

hard to get, there being a continued scarcity of coarse yarns.

Groceries.—Considerably more activity is shown in this line, as country roads become more settled, and large shipments are being made by up-river boats, which make their first trips this week, the canals opening to-morrow. The sugar market is weaker in New York, and this together with some reported fair importations of Austrian and German refined, resulted in a decline of 10 cents a cental by the local refineries, granulated being now \$3.80 at the factory, with yellow ranging from \$3.05 to \$3.70. Some further business is reported in New Barbadoes molasses, and in all about ten cargoes are now reported for this port. The market at the island is apparently a little easier, first cost being about 7½c. The local representatives of a Japan tea house in Yokohama have a cable announcing the opening of the market for new teas at 10 per cent. advance over last year, but this is not confirmed from other sources. The London market for Indians and Ceylons is reported rather dull at the moment, as the reaction from some speculative movement due to the anticipated possibility of some increase in duties for war revenue. Currants are reported easier in Patras, but Valencias are somewhat firmer at primary points.

Hides.—The week has not developed any further changes, but the advances in both hides and calfskins are both firmly maintained. We quote deals as buying No. 1 beef hides at 9c.; No. 1 calfskins, 12c.; lambskins, 10c. each, and sheepskins, 65c.

Leather.—Local trade is quiet, and is likely to continue so during May, as not much cutting of leather will be done in the boot and shoe factories during the month. Fall samples of footwear are out, and already some good orders are reported from Pacific coast points, though travellers have not as yet done much in the older provinces. Leather prices all continue steady, and continued good demand is being experienced from Britain for sole.

Metals and Hardware.—General activity is still reported, and there is no apparent relaxation in the demand. The only noteworthy changes since last report are an advance of 10c. a keg in cut nails, and the discount on wrought spikes has been reduced from 25 per cent. to 22½ per cent. Owing to the strong market in Britain, and local scarcity, some dealers have advanced quotations for Canada plates to \$2.75 for 52 sheets; galvanized Canadas are quoted at \$4.20 and \$4.45. Tin-plates, Ternes, galvanized sheets, etc., are unchanged. Boiler plate remains at \$2.10, though some profess to look for some advance in England, where these goods have been mostly bought of late. Ingot tin is firm at 31 to 31½c.; lead, easy at \$3.10; copper, 13¼ to 13½c.; antimony, 8½c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Wholesalers in these lines all report continued active business, which is apparently likely to continue for some weeks yet. Values all

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