

just moderate. City retail trade, we are told, is not as brisk as one would expect at this season, particularly considering the sharp wintry weather prevailing. All recent advances in prices of textiles are well maintained.

FURS.—The sharp wintry weather, with snow, has helped business in this line, the demand from local makers of fur garments, etc., having been freer during the last couple of weeks. Snow roads on the north shore and interior have been good, and offerings of raw furs have been larger, including some fair lots of beaver, mink, bear, rats, etc. The last date on which skins can be shipped in time for the January London sales is Dec. 31st. At these sales there seems to be a general anticipation of a decline. We quote, for prime pelts:—Beaver, \$3 to 3.50 per lb.; bear, \$10 to 20; cub, \$5 to 8; fox, red, \$1 to 1.50; cross, do., \$3 to 5; silver, do., \$20 to 75; fisher, \$5 to 6; marten, \$1 to 1.75; mink, \$1 to 1.50; lynx, \$1.50 to 2; coon, 50c. to 75c.; fall rats, 5 to 7c.; otter, \$9 to 12; skunk, 40c. to \$1.

GROCERIES.—The movement in sugars, teas and other leading staples is only a moderate one, but a good demand is noted for dried fruits, nuts and other sundries intended for sorting up Christmas stocks. All lines of dried fruits are firmer in price; Malaga table fruit is in very light supply; importations were small, and California goods, which were calculated upon to fill up the gap, have not turned out very well. Valencia raisins are generally quoted at $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. as to quality, though it is said some French houses are selling off stalk at $4\frac{1}{2}$ c. For 4-crown California loose Muscatels, Griffin & Kelly's brand, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. is asked, other brands 6c.; 3-crown 5 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. California prunes are firmer, and Chicago re-packers of these goods, and apricots and peaches, have advanced their prices. California prunes, 30's to 40's, are quoted at 13c., ranging down to 7 to 8c. for the small sizes. Bosnia D's are quoted at 6c. New dates are now in, and quote at $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. California dried apricots are scarce on spot, and are held at 15c. in a jobbing way; peaches $9\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c. Currants in short supply, and firm at last quotations. Sultanias 6 to 10c. Cream tartar has advanced some 20 per cent. during the last two months, and is now quoted at 25c. Sugar has taken a decided upward move, and a strong advance has been established in yellows, which could have been bought last week at 3c. per lb., or a shade under, but the lowest figure now available is 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., with a range up to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. The price of granulated has not been yet altered at the moment of writing, but an advance at any moment is not improbable. Molasses is in fair request at 37c. the single puncheon for Barbadoes, brls. 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Porto Rico, 34c.; brls., 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Teas are dull at the moment, with nothing to note in the way of revised prices.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—As anticipated in our report of last week, a decline in prices of hides has taken place, dealers only paying 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. this week, for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 green hides. The price to tanners is still maintained at 7c. for No. 1 cured and inspected. For lambskins the price is 65c. each. Tallow is very dull and hard to move, and some dealers would be glad to sell best quality at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per pound.

LEATHER.—The sorting trade with manufacturers is about over, and there is very light enquiry for heavy stock of any kind. The decline in hides this week is not reflected in leather quotations, though no doubt the situation favors buyers, and prices below would be shaded for any fair lots. Nothing like a fair demand, however, is anticipated until after Epiphany. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do. No. 2, 21 to 23c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 22 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 22c.; No. 1 slaughter, 25 to 27c.; No. 2 do., 23 to 24c.; common, 22c.; waxed upper light and medium, 33 to 38c.; do. heavy, 30 to 35c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; western splits, 20 to 24c.; Quebec do., 15 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 19c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calf skins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 30c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 15 to 16c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; harness, 25 to 32c.; buffed cow, 13 to 14c.; polished buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 11 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; polished cow, 11 to 14c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—General dullness prevails in these lines, hardly enough doing in heavy metals especially to gauge the market. There has not been a recent transaction in pig iron of any consequence. Bars, it is said, have been offered at \$1.55 in round lots. In other lines there is not a change to note. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none here; Calder, No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$20.50 to 21.00; Eglington, \$18.00 to 18.50; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$19.00; Shotts, \$19.50 ex-yard; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17; Niagara, No. 2, \$21; Siemens pig, No. 1, \$17.50 to 17.75; Ferrona, No. 1, \$17.50 to 17.75; machinery scrap, \$15; common do., \$12 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.25, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.30; 75 sheets \$2.40; all polished Canadas, \$2.50 to 2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.50; No. 26, \$2.40; No. 24, \$2.30; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2.25; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.00 to 5.50; charcoal, I. C., \$3.25; P.D. Crown, \$3.75; do., I.X., \$4.75; Coke I.C., \$2.90; coke wasters, \$2.60; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; No. 26, 4c.; No. 24, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., in case lots; Morewood, \$5.15 to 5.40; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; No. 26, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.85; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and upwards, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; tank iron, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.15; tank steel, \$1.70; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.00; Russian sheet iron, 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10c.; lead, per 100 lbs.; pig, \$3.15 to 3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 9 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.90; tire, \$2; round machinery steel, \$2.50; ingot tin, 16 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for best; Straits, 16c.; bar tin, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; ingot copper, 12 to 13c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.25; American do., \$4.25. Antimony, 9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; bright iron wires, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled, do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.15; the trade discount on wire is 20 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

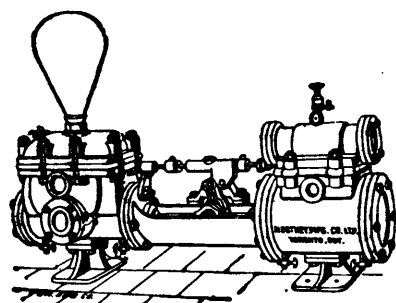
OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Warehouses in these branches present a very quiet aspect, and no deliveries of goods will likely be made till after the turn of the year. The only notable feature is the stiffness in glass. Western dealers have at last made some advance in prices, which have been below the level here, and local quotations are very stiff, with no discount now allowed on 50-box lots. We quote:—Turpentine, 43c. per gallon for single barrels, two to 4 barrels, 42c.; 5 barrels and over, 41c. Linseed oil, raw, 56c. per gallon; boiled, 59c.; 4 to 9 brl. lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6c.; single cases, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; tins, 7c.; Nfld. cod, 34 to 35c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 35c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 40 to 42c. per gal. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.75 to 5.00; No. 1, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 2, \$4 to 4.25; No. 3, \$4; dry white lead, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5c.; genuine red do., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, \$1.60 to 1.65 in bulk, \$1.75 to 1.85 in bladders, \$2 to 2.10 in tins; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red,

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