

favorable. Letters from country parts are generally of a cheerful tone, however, and a fair trade is looked for when farmers get through harvesting. Manitoba dealers write hopefully, though acknowledging they are at present awfully hard up for money; the smallpox scare in British Columbia seems pretty well abated, but trade has not yet fully recovered. Not a great many orders are being placed just now, travellers being mostly at home getting samples revised, etc.; but shipping is actively going on. A buyers' excursion has been arranged for from points west of Toronto and east of Lake Megantic, with privilege of starting from August 26th to 29th, returning up to September 19th, and a good many visitors are looked for.

GROCERIES.—Granulated sugar is firmer at the factory, being 4½c. per pound in round lots to the trade, but in spite of this, it is being quoted by travellers on the road at 4 1-5c., and yellows, which range at refinery from 3½ to 3¾c., are being quoted by jobbers at 3 1-10c. The principal sinners in this respect are the French Canadian houses, whose unbusinesslike methods have been so much complained of of late. The Woodside sugar refinery has withdrawn quotations of its product for the moment. Barbadoes molasses is held at 33 to 34c. per gal. in first hands. The market for new Valencia raisins has opened, and cable quotations just to hand range from 14 shillings to 19/6d. Of old stock there is none here, and a few odd lots are being brought in from New York to fill the very limited demand. Currants are also very scarce on spot, some difficulty being experienced in picking up even single barrels. Salmon is very firm on the coast, and will likely be scarce; we hear to-day of a couple of car lots of canned being sold at \$1.20, which means \$1.38 laid down here. Japan teas maintain their firmness; stocks of first crop teas are getting low, and the medium and lower grades are showing poor water, last year's goods being really better value. A local bank got rid last week of a lot of long-held low grade goods, realizing 11½c. on about 1,400 packages of three-year old low grade goods, which is considered a good

figure, as better teas have been sold within a few weeks at 10c.

LEATHER.—Boot and shoe manufacturers seem, as a rule, fairly satisfied with the volume of fall orders, and are cutting leather rather more freely. Some round sales of splits, buff and pebble, aggregating about fifteen tons, were reported last week at rather close-cut figures. An arrangement has been finally arrived at by sole leather producers, by the terms of which the output is reduced 30 per cent.; this has had the effect of stiffening prices notably. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 18c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; 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, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 28 to 30c.; splits, large, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 16c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13½c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Trade on the whole is pretty quiet in heavy metals, though some fair transactions for imports are reported in Summerlee pig iron at \$19 per ton, and a few small sales *ex yard* at \$19.50. Warrants are cabled at 42s. 3d, maker's quotations without change. Local figures for future delivery are firmer, owing to advancing freights, and for Siemens No. 1 \$18.75 to \$19 is now asked. Canada plates are easier, 50-box lots being obtainable at \$2.55. Copper is declining, and can be quoted at 12 to 12½c. per pound. Antimony has been sold in ton lots at 12½c. per pound, and tin might be squeezed to 22½c. per lb. for a round lot. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, \$19.50; Calder, No. 1, \$19; Calder, No. 3, \$18; Summerlee, \$18.75 to 19; Eglin, ton, \$18.50; Gartsherrie, \$19.00; Carnbroe, \$17.50 to 18; Shotts, \$19; Middlesboro, No. 3,

\$17.50; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$18.75 to \$19; machinery scrap, \$15 to 16; common do., \$12; bar iron, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Canada Plates—Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.55 to 2.60; Tarnie roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.00 to 7.50. Merchants' roofing, 20x28, \$13.50. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.00; charcoal I. C., \$4.00; P.D. Crown, \$4.25; do. I.X., \$5 to 5.25; coke I. C., \$3.30 to 3.50; coke wasters, \$3.15; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6¾c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.80 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3 to 3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 23c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 12 to 12½c.; sheet zinc, \$6 to 6.25; spelter, \$5.25 to 5.75; American do. \$5.50. Antimony 12½ to 15c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$5.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; ½ in., 3½ to 4c.; ¾ in., 4c.; 1 in., 5c. and upwards, 8c.

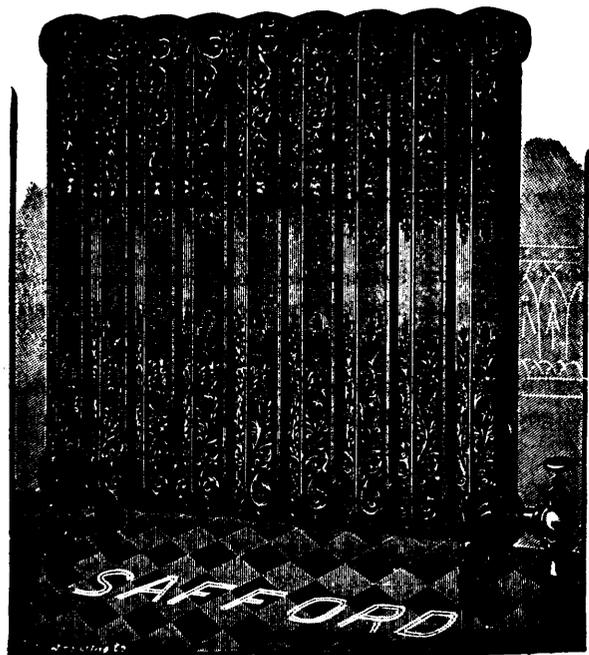
OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—In linseed oil there has been much cutting in the local market, and one dealer having dropped quotations a full two cents, others have to follow, and sales are being made at 54c. per gal. for raw, 57c. for boiled. Turpentine holds stiff in the United States; there are fair supplies here, which are selling at our quotations, though fresh stocks would probably have to be sold a little higher. Castor oil is easier, the silver depreciation in India affecting the value of all East Indian products; five-case lots can be bought at 7½c. per lb. Other lines present no novel features. We quote:—Turpentine 45 to 46c. per gal.; Linseed oil, raw, 54c. per gal.; boiled, 57c.; olive oil, 95c. to \$1; castor, 7½ to 8c. in

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