

good orders for spring stuffs. Complaints as to dull trade are quite frequent among the Montreal retailers, and discount sales are being advertised earlier than usual, with the evident idea of helping off slow-moving stocks. With regard to values of textiles, there is not much new to report. An active demand is shown for serges of all kinds, which are coming strongly into favor again, but prices are high, being from 25 to 30 per cent. above the figures of three years ago.

Groceries.—Sugars keep booming skywards, and several further distinct advances have been established since last writing, aggregating in all 25c. per cental, and making the present factory figure for standard granulated, in barrels, \$5.10, the highest notch reached for a good many years. For bags the price is 10c. less. Yellows now range from \$4.50 upwards. The situation with regard to raws seems to be strengthening daily, there being an undoubted shortage of both beet and cane sugar, and still higher prices are looked for in the market for refined. In molasses there is also some tendency to stiffness, but jobbing prices for Barbados remain at 29 to 30c. for Barbados. Canned goods are still held at high prices, \$1.25 being asked in a jobbing way for standard tomatoes, and \$1.10 to \$1.15 for corn. The steamer "Jacona" has discharged her cargo of Mediterranean goods, which comprised 1,845 whole cases of currants, 14,170 halves, 2,015 quarters, and 25 barrels; of Valencia raisins her manifest shows 22,827 half-boxes, 100 quarters, and 1,760 eighths. From Malaga she brought 3,844 boxes of raisins, 2,754 quarters, and 3,270 cases of shelled almonds. Teas continue inactive. Late cable advices report an advance of about ¼d. to ¾d. in Indian teas, and Ceylons are also reported a little dearer for common grades.

Metals and Hardware.—Winter freight rates go into effect to-day, and it is expected the movement, especially in the heavier lines, will now show some falling off. In the general run of metals there is a continued tendency to advance. Ingot copper has made a further strong upward move, being now quoted at 15½ to 15¾c.; lead is up to \$3.50 to \$3.60, and spelter stands at \$6.25 to \$6.50; tin, 32 to 32½c.; antimony, 7¼ to 7½c. In bar iron there is apparently little disposition to concede in price, and \$1.70 to \$1.75 is quoted firm. Boiler plate exhibits a stiffening tendency, and there may be an advance on the old \$2 figure. In sheets of various kinds there has been no recent change.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Some good business is still reported with the West, but a general slackening in the demand is now about due. The only notable change is a decline in turpentine, which is now quoted at 79c. per gallon, by the single barrel. The larger dealers would like to advance prices of window glass, but the smaller jobbers still hold to the old figure, namely, \$3.25 per 100 ft. per first break. In linseed oil, and other lines under this heading, there is no change.

Wool.—A comparatively light business is reported as passing in these days, millmen just buying from hand to mouth, and a disposition is shown to hold off until

capitalist shoved over the money and a the results of the London sales, opening on the 22nd inst., be seen. We quote Capes at 17½ to 19c., according to condition and quality; fine B.A., 38 to 42c.; fine crossbreds, 27 to 32c.; coarse ditto, 24 to 26c.; Canadian pulled, 25½c.; North-West, 17½ to 18½c. per pound.



## TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Nov. 16th, 1904.

Chemicals, Drugs, Etc.—Trade continues fully up to average. Opium is firm at the recent advance, but there is not much doing. The same may be said of quinine. Chloral is tending higher, and so also does carbolic acid, which indeed has made several small advances during the past two weeks. There is a scarcity of this drug in most markets owing to the abnormal demand from the Far East. Some complaint is heard in New York as to dullness of trade. Reports from Manchester, England, respecting the chemical trade, speak of a better feeling being maintained, contracts for next year having been placed more freely. Many articles retain a firm valuation, and some are higher. Further improvement is looked for in many lines, as trade is believed to be on a sound basis.

Dry Goods.—Reports that have come to hand during the past week or ten days are more than usually bright in their tenor. This is particularly the case with regard to the North-West, from which payments early this month were considerably better, not only than had been anticipated, but than usual. Seasonable goods are moving out in satisfactory quantities. Staples of all sorts fully retain their firmness, but there is nothing new worth recording under this heading.

Flour and Grain.—There is so much divergence of idea as to real values existing as between holders of grain and the millers, that trade is comparatively quiet, though there seems to be no disposition to let down prices. For ninety per cent. patents, in carload lots, \$4.50 is asked. Greater firmness is to be noted for bran and shorts. Oatmeal is still somewhat on the easy side. Wheat has made advances ranging from 1 to 2c. Other grains remain unchanged. Not a great amount of business is passing.

Fruits and Vegetables.—The season may now be said to be over for domestic fruits, though a few grapes still make their appearance. Southern fruits are beginning to come in in larger quantities, but there is no special feature. They sell at good steady prices.

Groceries.—Still another advance took place in all grades of sugars this week, as was partially anticipated. The rise this time was of 15c. per cwt. The movement continues fairly active in this as well as in general lines of groceries. Throughout the rural districts it may be said to have made distinct improvement. Canned goods are still very firm, a condition from which there is no particular likelihood of change, so far as can be seen.

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Hardware.—Great activity has prevailed in the wholesalers' warerooms ever since the opening of the month. Retailers want to take advantage of shipments before navigation closes. For all seasonable articles the demand is good, and orders very satisfactory. In Great Britain, pig iron moved much better during October and prices advanced steadily. The outlook is distinctly better than it was. The same may be said of the heavy metals on this continent.

Provisions.—For really choice butter there is a good demand. Cheese is firm in

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Secretary-Treasurer.

Moose Jaw, Assiniboia.



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Exception—Tenders are not required for the supply of meat to the asylums in Toronto, London, Kingston, Hamilton and Brockville, nor for the Central Prison and Mercer Reformatory, Toronto.

A marked cheque for five per cent. of the estimated amount of the contract, payable to the order of the Honorable the Provincial Secretary, must be furnished by each tenderer as a guarantee of his bona fides. Two sufficient sureties will be required for the due fulfilment of each contract, and should any tender be withdrawn before the contract is awarded, or should the tenderer fail to furnish such security, the amount of the deposit will be forfeited.

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J. R. STRATTON,  
Provincial Secretary.

Parliament Buildings, Toronto,  
November 14, 1904.