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complaint on all sides. Remittances, as may be imagined, also show a falling back to the old lines on which they stood before the temporary improvement of last week.

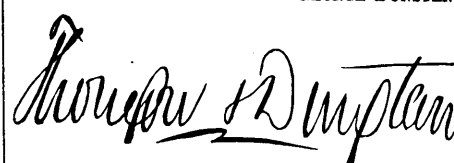
DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Heavy chemicals are rather dull, but a fair sorting trade is being done in drugs and sundries. A rather better feeling seems to prevail as regards opium. Smyrna advices report the market active and firm; cascara sagrada continues to advance; golden seal root advancing and very high prices expected, also senega and serpentaria; aniseed, carraway, and cardamom seeds tending upwards; borax very firm in outside markets, but good stocks held here; mercurials firm at recent advance. We quote:—Sal soda, 90c. to \$1.00; bi-carb soda, \$1.80 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70 to 1.80; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 10 to 12c.; cream tartar crystals, 33 to 36c.; do. ground, 34 to 37c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 58c.; citric acid, 65 to 70c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.35 to 2.50; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.60 to 3.00; alum, \$1.60 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.20 to 2.30; roll sulphur, \$2.10 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.30 to 1.50; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 52 to 55c.; German quinine, 52 to 55c.; Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c.; opium, \$4 to 4.50; morphia, \$1.90 to 2.10; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to 1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$3.90 to 4.10 per lb.; iodine, \$5.25 to 5.75; iodoform, \$6.00 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.00 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.75; orange, \$3.00 to 3.25; oil peppermint, \$4.50 to 5.50; glycerine, 25 to 30c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 50 to 60c.; American do., 45 to 50c.; insect powder, 70 to 80c.

FURS.—There is still a fair demand for local trade wants, but receipts are not at all liberal, and values remain steady at figures for some weeks quoted. European advices report fair prospects for the fur trade provided no complications arise involving the possibilities of a war. The dates fixed for the annual London sales are later than usual. The Hudson Bay Company will sell beaver and muskrat on January 28th; Lampson will sell sundries January 28, 29, 30, and 31st. On February 1st the latter house will sell the outside collection of salted fur seal, not Alaskas. The spring sales of both above concerns begin on March 25th, and last to April 8th. We quote:—Beaver, \$3.50 to 4.00; bear large, \$15.00 to 20.00; bear medium, \$12.00 to 17.00; bear small, cub, \$7.00 to 12.00; fisher, \$4.00 to 5.00; red fox, \$1.00; cross fox, \$2.00 to 5.00; lynx, \$3.00 to 4.00; marten, 75c.; mink, \$1.00; winter muskrats, 15c.; raccoon, 75c.; skunk, black, \$1.00, 75c., 40c., 20c.

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GROCERIES.—The return to wet and slush has not been without its effects upon trade in this line, and there is a falling off in orders. It seems to be generally accepted, however, as almost a certainty, that with the advent of good winter roads business will assume a bustling healthy character. Owing to the extreme weather of the last several months and consequent difficulty of transport in the interior sections, there are a good many districts where grocery stocks are very low, and indeed some authorities do not hesitate to say that nowhere are they very full, so that it is probably fair to assume that business will materially improve when sleighing sets in. Sugars remain stationary, one refinery selling granulated at 7½c., the other 7½c., making a mean of 7½-16c., upon which figure the guild base the advance to retail trade; yellows still range from 5½ to 6½c. Molasses perhaps a shade easier, some fair lots of Barbadoes having sold at 37½c., it is said, but for ordinary lots 38 to 39c. is still asked. Teas are in moderate request at steady prices, with all outside markets above our level; for several lots of Japans here on New York account offers shaded half a cent have been peremptorily refused, the broker being instructed to get full prices or store the goods. Blacks and greens are advancing in London. Dried fruits are moving freely; Valencia raisins can be had as low as 5c., but these are damaged, and for good sound fruit 6c. will need to be paid; currants 5 to 6½c., the former being rain damaged; Malaga raisins still scarce and very high; candied orange peel 16c., candied lemon peel 16c., candied citron peel 32c., being much higher than usual; almonds, 14 to 15c.; filberts, 8 to 9c.; new walnuts not yet to hand. Canned salmon, lobsters, and mackerel all continue to rule high and scarce. Tomatoes have been offered to the trade this last week by a packer at 80c., but brand is not standard, and offer was due to pressure for funds; good brands are being jobbed at \$1.00 to 1.05.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Business is still complained of as being dull, indeed some metal houses report an almost total absence of orders. Prices remain about the same; there is considerable merchandise still on the wharves, and in the absence of any demand of consequence winter prices have not yet gone into effect. Copper is perhaps a shade firmer, 19c. would not be shaded except for largest lots. We quote:—Coltness, \$22.50 to 23.00, with little or none here; Calder, \$22; Langloan, \$21.50; Summerlee, \$22; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$19.75 to 20; Gartsherrie, \$21.00; Siemens makers are not selling or making any fresh contracts; Carn-