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yet, but there seems to be rather more cutting being done, as leather men report business a little better than last week, still stocks show no material diminution, and prices are not any firmer. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, B. A., 20 to 22c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China, 20 to 21c.; No. 2, 18 to 19c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 24 to 27c.; oak sole, 41 to 45c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c.; ditto, heavy 31 to 35c.; Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 42c.; 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 Calf skins 75 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 12 to 14c.; Pebbled Cow, 10 to 14c.; Rough 23 to 26c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—An ordinary jobbing movement is going on in drugs, heavy chemicals are quiet and not moving in any quantities. Values show steadiness as a rule; sal soda shows a further gain in strength, and local supplies are small, alum is also scarce on spot and firmer, carbolic acid and glycerine firm at advance. We quote:—Sal Soda \$1.00 to \$1.05; Bi-Carb Soda \$2.40 to \$2.50; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70 to \$1.80; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$11 to \$13.00; Borax, refined, 9½ to 11c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 35 to 37c.; do. ground, 37 to 39c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 60c.; Citric Acid, 80 to 85c.; 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., \$2.60 to \$2.75; Roll Sulphur, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Sulphate of Copper, \$6.50 to \$6.00; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre \$8.75 to \$9.25; American Quinine, 65 to 70c.; German Quinine, 65 to 70c.; Howard's Quinine, 70 to 80c.; Opium, \$5.25 to \$5.75; Morphia, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Gum Arabic sorts, 80 to 90c.; White, \$1 to \$1.25; Carbolic Acid, 55 to 70c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; 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, \$3.50; oil peppermint, \$3.50 to \$4.50; Glycerine 30 to 35c.; Senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English Camphor, 45 to 50c. American do. 35 to 38c. Insect powder 70 to 80c.

DRY GOODS.—There is really nothing new to note in this line. Some houses report that travellers are meeting with fair encouragement in some sections, but there is no "swing" in trade, and prospects in western and middle Ontario are not any more encouraging than they were. Caution seems to be the motto of both retailer and wholesaler at the moment, and if the spring trade should prove to be below an average, as some seem to anticipate, there is reason to believe that it will be done on pretty safe lines. Warehouse hands are busy taking new goods into stock, and prices do not show any variation, values being steady in all lines.

FURS.—Receipts are light and business very quiet, as dealers do not care to buy at all freely until the results of the approaching London sales are attainable, as a decline in most lines seems to be the general belief. What purchases are made are pretty closely sorted. We quote for prime skins:—Beaver, \$3.50 to \$4 per lb.; bear, \$10.00 to \$12.00; cub do., \$4.00 to \$5.00; fisher, \$5; red fox, \$1.00; cross do., \$2 to \$5; lynx, \$2.00 to \$2.50; marten, 65 to 80c.; mink, 65 to 85c.; fall muskrat 80c., winter muskrat, 12c.; raccoon, 25c., 50c., and 75c.;

skunk, 25c., 50c., 75c. and \$1.00; otter \$8.00 to \$10.00.

HIDES.—Dulness continues in this line, tanners are not buying at all freely, and receipts of green hides are also small. Last week's quotations are not changed in any particular.

GROCERIES.—A fair volume of trade reported in this line, indeed the movement of groceries is freer than in almost any other line; remittances are fair to middling. Sugars show if anything, increased firmness with a possibility of a further advance discussed. Messrs Lightbound, Ralston & Co., the firm alluded to last week, have seen fit to accept the terms of the sugar combination, leaving only Messrs J. A. Matthewson & Son now outside the "guild." The lowest in yellows now to be had at 6½c. refinery price, and complaints are frequent from among the retailers that the quality shows deterioration from old standards. Granulated 7½ to 7¾c., Paris lumps 8½c., some sales of centrifugals reported at 6½ to 6¾c. Molasses again firmer, some holders of Barbadoes asking 40c., Antigua 34c., Trinidad 33c., syrups 42 to 60c. as to quality, but virtually none in the market. There is rather better enquiry for teas, with a fair business reported, and steady values in sympathy with outside markets. Coffees show rather more firmness in Europe, local quotations about as reported last week. The demand for dried fruits is only moderate: Valencia raisins are rather firmer, but can be bought at 5½c. for inferior fruit to 6½c. for good quality; currants still very scarce and firm, some lots to arrive have been offered at 6½c., Sultanas 7½ to 8c., Malagas virtually out of the market; prunes 5½c. for Turkish; figs 11 to 14c. for Elemeles in boxes; evaporated apples 11½ to 12c.; dried ditto 7c. Spices show steadiness all round, black pepper 16½ to 17½c. white 27 to 30c., cloves 27 to 29c., mace firm at \$1.00 to \$1.05, ginger 8 to 15c., nutmegs 50 to 80c. as to quality, cassia 6½ to 7c. Rice steady at last advance, with very firm outside markets reported. Canned goods still rule dull, with prices unchanged from a week ago.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—While the movement in these lines of trade does not show any material increase, values are steadily held in all lines. Warrants, it is true, show, on the other side, a decline of over a shilling, being cabled at 42/3d., but dealings in these are of a speculative character, and do not always reflect the true state of the iron market. Both pig and finished irons show much firmness, copper shows a further advance, and tin, tin-plates, lead &c. all maintain their position with great steadiness; tin, to arrive is quoted in 5 ton lots at 36c. We quote:—Coltness \$23.75; Calder, Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$22.50 to \$23.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington \$20 to \$21; Siemens \$21 to \$22 for No. 1. No Carnbroe or Shotts here; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., \$19.00 machinery scrap \$17 to \$19, common ditto \$16. We quote:—Bar Iron, \$2.10 to \$2.25; Best refined \$2.35 to \$2.50; Siemens, \$2.25; Canada Plates—Blains, \$2.75; Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$6.00 to \$6.50; Charcoal I. C., \$4.75; do. I. X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I. C., \$4.00; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.35 to \$2.50. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; Common Sheet Iron, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 11c.; Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$4.50; Sheet, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 13c.; Spring, \$2.70 to \$3.00, Tire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Round Machinery Steel, \$3.00 to 0.00; Ingot tin 40c.; Bar Tin, 40c.; Ingot Copper, 19 to 20c.; Sheet Zinc, \$5.00; Spelter, \$5.00; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs. Annealed do. \$2.30.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—As noted last week, turpentine has developed great strength, and has made a further advance; prices have not yet been fully established, but nothing can be had under 65c. even in quantity. Linseed oil steady at 60 and 63c. for raw and boiled, olive \$1.00 for pure, castor 8 to 8½c. per lb., fish oils dull and unchanged at former figures, shellacs, leads and glass all very firm under late advances. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead, 5½c., red do. 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50 to 55c. Paris white, \$1.00 to \$1.15; Cook-