per cent. higher; other kinds, 30 per cent. higher; lynx, 140 per cent. higher; fisher, 5 per cent. lower; all kinds of bear the same; wolf, 200 per cent. higher; badger, 100 per cent. higher. Fall rats sold 5 per cent. higher than last January, and winter rats also 5 per cent. higher than January; black rats sold same as January. With regard to the above advances, it should be remembered that the comparisons are made with the sales of a year ago, since which time there have been three series, all of which developed more or less advance, and the only really marked advances since the January sales are on lynx and wolf.

GROCERIES.—Very little of a novel character is reported this week. Travellers are still handicapped by the spring break-up of the country roads, and the week has been a comparatively quiet one. Letters from some merchants at interior points report that they are badly off for want of goods lying at the railway stations, which cannot be moved at present. Refiners report a good demand for sugars during March, but say the enquiry has now slackened off. The recent annual meetings of the two local refining companies are said to have shown reduced earnings, owing to the competition from American sources last year. The St. Lawrence refinery has resumed work, but the Canada refinery will shortly shut down, during the usual spring repairs to the Lachine Canal. Prices are unaltered, standard granulated quoting at $4.45; yellows from $3.60 to $4.20. Molasses shows still further firming up at the island, where first cost is now quoted at 17 to 18c., equal to about 37c., laid down, and the moderate supply on spot is strongly held. Dried fruits are in limited demand, and supplies of currants are ample, but Valencia raisins are in very limited supply, with 7¼ to 8c. asked, and it is said there are only 2,000 boxes in bond in New York. Canned goods are very firm, and in a jobbing way tomatoes are quoted at 90c. to $1; corn, $1.05 to $1.10; beans, 90c.

HIDES.—Receipts of calfskins continue heavy, but beef hides are in light supply. Dealers are still buying No. 1 beef hides at 9c., and quoting 10c. to tanners. Calfskins 11 and 9c. for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively; lambskins, 10c.; sheepskins, $1.10.

LEATHER.—The market is without any new feature, and improvement in demand, it is said, has yet to come. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24½ to 25½c.; No. 3, B.A., 23½ to 24c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28 to 29c.; No. 2, ditto, 25 to 27c,; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light, and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec ditto, 18 to 20c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 12½ to 14c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12½ to 14c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Business in heavy metals is reported better than at this time a year ago, and new supplies by first vessels will arrive on a pretty bare market. There seems to be a good deal of variation in the quotations for spring deliveries of Summerlee pig iron, figures ranging from $25.50 to $27. Domestic bars are reported as being bought in quantity at $2.40. Quite a good demand is reported for tinned iron, 6½ to 7c. being quoted for No. 24 gauge. Canada