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DRY GOODS.—There is really nothing of special interest in this line to be noted since a week ago. Some houses report fair orders for fall goods, while others are disposed to grumble at trade results thus far. Travellers' letters in many cases report good crop prospects, and a rather better feeling in consequence, but they have to exert their best persuasive powers to effect any large sales. City trade keeps up wonderfully well. Prices of domestic goods show no change. European advices show firmness in fine woollen dress goods, linens, and silks.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The dullness noted in these lines a week ago still prevails, and there is a tendency to easier values in most lines. The exceptions are bleaching powder, of which there is some scarcity, and sal soda, which shows an upward tendency. Quinine is very flat, and could probably be bought under quotations, also opium. Dyestuffs show steadiness, and gambier rather firmer. We quote:—Sal soda, 90c. to \$1.00; bi-carb soda, \$1.80 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$1.10 to 13.00; borax, refined, 10 to 12c.; cream tartar crystals, 34 to 36c.; do. ground, 36 to 38c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 60c.; citric acid, 65 to 70c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; sugar of lead, 10 to 11c.; bleaching powder, \$2.50 to 2.60; alum, \$1.60 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.00 to 2.25; roll sulphur, \$2.00 to 2.15; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.25 to 1.40; saltpetre \$2.25 to 2.75; American quinine, 55c.; German quinine, 55c.; Howard's quinine, 58 to 65c.; opium, \$4 to 4.50; morphia, \$1.90 to 2.25; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to \$1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25

per lb.; iodine, \$5.25 to 5.75; iodoform, \$5.75 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—oil lemon, \$2.00 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.50; orange, \$2.75 to 3.00; oil peppermint, \$3.50 to 4.50; glycerine, 25 to 35c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 40 to 45c.; American do., 36 to 40c.; insect powder, 75 to 90c.

FISH.—But a very light demand exists for pickled fish at this season, the main enquiry being for dry cod at \$4.50 to 4.75; Labrador herrings, \$4.25 to 4.50; North Shore salmon about \$—; B.C. ditto, \$—; sea trout, \$11.

GROCERIES.—A fair general distribution is to be noted, and in sugars there is a really heavy movement; values of this latter article are firmly held, with some anticipations of a further advance shortly, strengthened by the strong condition of the U. S. market. Granulated is 7½c. at refinery to "guild" buyers without any concessions; yellows from 5½ to 6½c.; grocery raws do not seem to be offering at all. Molasses firmer at 35 to 36c. for Barbadoes, concessions being declined to large purchasers. There is a fair country demand for medium priced Japan, and values show steadiness. In coffees there is nothing of special interest to be noted. Rice steady at \$3.30 at mill for standard quality, some off grades can be had at from 10 to 20c. cheaper. Reports from Denia announce favorable prospects for the raisin crop as far can be judged at the moment; stocks of last year's fruit are about exhausted, and though there is little demand at the moment prices are very firm; Valencias 6 to 6½c.; currants 6½ to 7c.; evaporated apples 9 to 9½c.; walnuts 13½ to 15c. for Grenoble; almonds 14 to 15c.; filberts 9 to 10c.; pecans 9 to 10c.; tobaccos and spices unchanged. Canned goods in better request; salmon firm at \$1.70 to 1.75; lobsters \$5.10 to 5.30, lower than packers are asking for new contracts; tomatoes \$1.10 to 1.20; corn \$1.30.

HIDES.—The hide market shows no improvement, the demand from tanners being light in the face of existing heavy stocks of leather. Green hides are not plentiful and dealers continue buying at 6, 5, and 4 cents for the three grades; calfskins, 5c.; lambskins, higher at 35c.; dry hides weak at 9 to 10c.; Toronto hides, 6½ to 7c. for No. 1; Hamilton, 6½ to 6¾c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—No improvement in business can be reported of these lines, and dullness will likely prevail for several weeks to come. Scotch warrants are cabled at 38/-, just about where they were a week ago, but makers' prices show some little gain in steadiness; local quotations for pig iron are unchanged; bar iron still being sold without profit at \$2.00 even in small lots, and \$3.50 it is said would be cut for fair lots of coke. Lead, copper, and tin as they were. We quote:—Coltress, \$19.00; Calder and Summerlee, \$18.50 to 18.75; Eglington and Dalmellington, \$17; Gartsherrie, \$18.00; Siemens, \$18.50 to 19.00 for No. 1; Carnbroe, \$17.50; Shotts, \$18.50; Glengarnock, \$18.25; Middlesboro, No. 1, \$16.50 to 17; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., none; machinery scrap, \$16.50 to 17; common ditto, \$16; bar iron, 2; best refined, \$2.25; Siemens, \$2.00. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.50. Tern roofing plate, 20x28, \$6.75 to 7. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.75 to 6; charcoal I.C., \$4.00 to 4.25; do. I.X., \$5.25; coke, I.C., \$3.50 to 3.75; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 4½ to 7c., according to brand; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6½c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.20. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.75; steel boiler plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 11c.; lead, per 100 lbs., —; pig, \$3.75 to 4.00; sheet, \$4.25 to 4.50; shot, \$6.00 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 11½c.; spring, \$2.50 to 2.80; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to 2.50; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 23 to 24c.; bar tin, 26 to 27c.; ingot copper, 18½c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00; spelter, \$5.00; antimony, 13 to 15c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.15 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.20 to 2.25.

OILS, PAINTS, AND GLASS.—Steam refined seal oil shows some gain in strength owing to an improved European enquiry, and is quoted at 43 to 45c.; Nfld. cod oil steady at 34 to 36c. Linseed is selling at 56 to 58c. for boiled as to lot; raw, 54 to 55c. Turpentine still in light supply and quotes at 55 to 57c. Olive oil, \$1 for pure; castor, 7½ to 8c. per lb. Leads, steady here though the raw article is easier in England. Colors and glass as before. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.75 to 6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3,