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more particularly in the Townships and Huntingdon district, crops furnish decidedly more ground for congratulation than complaint; hay has been a good crop, and saved as a rule in good condition; grains are looking well and cutting has begun; pasturage has also been good, and as regards roots there is no serious complaint.

ASHES.—Receipts are not very free, indeed, have been uncommonly light during the last few days, and prices remain steady for No. 1 pots at \$3.90 to 3.95; seconds still about \$3.50, and none coming forward. Pearls are all disorganized, having been coming in too freely, and we doubt if \$6.00 could be got for them now, as against \$7.00 a few weeks ago; receipts have been nearly double those of last year. Shipments keep fairly active, and stocks in store are lower, being about 430 pearls and 80 pots; a lot of 83 pots is just about being shipped to France.

BOOTS AND SHOES AND LEATHER.—Shoe manufacturers seem to regard the future with more confidence, and are busy as a rule on fall orders. There is more enquiry from them for plump leathers for fall wear, and the market shows some little improvement. Sole leather is firmer under an advance of 1½c. in New York, where dry Montevideo hides are also up a cent. It is reported that the George Angus Company, of Liverpool, have bought 160,000 sides of sole in New York for export. The English market also shows some improvement, late account sales showing better returns. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, B. A., 18 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2 do., 17 to 18c.; No. 1 China, 18 to 19c.; No. 2, 17 to 18c.; hemlock slaughter, No. 1, 23 to 26c., oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 31c.; grained, 32 to 36c.; Scotch grained, 33 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 23c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 46 lbs.), 55 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 70 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 21 to 30c.; buffed cow, 10 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 14c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, ETC.—There is a good deal doing in cements, but prices have not, as was anticipated, firmed up as yet with the higher freight rates. Portland cement can be bought in quantity at \$2.30 for ordinary, better quality in smaller lots \$2.50 to 2.75; firebricks \$20 a thousand for ordinary, Glenboig \$22.50; fireclay as before.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business continues quiet in these lines, and prices show no very marked changes. Cream tartar is

easier and in plentiful supply but not quotably lower sulphate of copper also slightly easier. Opium shows some little gain in firmness; crop reports are still conflicting, but the Dutch East India Company has been a large buyer of late. For carbolic acid there is a big enquiry and prices will likely go up. Oil lemon easier, peppermint advancing; glycerine about touched bottom and thought to be advancing. We quote:—Sal soda, 85 to 95c.; bi-carb soda, \$1.80 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 10 to 12c.; cream tar crystals, 34 to 36c.; do. ground, 36 to 38c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 60c.; citric acid, 68 to 72c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.25 to 2.50; 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, \$5.50 to 6.00; epsom salts, \$1.25 to 1.40; saltpetre \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 55c.; German quinine, 55c.; Howard's quinine, 58 to 63c.; opium, \$4 to 4.50; morphia, \$1.75 to 2.00; 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 3.25; orange, \$2.75 to 3.00; oil peppermint, \$3.50 to 4.50; glycerine, 22 to 30c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 40 to 45c.; American do., 36 to 40c.; insect powder, 65 to 80c.

FISH.—Dry cod is wanted and is firm at \$4.75, probably more would be asked. Some new B.C. salmon is now about due here for which \$13 to 13.50 is asked. New Cape Breton herrings should be to hand shortly.

HIDES.—There has been no increase of activity in this line here, and tanners are buying sparingly still, though in New York, Montevideo dry hides are reported up a cent. Foreign hides dealers still pay 6c. for No 1, and tanners 7c., for No 1 inspected. Toronto and Hamilton hides 6½ to 6½c.; calfskins 5c., lambskins 35c.

DRY GOODS.—There is nothing of a novel character as regards wholesale trade; business is quiet, though there are those who say that the fall turnover will be better than anticipated earlier in the season, now that later reports show that crops are turning out rather better than was expected. City retail trade is very dull at the moment, and remittances are nothing to brag of. As regards prices cash-meres show great firmness on the other side, and repeats are being declined except at an advance, equal probably to from 5 to 7½ per cent. Jute goods are likely to show an advance, not only owing to reported short crops, but wages in Dundee have been advanced, and the mills which had been closed down Saturdays owing to labor disputes with operatives are now working full time. There is talk of an advance in cotton shirtings.

GROCERIES.—Wholesalers in this line report a good many orders coming in, not of large amounts as a rule, as people are buying just as their wants arise, still there is a fair aggregate of business doing, and taking it all around remittances are called fair. Sugars are probably not so active as they have been, as the small fruit season is about over, but there is no slackening off in values; granulated is firm at 7½c. at refinery; yellows, 5½ to 6½c.; Paris lumps, 8½c. factory price; a part of a cargo of grocery raws has come to hand for a local house, but no quotations have transpired. Molasses firm at 38c. lowest for Barbadoes; it is said Quebec men are asking 40c.; on the Island the quotation is now 18c., with little to be had. Syrups still hard to get; the refineries are turning out only a few of the better qualities ranging from 49 to 56c. Teas are in fair request; well informed parties say there is a stronger feeling in Japans, and that the market there shows an advance of two

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