair receipts by first vessels, leading to considerable revision of prices, which we note below. Bleaching powder is not very plentiful as yet and holds its price; borax is rather firmer, but in most other lines of heavy chemicals the tendency is to lower values. We quote:—Sai soda, 85c. to \$1; bi-carb soda, \$1.80 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to

13.00; borax, refined, 10 to 11c.; cream tartar crystals, 34 to 36c.; do. ground, 36 to 38c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 60c.; citric acid, 65 to 70c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; sugar of lead, 10 to 11c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.60; alum, \$1.65 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.10 to 2.40; roil sulphur, \$2.00 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.25 to 1.40; saltpetre \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 55 to 60c.; German quinine, 55 to 60c.; Howard's quinine, 60 to 70c.; opium, \$4.50 to 5.00; morphia, \$2.25 to 2.50; 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, \$5.25 to 5.75; iodoform, \$5.75 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—oil lemon, \$2.00 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.50; orange, \$2.75 to 3.00; oil peppermint, \$3.50 to 4.50; glycerine, 25 to 35c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 40 to 45c.; American do., 36 to 40c.; insect powder, 70 to 90c.

Furs.—There are pretty large offerings of spring rats at the moment, and 17c. is being paid for best selections; in other lines there is not much doing outside a little in beaver and mink. The Leipzig fair turned out rather poorly, the New York market is very dull, and appearances throughout Europe generally are not favorable, there being a generally unsettled feeling prevalent. We quote for prime skins: Beaver, \$3.50 to 4.00; bear, \$10.00 to 12.00; cub ditto, \$4.00 to 5.00; fisher, \$5.00; red fox, \$1.00 to 1.25; cross ditto, \$2.00 to 3.00; lynx, \$2.00 to \$2.50; marten, 60 to 65c.; mink, 50 to 60c.; fall muskrat, 8c.; winter muskrat, 12c.; spring, 17c.; raccoon, 25, 50 and 75c.; skunk, 25, 50 and 75c.; otter, \$8.00 to 10.00.

GROCERIES.—Orders are coming in fairly, and there is an improvement in business since a week ago, not very marked as yet, but prospects are good for a healthy spring trade; no serious complaints are heard as regards payments. In prices there are no striking changes; sugars are about as they were, granulated 6½c. at refinery; of bright yellows there is a momentary scarcity owing to the Redpath refinery being shut down for several weeks, and the range for yellows is now 5½ to 5¾c. The St. Lawrence refinery is expected to re-open in July. Grocery raws are quiet, and few lots moving. New molasses is easier if anything, and 35½c. would probably fetch a round lot; in a jobbing way, we quote 37 to 38c. Syrups hardly a factor now, and will be little handled until the fall. Teas are in better demand, with steadiness in all lines of good quality. The market locally is in better shape than a year ago, there being comparatively few consigned goods in competition with regular stocks, and the latter are not at all full. New York reports a firm market, and opening quotations in Japan are above last year's figures.

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