

be already pretty well contracted for. Fine Ontario's are held at 11½ to 11¾c., while it is said 11c. is bid for new fodder makes. In butter the feeling is easier, lower prices being evidently looked for. Finest fresh creamery quotes at about 22c.; dairy, 16 to 17c.

**Dry Goods.**—The summer millinery openings on the 22nd and 23rd drew quite a fair quota of buyers, principally from near at hand points, who also made some moderate purchases of dry goods. The warmer weather of the past few days has created more active demand for muslins and light fabrics, and there is a satisfactory movement. Cottons of domestic manufacture are firm; the Dominion company announces an advance in ducks this week, and there appears to be a more or less general anticipation that there may be a further all round advance in cotton goods within the next ten days or so. The Excelsior Woolen Co. has this week announced an advance in their products of costume cloths, etc.

**Groceries.**—Wholesalers report more of a movement, and considerable quantities of goods are awaiting shipment by first westward river boats, which cannot begin running till the canals open on the 1st of May, though all boats running below the city are on their regular routes. With regard to values little new can be said. Sugars remain at the level of the last few weeks, standard granulated being \$3.90 at the factory, with yellows ranging from \$3.15 to \$3.80. Refiners do not report a very active demand from jobbers. The quotations from the island for Barbadoes molasses are from 7½ to 8c., first cost, and seven cargoes are reported as now booked for this port, the first due to arrive about the end of May. Opening quotations for new pack of Columbia River salmon have been made at \$1.50 for talls, and \$1.65 for flats. Teas are quiet. The first steamer with new Japan teas is scheduled to sail May 2nd, and will have a couple of hundred packages of high priced first pickings for this market.

**Hides.**—Further advance is reported in both hides and calfskins, dealers now paying 9c. for No. 1 beef hides and 12 and 10c. for Nos. 1 and 2 calfskins respectively. Lambskins are unchanged at 10c. each, and sheepskins 65c.

**Leather.**—Local demand in this line is reported comparatively quiet, but manufacturers of sole are reported as making extensive shipments abroad, and still have good orders in hand. Prices are steady and continued scarcity of jobbing sole is reported on spot. Business in the boot and shoe line is easing off here, and Quebec manufacturers are reported as doing comparatively little at the moment.

**Metals and Hardware.**—The hardware situation is summed up by a leading wholesaler very aptly in his statement that there is a plethora of orders and a scarcity of goods. Values tend to firmness generally. An advance of 20 per cent. in builders' hardware is announced by American manufacturers. Ingot tin is active and again higher in London, and

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