

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Manufacturers are now near the end of their work in autumn footwear, and commercial travellers are already off to the Atlantic and Pacific coasts with their samples for spring.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—The movement in cements is not particularly active, but the firmness noted last week is fully maintained, English cement would now cost \$2.06 laid down, and present quotations would be \$2.20 to 2.40, Belgian \$2 to 2.10. Bricks are quoted at \$15.50 to 21.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Some moderate export in Townships' butter is reported, the same being bought at 19 to 20c. per pound, but there is no great amount of business doing, and holders

of creamery do not seem anxious to sell. We quote late creamery 22½ to 23½c.; early make, 22c.; Townships, 18 to 20c.; Morrisburg, 18 to 19c.; Western, 16 to 18c. In cheese the ideas of holders and would-be buyers are somewhat apart, but a fair business is being done. Finest September makes are quoted at 10½ to 10¾c. per pound; summer cheese 10c. Receipts of eggs are moderate, and good fresh stock would bring about 16c.

DRY GOODS. The improved state of trade noted earlier in the month in this line is maintained, and a satisfactory sorting trade is be-

ing done in fall goods. The very fine weather of last week and the early part of this has not been wholly favorable to city retail trade, still quite a volume of business is reported, more particularly among suburban dealers. Remittances are much ahead of those of September, and show a very marked improvement in contrast with payments of October, 1891; one leading house reports its receipts to date this month as being over 40 per cent. ahead of the same period of last year. The advance of from 10 to 15 per cent. in silks before noted is fully confirmed. Silk thread makers in the United States have advanced the price of their product 10%, and there is a probability of the two Canadian mills doing likewise. Already the Belding-Paul Co. has put up the price of their ribbons ten per cent.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—The flour market does not show much of a movement, and buyers of any fair lots would have some advantage. We quote patents \$4.25 to 4.50; straight roller, \$3.85 to 4; extra, \$3.20 to 3.30; superfine, \$3 to 3.15; strong bakers', \$4 to 4.20. The local grain market is also dull and without any noteworthy feature. We quote No. 2 hard Man. wheat 81 to 82c. per bushel; No. 3 ditto, 70 to 72c.; peas, 76 to 78c.; oats, 32 to 33c.; corn, duty paid, 66c.; feed barley, 35c.; malt-ing ditto, 52 to 55c.

GROCERIES.—While there is no special activity, a fair steady distribution is in progress, and country payments are described as pretty good. Sugars are without change this week. Raws are firm, and competition between the refiners is assigned as the main reason for re-

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