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DRY GOODS.—Since last writing we have been favored with more reasonable weather, quite a fall of snow having taken place on Sunday, partially removed by heavy rains on Monday, but since then the weather has been frosty and clear, with the thermometer close round the zero mark, suggesting the advisability of donning winter wear to those who had not already done so. The effect has been that houses who had recalled their travellers are sending them out again, and orders are more frequent; some spring lines are being shown on the road, such as tweeds, prints, &c., but for these not many orders are reported as yet. City retail trade is still complained of as being dull, but it is pleasing to hear that country collections show quite a fair degree of improvement on what they were. In prices there is nothing new to note. There seems to be a feeling growing in strength among cotton mill men that something should be done to establish prices on a more secure basis.

FURS.—The wet weather up to last week no doubt affected the retail fur trade to some degree, but the weather just now is exactly what is wanted, and the demand for raw furs for local consumption is very fair. Receipts are only moderate, and values remain steady, but may experience some relaxation after local demand is satisfied. We quote:—Beaver, \$3.50 to 4.00; bear large, \$15.00 to 20.00; bear medium, \$12.00 to 17.00; bear small, cub, \$7.00 to 12.00; fisher, \$4.00 to 5.00; red fox, \$1.00; cross fox, \$2.00 to 5.00; lynx, \$3.00 to 4.00; marten, 75c.; mink, \$1.00;

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FISH.—There is a fair seasonable demand, and prices show steadiness; stocks of Labrador herrings are within narrow compass. We quote:—Labrador herrings, \$5.50 to 5.75; Cape Bretons, \$6.00; dry cod, \$5.00; green cod, \$5.00, large draft, \$5.50 to 5.75; N. S. salmon, \$14 to 14.50; B. C. ditto, \$13.00; sea trout, \$10 to 11.00.

GROCERIES.—The advent of cold weather and the consequent improvement of the country roads has had an improving effect on business, which will likely become more apparent if the frost only holds. Sugars remain as a week ago, one refinery selling granulated at 7½c., the other 7½c.; yellows still range from 5½ to 6½c.; molasses steady at 39c. in a jobbing way. Teas and coffee are without change in any particular. Fruits are moving pretty freely in a jobbing way, but a trade auction held last week did not result in any business of consequence. We quote ordinary sound Valencia raisins, 5½ to 6½c.; fancy layers, 8½ to 8½c.; no Elemes this season; Sultanias, 7½ to 9½c.; currants, 5½ to 7c. Rice, spices, and tobaccos are unchanged. Canned goods are moving more freely, with tomatoes selling at \$1.10 in a jobbing way for standard brands, though off grades can be had for less; salmon firm at \$1.75 to 1.80 per dozen; lobsters, \$6.50 a case; of mackerel there are hardly any; corn, \$1.20 to 1.35 per dozen, according to brand.

HIDES.—Receipts of green hides are moderate. With prices paid by dealers still steady at 6½, 5½, and 4½c. for Nos. 1, 2, and 3; tanners are paying 7½c. No. 1 inspected; lambskins, 70 to 75c.; calfskins, 5 to 6c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Considerable lots of heavy goods are going forward at present, now that the Cornwall canal is patched up, and the close of navigation imminent, but these are mainly goods sold some time ago and there is no great amount of new business doing. Glasgow iron prices are just the same as cabled a week ago, though warrants are a little up, at 4½d. Tin, copper, and lead are unchanged, as also are finished iron and tinplates. We quote:—Coltness, \$22.50 to 23.00, with little or none here; Calder, \$22; Langloan, \$21.50; Summerlee, \$22; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$19.75 to 20; Gartsherrie, \$21.00; Siemens makers are not selling or making any fresh contracts; Carnbroe, \$20.00; Shotts, \$22.00; Glengarnock, \$20.00; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$19.50; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., \$19.50; machinery scrap, \$16.50 to 17; common ditto \$13; bar iron, \$2.10; best refined, \$2.35; Siemens, \$2.10. Canada