

tinues firm, with holders very steady in their views as to getting 12c. for desirable kinds. Dairy makes of butter are really scarce, and the market is a strong one. For choice creamery 21 to 22c. is the quotation, dairy tub and rolls, 18 to 19c.

**DRY GOODS.**—Very fair business is now reported by travellers, who are all out on their routes. It would hardly be surprising if some falling off in payments were reported, as the general lack of snow must affect business more or less in the country, but thus far there is no apparent disposition to complain, and further reports, as to payments on the 4th inst., are of favorable character, one of our largest houses reporting 69 per cent. of customers' paper as paid on that day. City retailers are not wholly satisfied with the business doing since Christmas.

**FISH.**—The demand has been somewhat slow during the holidays, but shows a little recovery. We quote: Nova Scotia herrings, \$5 to \$5.50; green cod, \$4.75 to \$5; No. 1, large, \$5.25; dry cod, \$4.50 to \$4.75; N.S. salmon, \$13; B.C. ditto, \$11; sea trout, \$8.50 to \$9; dressed cod, \$4.25 to \$4.50; boneless cod, 5½c. per lb.; fresh herrings, \$1.60 per hundred.

**FURS.**—Fair receipts continue to be reported, for which prices are being paid, as below: We quote prices as revised for this season: Bear \$7.50 to \$15; cubs and yearlings, \$2 to \$7; fisher, \$5 to \$7.50; red fox, \$1.50 to \$3; cross fox, \$5 to \$12; as to color; lynx, \$3 to \$4; marten, \$2 to \$4; mink, \$2 to \$3; rats, 10 to 13c. for winter; 8 to 10c. for fall; otter, \$10 to \$15 for large; coon, 90c. to \$1.25 for large; higher figures for black, according to size and color; skunk, 40c. to \$1.40, according to color and stripe.

**GROCERIES.**—The advance in sugars, which have twice been put up 5c. per 100, has created an active demand. We now quote refinery price for standard granulated at \$4.45; yellows, from \$3.65 for No. 1, up to \$4.25 for fine creams. Teas continue rather dull, and without change. In dried fruits, Sultanias are reported easier at Smyrna; new dates are in fair supply at 5 to 5½c. in boxes, and are now also offered in very convenient one lb. cartons at 7½c. Canned goods are stiff, and it is a question if corn could now be bought at \$1.10, in quantity; Western packers are said to be asking \$1 to \$1.05 for tomatoes.

**HIDES.**—The hide market is fairly steady at last week's decline of half a cent, but the demand from tanners is not of an active character, and the receipts of country hides have been rather more liberal of late. The American market is easier on both dry and packers' hides. Of calf skins there are as yet no receipts worth noting. As anticipated in last issue, lambskins are advanced to 90c. each.

**LEATHER.**—BOOT and shoe manufacturers generally report good spring orders, but are as yet light buyers, and it is presumed they must have laid in pretty good supplies prior to the revised terms going into effect. There is no relaxation in values, and sole leather men report continued good enquiry from England. 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.; pol-

ished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12½ to 14c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—Travellers in these lines are in a good many cases still at home, and the week has been a quiet one. In prices nothing specially new is reported. We quote: Sumstronger Spelter, easy. We quote: Sumstronger pig iron, \$28; Carnbroe, \$25; Calder, \$27; Hamilton, No. 1, \$100.00 to \$100.00; No. 2, do., \$100.00 to \$100.00; Ferona, No. 1, \$100; machinery scrap, \$19 to \$20; common ditto, \$100 to \$100; bar iron, Canadian, \$2.40 to \$2.45; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, 52 sheets to the box, \$2.80 to \$2.85; 60 sheets, \$2.90; 75 sheets, \$2.95; all polished Canadas, \$3.25; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.25 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$8; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$3 to \$3.10; No. 26, \$2.95 to \$3.05; No. 24, \$2.95; No. 16, and heavier, \$3; tin plates; Charcoal, I.C. Alloway, \$4.80 to \$5; do., I.X., \$5.25 to \$5.50; P.D., Crown, I.C., \$5.50 to \$5.75; do., I.X., \$4.75; coke, I.C., \$4.40 to \$4.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, Queen's Head, \$4.75; No. 26, \$4.25 to \$4.50; No. 24, \$2 in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, ¾-inch, and upwards, \$3.15; ¼-inch, \$3.25; tank steel, \$2.90; ¼-inch; three-sixteenths, \$3; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.95; Russian sheet iron, 9 to 9½c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$4.40 to \$4.50; sheet, \$4.75 to \$5; shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast-steel, 11 to 12c.; toe calk, \$3.40 to \$3.50; spring, \$3.50; sleigh shoe, \$2.80 to \$2.85; tire, \$2.85; round machinery steel, \$3.57, as to finish; ingot tin, 29½ to 30c. for L. & F.; Straits, 28 to 28½c.; bar tin, 35c.; ingot copper, 17¼ to 17½c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.50 to \$8; Silesian spelter, \$5.40; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.50; American spelter, \$5.40 to \$5.50; antimony, 10½ to 11c.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Travellers are all out again, and already orders are coming in quite freely, with every prospect of a good spring business. The lead grinders' quarterly meeting, held yesterday, has resulted in an advance of 37½c. on all grades of white lead; mixed paints are also advanced ten cents a gallon, and putty ten cents a cental. Turpentine is put up again to 77c. Linseed oil is very firm at last quotations, but English prices quite warrant an advance, it is claimed, and the cabled quotation is £24 per ton, as against £17 10s. at this time a year ago. We quote: Single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 62 and 65c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 61 and 64c.; net, 30 days, or 3 per cent., for four months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 77c.; five to nine barrels, 76c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 37½ to 40c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 40 to 42½c. per gallon; Castor oil, 8 to 8¼c., in quantity; tins, 9 to 9¼c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$6.75; No. 1, \$6.37½; No. 2, \$6; No. 3, \$5.62½; No. 4, \$5.25; dry white

lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$1.75; kegs, \$1.90; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.90; smaller quantities, \$2.05; 25-lb. tins, \$2.15; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.40. London washed whitening, 60c.; Paris white, 75 to 82c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$2 per 50 feet for first break; \$2.10 for second break.

**WOOL.**—Importers of raw wool report a very quiet time, and a good many mill men are employed taking stock just now. The next series of London sales opens on the 16th inst., the stock to be offered being 50,000 bales short of supplies at sale of a year ago. Local prices are very firm, with limited stocks. We quote: Cape, 25 to 26c.; Australian, none reported here; B.A., scoured, 50 to 55c.; California, 18 to 20c. per pound.

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