

DRY GOODS.—The orders from travellers who are now generally out, cannot be classed as more than fair. A good many western dealers have not yet completed stock-taking, and they with a good many others are putting off ordering till later on. This disposition to defer buying till the goods are really wanted, which was remarked last fall, is still more noticeable this spring, and is rather to be commended than otherwise, as tending to a healthier state of trade. Remittances are not what they should be, and there is more or less fault-finding with most wholesalers. Failures have become rather more frequent in this line and the usual spring "run" has apparently set in. There is nothing new as regards prices in any line.

FISH.—There is very little demand in this line just now, and values are if any thing easier. No activity is expected before Lent sets in:—Labradors \$3.00 to \$3.25; Cape Breton, none in market. Dry Cod \$3.00 to \$3.25; Green do. \$4; large do. \$4.25 to \$4.50; North Shore Salmon \$11 to \$11.50, for No. 1; \$10 to \$10.50 for No. 2; British Columbia \$9.00 to \$9.50; Lake trout, \$3.75.

FURS.—The collection of raw furs this season is unusually small and business is quiet. Reports of late London sales are to hand. Best quality muskrat sold well at an advance, poor qualities neglected. Skunk sold up about 15 per cent. In Beaver the demand was active for poorer skins, while the best quality sold slowly. Mink sold at advanced figures. We revise quotations in accordance with results of sale. The next London sales of the general collection will be held from March 22 to April 2nd. We quote for prime skins:—Beaver, per lb., \$2.50 to \$3.00; Bear, per skin, \$10 to \$12; Bear, cub, per skin, \$5 to \$6; Fisher, per skin, \$4 to \$5; Red fox, per skin, \$1; Fox, cross, per skin, \$2.50; Lynx, per skin, \$2.50; Marten, per skin, \$1; Mink, per skin, 50 to 75c.; Muskrat, large winter, 12c.; Otter, per skin, \$8 to \$10; Raccoon, per skin 50 to 60c.; Skunk, per skin, black, \$1, half black, 75c., full stripe, 40c., white, 20c.

GROCERIES.—The principal activity is in teas, sales last week aggregating some 6,000 packages or over. In low grade young hysons no lots can now be had under 16½ to 17c., the same goods could be had ten days ago at 15 to 15½c. Finer grades dull. Fine Japans are in demand, and are scarcer, qualities of value 20 to 22c. are not so much asked for, but are none too plentiful. A good many blacks are selling on English account at from tenpence to 1½d. Sugars are not so strong; granulated is nominally 6½c, but this figure would be shaded for round lots; bright yellows give better value than darker goods, as nothing can be had in latter quality under 5½c. There is nothing specially new in dried fruits. There is nothing specially new in dried fruits. There is a great scarcity of both currants and raisins. Holders of good Provincials won't sell under 6½c.; 750 boxes of Valencias sold at 9c. last week. In Malagas there is little or no stock of staple lines, but there are a few of the finer grades to be had; figs in good supply but not active; prunes dull at 4c. Molasses very firm, and question if 31c. would buy a round lot of Barbadoes. The stock is all in two hands. In syrups 300 brls. of quality better than B, sold at about 2c. last week, V. B. and X. V. B. are scarce and taken up readily at 3½ to 4c. Bright corn syrups are not in favor, the demand being for sugar syrups. Mocha and Java coffees are a little firmer, 200 bags of Rio sold at 8c. for the West. Canned goods are quiet; corn, peas, and strawberries are scarce; tomatoes are \$1.50, and the high price has apparently stopped the consumption. Sardines, quarters, in good supply and dull at 9½ to 11½c., halves scarce at 18 to 19c.; lobsters in light supply at \$5.90 to \$6.25; mackerel a drug at \$2.60 to \$3.20. Supplies of nuts are now all forward; Tarragona almonds 14c.; Levant filberts 5½ to 6½c.; Sicily do. 9c.; Grenoble walnuts 12c.; Marbot do. 9c.; Cernes do. 8 to 8½c. Sales of 50 bags pepper are reported at 18½c., a dusty sample; holders of good stock ask 19 to 19½c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is rather more doing in pig iron and metals, but it is in a cautious hand to mouth way, and as yet there is no evidence of a disposition among consumers to order at all freely. The home market shows a tendency to weakness all around; lead being the only article showing any strength, and is up £1 10/- the ton. Scotch warrants are down to 39/8d. The tin

plate combination is a thing of the past; there will be no restriction in the make hereafter as proposed, and things are back to the position they were in last summer. Local prices remain pretty steady, and we quote:—Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$18.50 to \$19.00 and very scarce; Langloan, and Coltness, \$18.50 to \$19.00; Shotts, \$18.00 to \$18.50; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$16.50 to 17; Calder, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Carnbroe, \$17.50 to \$18; Hematite, \$18 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1; \$18 to \$18.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.90; Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina \$2.30 to \$2.40; Penn &c. \$2.45 to \$2.50. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.35 to \$4.75; do I.X., \$6 to \$6.25; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½c to 7c, according to brand: Tinned Sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c; No. 26, 7c, the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.90 to \$2; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$3.50 to \$4; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3¼ to 3½c. per lb.; Ingot tin, 23 to 25c; Bar Tin, 27c; Ingot Copper, 12½ to 14c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—Turpentine is very firm at 61 to 62c., with light stocks here and a very strong market south. Linseed oil tends to easiness; raw is quoted at 58 to 59c.; boiled 61 to 62c. We hear of some cutting on these prices in some quarters, and it is said raw in lots has been offered at under 55c. Olive and castor oil unchanged. Newfoundland cod 54 to 56c.; Gaspe ditto 51 to 52c.; steam refined seal 53 to 55c. Dry red and white lead is reported firmer at home, but local prices are not affected, and other lines of colors, &c. are as before. We quote:—Leads (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6 to \$6.25; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$5.00; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red, do. 4½ to 4¾c. These prices for round lots, London washed whitening, 50 to 60c.; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian red \$1.75, other brands Venetian red \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.70 per 50 feet for first break.

SHOES AND LEATHER.—Business in leather for the last week or ten days has not been up to expectations. Shoe men say they have good orders but don't seem to be cutting much stock, and are probably waiting to see how payments due about now turn out before filling orders. Stock has been coming in freely and shows some accumulation, and prices are consequently not so stiff, though there is no change to be made in quotations. Some shipments of splits were made to England last week. Quotations are:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 25 to 27c.; ditto, No. 2 B.A. 21 to 24c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 21½ to 23c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 23c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27c.; oak sole, 45 to 50c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 39c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained, 36 to 42c.; Splits, large, 22 to 28c.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16½c.; Pebbled Cow, 12 to 15½c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 45 to 55c.

SALT.—The regular routine business of the season is being done in a quiet way. We quote:—Factory-filled, per bag, \$1.15 to \$1.20; elevens 5½ to 55c.; twelves, 50 to 52½c.; Higgins' Eureka, per sack, \$2.40; half sacks, \$1.20; quarters, 60c.; Ashton's sacks, \$2.40; half sack, \$1.20; quarters, 50c.; Turk's Island, 30c. per bushel. Rock salt 50c. per cwt., special rates for ton lots.

WOOL.—Mill men as a whole are well employed and seem satisfied. Orders for wool keep coming in well, and dealers in this line also seem satisfied with the business doing. Prices are well maintained, and there is no sign of weakening, but rather otherwise:—Cape, 14 to 16½c.; Natal, 17 to 20c.; Australian, 22 to 30c. Domestic, A super, 27 to 28c.; B super, 22 to 24c.; unassorted, 21 to 23c.; fleece, 19 to 21c.; black 21 to 22c.

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