

after. In all staples values are well maintained. Payments are materially improved, and altogether there is a more hopeful feeling prevailing.

DRUGS AND OILS.—Business quiet, with little or no excitement in the market. Values in drugs are firm and unchanged. Spirits of turpentine has receded a shade and is now quoted at 65 to 68c. per gal. Collections slow, payments fair.

FURS—From Messrs. Phillips, Politzer & Co.'s report, dated March 28th, London, Eng., on Messrs. C. M. Lampson & Co.'s fur sale, we extract the following: "Following the Hudson's Bay Company, Messrs C. M. Lampson & Co. held their sales for the first time in their own new sale-room adjoining the old premises. On the finer Alaska furs, which go to Russia, the decline was smaller and not so general as was expected after the unsatisfactory winter we have gone through, while the cheaper American furs have, with very few exceptions, held their own, compared with the sale in January. The chief support in these sales was derived from German dealers, and it was remarked that the participation of English buyers was smaller than for many years past. Sea otter, 2,658 skins, last year 3,366, have met with very good demand; for the best and medium sorts last year's prices were obtained; the

lower grades advanced 10%. Fox, blue, 1,446 skins, last year 2,627, declined 15%. Fox, cross, 2,750 skins, last year 3,547, declined 25%. Fox, silver, 970 skins, last year 1,052, declined 10%. Russian sable, 6,033 skins, last year 5,228, are 40% lower than last March, some of the medium grades having done better than in October, when the decline was heavier. Fisher, 2,300 skins, last year 3,100, declined 30%. Wolverine, 592 skins, last year 1,000, declined 10%. Fox, red, 36,000 skins, last year 66,000, declined 10% on the average, but the fall on the rough good colored skins is greater. Fox, white, 207 skins, last year 107, declined 10%. Lynx, 1,000 skins, last year 3,000, sold at January prices. Beaver, 4,500 skins, last year 5,700, sold well at prices from 5/- to 10/- higher than in January. Opossums, Australian, 92,170 skins, last year 60,000, same as in January."

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The flour market still continues active. Prices firm and a turn higher. Straight roller has advanced and is now selling at \$3.85 to 3.90 per bbl.; prices of other qualities unaltered. Provided the present consumptive demand is maintained prices are bound to advance. Stocks in millers' hands are small. Oatmeal is quiet but steady. Bran becoming more plentiful, has receded in price, and is now selling at \$13 to 13.50, a drop of \$1 a ton.

GRAIN.—Prices of grains are generally advanced from 1 to 2c. per bushel. All grades of wheat are higher in price and still advancing. Winter wheat No. 1 is now ruling at 88 to 89c. per bush.; No. 2, 86 to 87c.; No. 3, 83 to 84c.; spring wheat is quoted, No. 1, 87 to 88c.; No. 2, 85 to 86c.; No. 3, 82 to 83c.;

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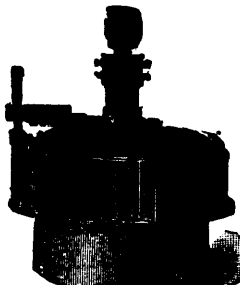
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