

are still held at the advance noted. Heavy chemicals generally are at former level; cream tartar a shade easier, but not sufficiently so to alter quotations. Business is dull. We quote: *Sal Soda* \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; *Bi-Carb. Soda*, 2.50 to \$2.60; *Soda Ash* \$1.65 to \$1.75; *Bichromate of Potash*, per 100 lbs., \$8.50 to \$10; *Borax* refined, 11 to 12½c.; *Cream Tartar* crystals, 32 to 34c.; do ground 36c. to 38c.; *Tartaric Acid* crystals, 52½ to 55c.; do. powders 55 to 58c. per lb.; *Cautic Soda*, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; *Sugar of Lead*, 9 to 11c.; *Bleaching Powder*, \$2.50 to \$3.00 according to lot; *Alum* \$1.75 to \$1.90; *Copperas*, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; *Ground Sulphur*, \$2.75 to \$3.00; *Flowers Sulphur*, sublim per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to \$3.25; *Roll Sulphur*, \$2.40 to \$2.60; *Sulphate of Copper*, \$5.75 to \$3.50; *Epsom Salts*, \$1.25 to \$1.40; *Salt*, petre, \$9.00 to \$9.50; *German Quinine*, about \$1.10 to \$1.20; *American do.*, \$1.20 to \$1.25; *Howard*, \$1.25 to \$1.35; *Optum*, \$4.25 to \$4.50; *Morphia*, \$2.20 to \$2.30; *Gum Arabic*, sort, 28 to 33c.; *White*, 40 to 55c.; *Carbolic acid*, 45 to 50c. *Iodide Potassium*, \$3.50 to \$3.60 per lb.; *Iodine*, \$4 to \$4.25; *Iodoform*, \$5.50 to \$5.75.

**DRY GOODS.**—The quantity of fall and winter dry goods now being handled in a wholesale way is very limited indeed. Some travellers are already out with spring goods, such as prints and some other special lines, but as yet results are not very apparent. The bright, cool weather ruling for the last few days has helped city retail business, though coming late, and it looks at the moment as if a relapse into wet, dirty weather were imminent. Reports as regards remittances are not materially changed, and there is plenty room for improvement; failures, however, are not at all frequent.

**FLOUR.**—Market dull and weaker, business being confined to small local dealings. We quote *Superior Extra* \$3.75 to \$3.80; *Extra Superfine*, \$3.60 to \$3.65; *Fancy* \$3.55; *Spring Extra*, \$3.50 to \$3.55; *Superfine*, \$3.35; *Strong Bakers' (Canadian)*, \$3.75 to \$4.00; *Strong Bakers' (American)*, \$4.00 to \$4.25; *Fine*, \$3.10; *Patents*, \$3.90 to \$4.

**FISH.**—Business continues quiet, only small jobbing lots moving. Prices in some lines are easier as noted below: *Labrador herrings*, so-called No. 1, \$5.50 to \$6. *Cape Breton herrings*, eastern shore, \$4.75 to \$5; dry cod, \$4 to \$4.50; *American cod*, \$3 to \$3.25; green cod, rather firmer, No. 1 being sold at \$4 to \$4.25; large No. 1, \$4.75 to \$5; No. 2 about \$3.25; *North Shore salmon*, \$14, \$13, and \$12 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; *British Columbia salmon*, \$11; *Mackerel*, \$4 to \$6; *lake trout* \$4.25 to \$4.50.

**FURS.**—Further mail advices regarding sale of salted seal in London, state that large skins sold well, but inferior want low, making the average lower than previous years. The outlook for our furs in Europe is, according to letters from Lamson and others, unfavorable, owing to unsatisfactory state of business on the Continent. Sale of beaver and muskrat is fixed for Jan'y 23, general furs on March 9. Local prices are as yet unchanged. We still quote for fine furs: *Beaver*, 2.75; *Beaver*, \$8.00 to 10.00; do. cub, \$4.00 to \$6.00; *Fisher*, \$4.00 to \$6.00; *Red Fox*, \$1.00 to 1.20; *Cross do.*, \$2.00 to \$3.00; *Marten*, \$1.00 to \$1.10; *Lynx*, \$2.50 to \$3.00; *Mink*, \$1.00 to \$1.25; *Muskrat*, 8 to 10c; *Oter*, \$8.00 to \$10.00; *Raccoon*, 60c average; *Skunk*, 40 to 60c.

**GROCERIES.**—In this line business continues very fair, considering the dullness prevalent in most others, and we hear comparatively few complaints as regards payments. Sugars are a shade easier since last writing, and granulated can be had at 6½c. from refinery, yellows proportionately lower; no grocery raws in the market. From Japan, reports are to the effect that teas below good medium are \$1 better; finer grades a trifle easier perhaps. Blacks and greens as before. In coffees there is very little doing. In fruits, there are no Valencia raisins to be had in lots, except a one thousand box lot to arrive, for which 9c is asked, but 8½ would probably be taken; 9c is ruling price; currants are selling well at 5 to 6c; Malaga fruit is very scarce and there are probably not 500 boxes of layers in the hands of wholesalers here. Eleme figs are becoming scarce, but Malaga figs are in good supply; fine Bosnia prunes are 6c in hogsheads, 7c in 50 lb. packages; French prunes 4½ to 5½c. Rice, no change. Black pepper firmer, other spices and tobacco as before. Canned goods generally are unchanged.

