

Dry Goods.—Retailers in the city are disposed to do some grumbling, as the fine open weather of late prevailing is not favorable to the breaking into of fall stocks, and wholesalers report that some falling off is noticeable in remittances. Under date of November 20th the Canadian Colored Cotton Co. advises an advance, equal to about 5 per cent. in gingham, cottonades, domets, etc.

Fish.—There is quite a good business doing in this line, with stocks in comparatively limited compass, particularly of green cod, and skinned dry cod. We quote: Labrador herrings, \$5.50 in barrels, and \$3.00 in halves; Nova Scotia salmon, \$18.00 in tierces, and \$13.00 in barrels; B. C. salmon, \$12.50 in barrels; mackerel, \$2.00 in kits; large green cod, 4c. per lb.; boneless cod, 6c.; dry cod, \$6.00 per quintal; finnan haddies, 6½c.

Groceries.—The sugar market has assumed a rather firmer phase in sympathy with New York, where two of the leading refineries established an advance of 10c. on Monday, but as yet no revision has been made of local quotations, and the factory figure for standard granulated is still \$5.30 in barrels, and 5c. less for bags. Molasses is steady at 35c. per gallon for Barbadoes in single puncheons. In other lines of groceries there are no new features of special interest.

Hides.—Receipts of beef hides are moderate, and are readily absorbed at steady prices, there being really little stock in warehouse. We quote: 11½ to 12c. per lb. for No. 1 beef hides, and 93c. to \$1.00 each for lambskins.

Metals and Hardware.—While the volume of business is not as large as a fortnight ago, owing to the going into effect of winter freight rates, the demand is still active for this season of the year. The outstanding feature of the market is the continued advance in pig lead, which is now quoted at \$4.15 in an ordinary way, and the visible supply is reported as actually running short; some further revision of lead pipe quotations is deemed not unlikely shortly. Tin and copper, as well as spelter, are also firmer if anything; ingot tin is quoted at 36½ to 37c.; copper, 17¼c.; spelter, 7c.; sheet zinc, 7½ to 8c.; antimony, 14½c. Pig iron prices rule very steady at \$20.00 to \$20.25 for No. 1 Canon and Summerlee; bars, \$1.95 to \$1.97½; boiler plate, \$2.20; iron pipe, \$4.20 for inch. Plates and sheets generally all remain at last week's figures.

Oils and Paints.—The movement in these lines of merchandise is barely as active as it was. In values there have been no recent changes. Turpentine remains steady at 98c. per gallon in single barrels; linseed oil, 45 to 46c. for raw, and 48c. for boiled; castor, 7 to 8c. per lb.; fish oils are dull and little asked for. The recent advances in window glass and white lead are firmly held. Putty is quoted at \$1.40 in bulk.

Wool.—Business partakes of a sort of jog-trot character, millmen buying only

in little lots to fill present wants. Values are firm, and we quote: Capes at 19 to 22c.; fine B. A. scoured, 43 to 45c.; North-West, 20c., and very little here; domestic fleece, 27½c.; pulled, ditto, 30c. per pound.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 23, 1905.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—The situation of the local drug trade is about the same as it has been for some weeks past, with a normally good volume of transactions passing and little worthy of special comment. Opium is perhaps a shade firmer, while quinine remains just as before. For other drugs the demand is fair. Baltimore advices with respect to chemicals and fertilizers show there is a good demand at firm to strong prices. In England the improvement before noted in the state of the export trade in chemicals has continued unabated, though for home requirements the immediate demand would appear to be rather slack.

Dry Goods.—The Christmas demand is beginning to set in in earnest. All fancy articles sell well. Furs are in large demand at the high prices prevailing. Carpet departments report a good enquiry. Staples are in about the same position as last week with a good demand for week to week requirements. Retailers now seem to have settled down to the belief that they can expect little in the way of price concessions for some time to come. Payments are reported satisfactory.

Flour and Grain.—Both flour and grain are easier in price than they were.

Shipments of wheat from the West continue heavy. There is still some divergence in view between buyers and sellers and the milling demand is not of large dimensions. Oats keep pretty firm and so is barley. Rye is nominally the same. Oatmeal is dull. Bran and shorts are strong.

Hides and Skins.—Not much change has taken place in hides. Trade continues good without new features. Leather is meeting with a somewhat improved demand at the lately increased prices. Tallow is as before.

Groceries.—The movement in sugars continues much as last reported, with a fair volume of trading being carried on. The Christmas enquiry for dried fruits is now setting in, and indications point to a good trade in that line. For canned goods, the enquiry for this time of the year is pretty good. Teas are in good demand and coffees fairly so. Travelers report that prospects in the country districts point to a large business being done this winter in most branches of the general grocery trade. Payments are quite up to average.

Provisions.—The supplies of butter coming forward lately have fallen off a little and prices are quite steady. Cheese is firmer. Eggs are going up owing to light receipts of new laid. Hog products continue high priced for the most part, though for bacon and some other lines there is an easier tendency at the moment.

Wool.—But little is being done in respect to local trading in raw wool and prices are just as before. For pulled wool the demand is for immediate requirements.

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