

be called fair. City retail trade is quiet, with attention of the dealers mainly directed to clearing out sales. There are no notable changes in values to be reported at the moment, but manufacturers of domestic woolens are evidently becoming firmer in their ideas as to prices, and an advance in underwear and some other lines, is not at all unlikely in the near future.

FISH.—Now that the holidays are well past there is rather a better enquiry for fish. We quote:—Green cod, No. 1, \$3.50 to 3.75; No. 1 large, \$4.25; dry cod, \$3.75 to 4.00; No. 1 herrings, \$4.25 to 4.75; N. S. salmon, \$12 to 13.00; B. C. ditto, \$10.50 to 11.00; sea trout, \$6.50 to 7.50; haddies, 6 to 7c.; bloaters, 90c. to \$1 per box; boneless cod, 4½ to 5c. per lb.

FURS.—Until reports are received of the London Sales, taking place next week, there will be no changes in quotations. Receipts still rule rather light. We quote:—Mink, large dark, \$1.50; small, do., \$1.00 to 1.25; martens, \$1.75 to 2.25; fisher, \$4.50 to 7.00; lynx, \$1.00 to 2.00; otter, \$1.00 to 12.00 for dark; pale, \$5.00 to 7.00; red fox, large, \$1.30 to 1.50; small, \$1.00; cross fox, \$3.00 to 6.00; bear, cubs, \$3.00 to 7.00; medium, \$7.00 to 10.00; large, \$12.00 to 15.00; skunk, 15 to 70c., as to color and stripe; coon, 20 to 75c.; rats, fall, 7c. to 10c. kits, 2 to 5c. Beaver, not quoted, killing being forbidden by law.

GROCERIES.—The wholesale enquiry for sugars is not improved, and wholesale grocers are thought to be withholding orders, with the expectancy that the market may ease off another point or so, an anticipation for which there is some ground, according to the views of some who should be good authorities. Factory quotations are:—For standard granulated, 4½c.; Austrian refined, 3 15-16c.; yellows, 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. In teas, the conditions remain unchanged. The demand shows no signs of picking up yet, but the market holds firm, and stocks in first hands are reported really small. The agents for one large New York house report, that whereas they had some 4,000 packages of Japans in stock at this time last year, they have now barely as many hundreds. Molasses keeps very firm; it is said 26c. has

been paid for some odd moderate lots of two years old Barbadoes. Canned goods keep high, and most packers' agents report their principals out of stock, except gallon apples, for which \$2.45 is asked f.o.b. factory.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The only change here in skins or hides is an advance in calfskins to 90c. to \$1. Hides continue firm at former prices, dealers paying 9 to 9½c. per lb. for No. 1, and quoting 10c. to tanners, who are fair buyers. Calfskins bring 8 and 6c. per lb. for Nos. 1 and 2 respectively. Tallow in poor request; rough is quoted at 1 to 1½c., and rendered 3 to 3½c. per pound.

HOPS.—Outside markets are reported firmer, but it is difficult to work up brewers to pay any higher prices, and we quote 13 to 14c. for good Western, and 15 to 16c. for choice. Yearlings would probably not realize beyond 6 to 7c.

LEATHER.—The market retains all the strength lately noted, and considering the price of hides, it is hard to see how lower prices can be expected for some time to come. Quebec men are reported to be firmer in their quotations for splits, and it is a query if much desirable stock in this line could be got at 17c. Sole leather men report a good de-

mand and a favorable market in England. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 25 to 27c.; No. 2 do., 21 to 23c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do. heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec do., 17 to 20c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calf skins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 12 to 13c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 11 to 14c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The demand does not improve greatly as yet, and important transactions are the exception. A few moderate sales of Hamilton pig iron are reported at \$16. Of Scotch iron there is little here except some moderate lots in one or two hands. In tin plates, etc., there is not much new; a little

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