**LEATHER.**—Most shoe manufacturing houses are still stock taking, so that orders for leather

continue limited. One or two have commenced cutting spring stock, but the month is likely to be quiet. Stocks are accumulating a little as is only natural at this season, and prices are a little easier, but not notably so. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A* 25 to 28c., ditto, No. 2, B. A. 22c. to 25c; No. 2, *Ordinary Spanish*, 24c. to 25½c; No. 1 ditto 22c. to 23c; No. 1 *China* 23c. No. 2 21c. ditto *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 22c. ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 27½c; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 38c; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; *Grained*, 34 to 38c. *Splits*, large, 23 to 30c.; ditto small, 16 to 24c. *Calif.-splits* 29 to 32c. *Calif.-skins* (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; *Imitation French Calfskins* 80 to 85c; *Russet Sheepskin Linings*, 30 to 50c; *Harness*, 24 to 33c; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 16c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 11½ to 15½c. *Rough*, 23 to 28c. *Russet & Bridle*, 45 to 55c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—In pig iron, and in fact in metals generally, there has been almost nothing done since last report, and it is not likely that there will be any ordering of consequence by consumers for several weeks. The tone of the pig iron market in Britain is firmer than it has been for some time past, doubtless due to the fact that reserve stocks are decreasing, being 7,000 tons less than a year ago, and still decreasing. This doubtless accounts for warrants also advancing; last cable quotations are 42/11d. There is no sign of bar iron "firming up" here as was expected by some, and tin and Canada plates are dull at old figures. General hardware prices are without change, and business remains quiet. We quote *Gartsherrie and Summerlee* \$19.00 to \$19.50 *Langloan*, \$19.50; *Coltness*, none in market *Eglinton*, \$17.00 to \$17.50; *Dalmellington*; \$17.25 to \$17.50; *Calder* \$19.00 to \$19.50; *Hematite* \$20 to \$22.50, according to brand; *Siemens*, \$19.00 to \$19.50; *Bar Iron* still \$1.70 to \$1.75; *Canada Plates* about \$2.90. *Tin Plates* *Bradley Charcoal*, \$5.85 to 6.00; *Charcoal I C* \$4.60 to \$4.75 as to brand; do. *I X* \$6.25 to 6.50; *Coke I C.*, \$4.25. *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; *Tinned Sheets*, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 6½ to 7½c.; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.25; *Sheets, Boiler, Plate* per 100 lbs. *Staffordshire*, \$2.50 to \$2.75; *Steel Boiler Plate* \$3.25 to \$4.00; heads \$4.50; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 10 to 11c. *Lead* per 100 lbs.:—*Pig*, \$3.75 to \$4.00; *Sheet*, \$4.00 to \$4.25. *Shot*, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast *Steel*, 11½ to 12c; firm; *Spring*, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm; *Tire*, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.25 to \$2.50. *Round Machinery Steel*, 3½c. per lb. *Ingot Tin*, 20 to 21c. *Bar Tin*, 24c.; *Ingot Copper*, 15 to 16c. *Sheet Zinc*, \$4.50 to \$4.75; *Spelter*, \$4.00 to \$4.50 *Bright Iron Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

**OILS AND PAINTS.**—Linseed shows no sign of receding from its lately advanced position, and still quotes at 58 to 60c. for raw, 62 to 63c. for boiled, turpentine a little firmer if anything. Fish oils rather quiet; steam refined seal 60 to 62½c; pale vat 55 to 57½c.; straw 50 to 52½c; *Nfld. cod oil* 57½ to 60c.; *Halifax do.* 55 to 57½c.; *cod liver ess* at \$1.20 to \$1.25. Leads and colors dull at unchanged prices. We quote: *White Lead* (genuine and first class brands only) \$6.25 to 6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to 6.00; No. 2, \$5. to 5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. *Dry White Lead* 6 to 6½c.; *Red do.* 5 to 5½c. These prices for round lots. *London Washed Whiting* 50 to 60c.; *Paris White* \$1.25; *Cookson's Venetian Red* \$1.75 to 2.00; *Yellow Ochre*, \$1.50; *Spruce Ochre*, \$2 to \$3.00.

**PROVISIONS.**—The butter market is very dull, with much difference of opinion existing between buyer and seller. Sales are pretty much of a retail character. Prices are off a little, we quote *Fall Creamery* 22 to 25c.; *Summer do.* 20 to 22c.; *Townships* 18 to 22c. as to make, &c.; *Morrisburg* 19 to 20c.; *Western* 17 to 18c. for selected. The cheese market is rather undecided in tone; we quote 11 to 11½ for choice fall makes. Apples are in plentiful supply on a dull market, with prices from \$1.50 to \$2.00 as to quality. For *Canada Mess pork* we quote \$17 to \$17.50; *Western mess* \$15 to \$15.25; *lard* 10½ to 10½c.; dressed hogs weaker under large receipts at about \$6.00 per hundred, eggs 20 to 21c.

**SALT.**—Business is of small extent at the moment. Store prices now rule, elevens being quoted at 60c., twelves 57½c., factory filled \$1.25 to \$1.40. *Eureka* as before \$2.40.

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