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line. In leather the demand is not improved materially, and prices are no firmer, large buyers being able to make their own figures. Matters seem looking up a little in England, and some large shipments of cheap leathers are going forward from Quebec principally. 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, 39 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. 2880

CEMENTS.—Portland cement is selling at \$2.65 to 3.00 as to lot for present delivery, and is being offered for spring delivery at \$2.20 to 2.45 in lots according to brand; fire bricks, \$20 to 24 per thousand, fireclay \$1.50 per bag.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A fair sorting business is reported. Prices show no marked changes. Insect powder is in very active demand at firmer prices, and large sales have been made for forward delivery; glycerine easier in Europe, but in America values are steadily held; cream tartar easy, borax firm and advanced, carbolic acid also in good demand at very firm prices, citric easier, camphor firm, and a scarcity probable, in event of active demand. 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, 11 to 12c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 34 to 36c.; do. ground, 36 to 38c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 60c.; Citric Acid, 75 to 80c.; 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, \$6.00 to \$6.50; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre \$8.75 to \$9.25; American Quinine, 60 to 65c.; German Quinine, 60 to 65c.; 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 40c. Insect powder 70 to 90c.

DRY GOODS.—Our remarks about the ad-

vance in domestic foulards and jeans are confirmed, but there has not been any rise in other lines of cottons as was predicted by some. Repeat orders for Irish linens are being declined except at an advance, and fine all-wool cashmeres are rather dearer. The efforts to establish a fixed price for flannels have not as yet been successful. Manufacturers of woollens who have been canvassing orders for fall goods this month seem to find difficulty in doing business, and report orders behind those of last year, thus further testifying to the prevailing spirit of caution as shown by the lessened imports for some months, figures of which have been given from time to time in these columns. Travellers are all home, and orders will likely be quiet for several weeks, but there is a fair degree of activity in the shipping of goods already sold. City retail trade, which has been good all fall and winter, keeps up very fairly, and payments from this source are much better than from the country districts, whence money comes in very unsatisfactorily in most cases.

FURS.—Receipts are only moderate, being, perhaps, held back in the hope that the London March sales may show better results, but everything appears to indicate even a greater decline, if anything, and at the figures below given, pelts are subject to very close sorting. We quote for prime skins:—Beaver, \$3.50; 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, 50c.; fall muskrat 8c., winter muskrat, 12c.; raccoon, 25c., 50c., and 75c.; skunk, 25c., 50c., 75c.; otter \$8.00 to \$10.00.

FISH.—The demand is still active and the supply is limited in all lines, notably green cod. Labrador herrings are also getting scarce and there is active enquiry from the States for salmon, which is dearer. We quote:—Green cod, No. 1, \$5.00 to 5.50; No. 1, large, \$6.25 to 6.50; large drafts, \$7.00; dry cod, \$4.25 to 4.50; Labrador herring, \$4.25 to 4.50; Nfld. salmon, \$14.50 to 15.50 for No. 1; B. C. ditto, \$13; fresh herring \$1.10 per hundred; cod, 4c. per lb.; haddock, 3c.

HIDES.—Matters continue quiet in this line, tanners not being apparently disposed to buy very freely. Dry hides are quoted at 13c., but this figure would probably be shaded for fair lots, western hides as before quoted. Green hides still at 7, 6 and 5c. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, though a decline shortly would not be surprising; sheepskins 85 to 90c.

GROCERIES.—Business is rather quieter than the trade would like to see it, and has not improved much in the last week or two, as was hoped when the country roads would get more settled. Payments are only fair. Sugars are another eighth lower, bringing granulated down to 7c. at refinery to wholesale buyers, yellows range from 6 to 6½c., Paris lumps 8 to 8½c.; syrups scarce as ever and firm, molasses 39 to 40c. for Barbadoes. Enquiries from the country for teas are more frequent, more particularly for lower grade Japans, prices are steady here, but in New York reported rather firmer. Foreign advices would seem to indicate that lower prices will prevail for coffees, and values are easier locally, we quote Rio 15 to 17c., Java 20 to 22c., Mocha 23 to 24c., Valencia raisins are in fair request and stocks are getting low, sound fruit still being 5½ to 6c. currants scarce and firm at 6½ to 7c. Canned goods moving only slowly; tomatoes easier at \$1.25 to \$1.30, corn \$1.35, peas \$1.50, lobsters \$4.80 to \$5.00 the case, salmon \$1.65 to \$1.70. There is nothing new in spices, tobaccos or other lines.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Transatlantic freight rates have now been fixed and at a higher figure by about ten per cent. than last year; iron is at present being offered for spring delivery ex-ship here, but thus far little business has been effected; Summerlee, Calder and Shotts are offered at \$19.50, Gartsherrie and Glengarnock at \$19.00; Carnbroe \$17.85; Eglinton and Dalmellington about \$18. The Glasgow market is without special feature, with warrants at 39/2d; bar iron unchanged; not much doing in tin plates, canners, who are usually heavy buyers just now, are not disposed to meet the high prices, and holders are not disposed to make any concessions in view of the small stocks here, and the firmness at home; Canada plates easier and can be bought at \$2.60 in car lots; tin firm, copper stronger, also zinc. We quote:—Coltness \$23.75; Calder, Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$23.00; Eglinton and Dalmel-