

tar crystals, 34 to 36c.; do. ground, 36 to 38c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 60c.; citric acid, 70 to 75c.; 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., \$2.25 to 2.50; roll sulphur, \$2.00 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.25 to 1.40; saltpetre \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 60 to 65c.; German quinine 55 to 65c.; Howard's quinine, 65 to 75c.; opium, \$4.50 to 5.00; morphia, \$2.25 to 2.50; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to \$1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 per lb.; iodine, \$5.25 to 5.75; 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, \$2.75 to 3.00; oil peppermint, \$3.50 to 4.50; glycerine, 25 to 35c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 40 to 45c.; American do., 36 to 40c.; insect powder, 70 to 90c.

DRY GOODS.—The weather is still the "bete noir" of the dry goods trade, a prevalence of cold northerly and easterly winds keeping people at home, and even the city retail men, who have spoken contentedly all winter and spring thus far, are beginning to grumble at the manner in which "winter lingers in the lap of spring." Wholesale trade is hardly any more active than a week ago, and there are some travellers who have not yet gone out on their sorting trips. Letters from travellers even so far west as the Lake Huron district report stocks as not much broken into as yet, and this may be considered fairly true of the whole country. Payments are still a source of complaint rather than congratulation. Failures, however, are few as compared with most springs, more particularly as regards the city trade. Prices show no changes; cottons remain pretty steady except in shirtings, and

the export movement to China has certainly given relief to the market, though a moot point if profitable to the mills.

FURS.—Receipts are still very moderate, largely due to the bad state of the roads in the back sections. Prices are not any firmer, and reports from the great Leipzig fair, now in progress, are not favorable. All fine furs are only light demand, and there is a general lack of activity noticeable. Local quotations are still unchanged, but sorting is done very closely. We quote for prime skins:—Beaver, \$3.50 to 4.00; bear, \$10.00 to 12.00; cub ditto, \$4.00 to 5.00; fisher, \$5.00; red fox, \$1.00 to 1.25; cross ditto, \$2.00 to 3.00; lynx, \$2.00 to \$2.50; marten, 60 to 65c.; mink, 50 to 60c.; fall muskrat, 8c.; winter muskrat, 12c.; spring, 15c.; raccoon, 25, 50 and 75c.; skunk, 25, 50 and 75c.; otter, \$8.00 to 10.00.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale trade may perhaps be called a little better, but is not active, and travellers in some interior sections still report roads as very bad and interfering with trade. Remittances may be called only fair. Sugars remain steady at 6½c for granulated at refinery to members of "guild," yellows range from 5½ to 6½c., very little doing in grocery raws. Molasses more active than for last couple of weeks, with sales of several lots reported from Halifax and New York; we quote 39 to 40c. for Barbadoes. Teas are in fair request at steady prices, and there is no surplus except in low grade goods; fine blacks are very firm in London, and goods which were offered a few months ago at 1/1d., are now held at from 1/6d. to 1/7d. Valencia raisins and currants continue very firm, and stocks are all sold out of first hands here; currants are being sold at 6½ to 7c. for good fruit, Valencias 5½ to 6c. The advance in pepper of two cents noted last week is maintained. Rice firm at last quoted prices. Canned goods rule quiet, and stocks in most lines, except lobsters and salmon, are pretty full for season; tomatoes show some weakness, and it is reported that large blocks have been offered at \$1 to 1.05; in an ordinary way sales are made at \$1.10 to 1.25 per dozen as to brand.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The hardware trade, which has been dull for several weeks past, shows an improved movement, and there is a fair business doing, but in iron and metals generally there is but little doing, and everybody seems to be hanging back in hopes of an easier market. Local prices of pig iron are lower in anticipation of new stocks to arrive on opening of navigation. Tin plates are also easier, bar iron steady at former prices; copper holds its high prices firmly, also tin. We quote:—Coltness, \$22; Calder, Gartsherrie, and Summerlee, \$21.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$20.00 to 00.00; Siemens, \$21.50 for No. 1. No Carnbroe or Shotts here; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., none; machinery scrap, \$17.00 to 19.00; common ditto, \$16.00; bar iron, \$2.10 to 2.15; best refined,

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