

iodoform, \$5.50 to 6.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.75 to 3.75; oil bergamot, \$4.70 to 4.90; orange, \$4.00 to 4.50; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 18 to 20c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 62 to 65c.; American do., 60 to 65c.; insect powder, 25 to 35c.

DRY GOODS.—Most of the buyers are now back from Europe, nearly two weeks earlier than usual, and all report having stuck to the conservative side in their buying. They report few changes in values, prices being well maintained in all lines. The low end of the linen market is firmer, owing to dearer yarns, and there may be a little advance in coarser goods such as French canvas, grass cloths, &c. Some very taking samples of costume cloths in Scotch tweed effects are being shown, and sell rapidly. A good trade in prints is also reported. Velvets and velveteens are selling well, but are likely to be replaced to some extent by corduroys, new samples of which, of beautiful finish and in many shades, are now being shown.

GRAIN.—The local grain market is a very slow one, and quotations are to some extent nominal, for transactions are few and small. We quote No. 2 oats 35 to 36c. per bush; peas, 75 to 76c. in store; feed barley 46 to 48c.; malted ditto, 57 to 62c.; No. 2 Man. hard wheat, \$1.03 to 1.05; No. 2 Northern, \$1 to 1.02. The present demand for flour is slack except for strong bakers. Prices are steady. Patents, \$5.10 to 5.35; straight roller, \$4.75 to 4.85; extra, \$4.50 to 4.60; superfine, \$4.05 to 4.20; strong bakers, \$5 to 5.10.

GROCERIES.—Last week's very full report will apply at date. There is only a moderate movement to be noted. Purchases for the holiday trade have nearly all been made, and business will be of only a sorting character till probably the middle of January. Sugars are without any change; refiners claim that raws continue to advance, but the competition among the factories, and the slack demand, prevent any advance in refined. Good Barbadoes molasses is still quoted at 37½c. per

gal.; the English house referred to last week as doing the retaliatory act on the French trade, was quoting its holdings of Barbadoes for a few days at 31c. per gal., but has put the price again at 32½c.; it will be understood, however, that these are not first-class goods. Teas are entirely without change. Dried fruits very dull and other lines without notable feature.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Boot and shoe manufacturers are mostly through stock-taking, and all report good orders for spring wear coming in, but cutting has not begun, and there is no buying of leather being done as yet. Quebec shoe houses also report orders coming in well. The leather trade in England is a little better; more enquiry is reported, though prices show no advance. Local prices are entirely without change. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2, B.A. 16 to 17c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, ditto, 15 to 16c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 29c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 26 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 35c.; splits, large, 16 to 21c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 16c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10½ to 13½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13½c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Business in all lines of heavy metals continues very slack. Scotch warrants are quoted at 47s. 3d.; makers' prices are about stationary. Gartsherrie and Summerlee pig are cabled three pence lower. Stocks in Glasgow are showing no accumulation. Bar iron is without any change; sheets are advanced to \$2.60 to 2.80. Stocks are in, and they cannot be imported less. Copper is again easier, and a good lot could probably be bought at 12½c. per pound. Antimony is much stronger at 18c. We

quote:—Coltness, \$22; Calder, No. 1, \$22.00; Calder, No. 3, \$21.00; Summerlee, \$21.50 to \$22.00; Eglinton, \$20.00; Gartsherrie, \$21.50 to 22.00; Carnbroe, \$19.50 to 20.00; Shotts, \$22.00; Middlesboro, none here; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$18.50 to 19; machinery scrap, \$15 to 18; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.50; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21.50 to 22.00; Canada Plates—Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.70 to 2.75.

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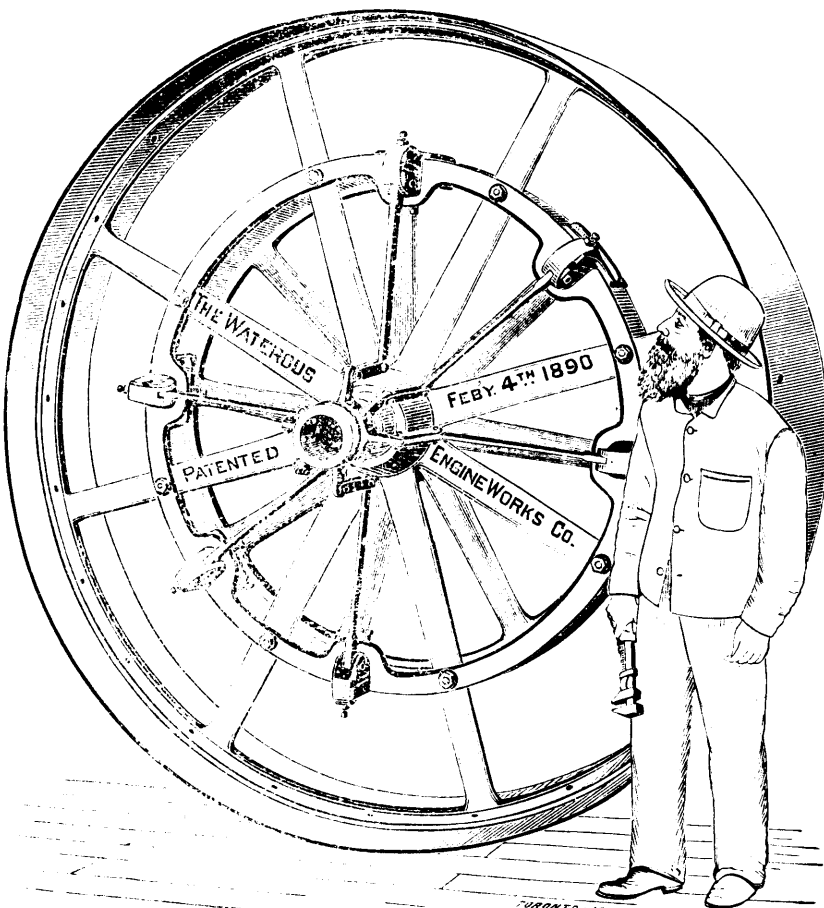
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