

Cotton Co. advises an advance of about 5 to 7½ per cent. on cottonades, tickings, denims, gingham, flannelettes, sheetings, etc. The makers of battings have advanced prices from 7½ to 10 per cent.

Furs.—Receipts are still light; they comprise mostly thin-furred in prime small lots of mink, skunk, etc. We quote prices for prime skins as follows: Beaver, \$5 to \$6.50 for large; medium ditto, \$4 to \$4.75; No. 1 choice bear, \$15 for large, \$10 for medium, and \$6 for small; badger, 30 to 50c.; fisher, No. 1, dark, \$5 to \$6; ditto, brown, \$4 to \$5; pale ditto, \$3 to \$4; red fox, \$2.25 to \$4; cross fox, \$5 to \$10 for No. 1, as to color; wolverine, \$2.50 to \$5; lynx, \$4 to \$8 for No. 1; marten, \$2 to \$3 for Ontario and Quebec skins; fine B.C. and Northwest pelts bring higher prices; mink, \$2 to \$4 for No. 1; fall rats, 8 to 17c.; winter ditto, 15 to 20c.; otter, \$8 to \$12; fine Labradors and Northeastern would bring \$12 to \$20; coon, \$1.50 to \$2.50 for No. 1 black, and from \$1 to \$1.75 for No. 1 dark; prime skunk, \$1.50 for No. 1 all black; short stripe, \$1.10; long stripe, 60c.; and broad stripe, 20c.

Groceries.—Quite a fair movement is still maintained, and collections afford no special ground for complaint. As anticipated at last writing, there has been a slight decline in sugars, local refiners announcing a cut of 5c. a cental on Thursday last. Present factory prices are \$4.05 for standard granulated in barrels, with yellows ranging from \$3.25 to \$3.80; bags, 5c. less. There have been some moderate recent importations of Barbadoes from molasses, which have been offered in lots at about 36c., it is said, but they are stated to be of dark, poor quality and desirable goods are held at 40 to 42c. in a jobbing way. Some business is being done in New Orleans molasses at prices ranging from 25 to 35c., as to brightness. Nothing specially new is reported in teas. Dried fruit prices are steadily held, with good demand reported. Canned corn is still firmer; a sale of 300 cases is reported at 95c., and in a jobbing way from \$1 to \$1.05 is asked; tomatoes are generally quoted at \$1.05 for good brands.

Hides.—Receipts of beef hides are large, and as tanners are indifferent buyers stocks are showing accumulation, lower prices are being discussed, and may take effect next week. Lambskins are advanced to 75c. each. Calfskins as before.

Metals and Hardware.—Business is gradually becoming quieter, but a very fair movement for the season is still reported. Pig iron stocks being now removed from the wharves into store, prices are rather firmer, with \$21 about the figure for Summerlee. Bars are easy at \$1.85. Makers of iron pipe are beginning to overtake the long-continued shortage in certain sizes, but the quotation is steady at \$4.81 for inch. Plates and sheets of all kinds show no change. Ingot tin shows considerable fluctuation, and is easier than a week ago at 29 to 30c.; lead a little firmer, but still quoted locally at \$3.20; copper, easy at 13½c., and expected to go lower.

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