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DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in a jobbing way is fairly maintained, and values about as last quoted. It is reported that the producers of alkalis propose forming a "combine," but nothing definite of this character has transpired as yet. In drugs, quicksilver shows further advance in outside markets; opium dull and easy; quinine shows no gain in activity; ergot reported active and excited in London and New York, and an advance probable. We quote:—Sal soda, 90c. to \$1.00; bi-carb soda, \$1.80 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 10 to 12c.; cream tartar crystals, 33 to 36c.; do. ground, 34 to 37c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 54 to 55c.; do. powder, 55 to 58c.; citric acid, 65 to 70c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.35 to 2.50; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.60 to 3.00; alum, \$1.60 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.20 to 2.30; roll sulphur, \$2.10 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.30 to 1.50; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 52 to 55c.; German quinine, 52 to 55c.; Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c.; opium, \$4 to 4.50; morphia, \$1.90 to 2.10; gum arabic, sorts, 80 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to 1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$3.90 to 4.10 per lb.; iodine, \$5.25 to 5.75; iodoform, \$6.00 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.00 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.75; orange, \$3.00 to 3.25; oil peppermint, \$4.50 to 5.50; glycerine, 25 to 30c.; senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 50 to 60c.; American do., 45 to 50c.; insect powder, 70 to 80c.

FISH.—Labrador herrings meet with a good demand at firm prices, \$5.50 to 5.75 being asked in a jobbing way, Cape Bretons, \$6.00; dry cod, \$5.00; green cod, \$5.00 to 5.15 for No. 1.; No. 1 large, \$5.25 to 5.50; large draft, \$5.75; sea trout, \$10.50 to 11.00; salmon as before.

FURS.—The demand for local wants is now about filled, and what dealers buy from this out will be mostly for shipment. As yet no changes have been made in quotations, though it is not unusual for lower prices to be paid for shipping furs. There are no new advices from Europe, where appearances are still favorable to a good season's business. 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; winter muskrats, 15c.; raccoon, 75c.; skunk black, \$1.00, 75c., 40c., 20c.

GROCERIES.—Orders are slightly improved from a week ago, but good snow roads are wanted to make business brisk. Sugars remain exactly where they have been for the last several weeks, granulated being from 7½ to 7¾c. at refinery, yellows as before; outside

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markets for raw show increased firmness. Molasses 38 to 39c., some fair sales reported at shaded figures; Porto Rico, 36c.; Trinidad, 34 to 35c.; syrup steady and hard to get. Teas in moderate request at steady prices, but with all outside markets above our level, and an active demand would probably induce higher prices here. Coffees tend to firmness due to a stronger feeling in Europe and Brazil: we quote Rio 15 to 16c., Java 19 to 23c., Mocha 23 to 27c. Rice reported a short crop and values likely to stiffen; local prices still \$3.75 for standard; an off quality can be had at \$3.25. Dried fruits moving fairly. Valencias, 5½ to 6c. as to quality; currants, 5½ to 6½c.; sultanas, 7½ to 8½c.; prunes, 5c. for French; Eleme figs, 9½ to 12c.; walnuts, 12½ to 13c.; filberts, 8½ to 9c.; almonds, Tarragona, 14c.; for Malaga fruit fancy prices are asked, and the supply very limited. Black baskets \$5.00, layers \$4, muscatels \$2.75, Dehesas \$6.00. Canned in limited demand at unchanged prices. Tobaccos and spices unchanged.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is very little doing in iron and metals at the moment, but values if anything show increased firmness here, and outside markets show a stronger tone; warrants are cabled at 40/10d., an advance on the week; copper very firm and not to be had under 19 cents; tin and lead as before. We quote:—Coltress, \$22.50 to 23.00, with little or none here; Calder, \$22; Langloan, \$21.50; Summerlee, \$22 to 22.50; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$19.75 to 20; Gartsherrie, \$21 to 21.50; 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 Plates—Blaina, \$2.40 to 2.50. Tern roofing plate, 20x28, \$7 to 7.25. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.75; charcoal I.C., \$4.25 to 4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25; coke I.C., \$3.75 to 3.90; galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5 to 7c., according to brand; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, 6½c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.30. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75; common sheet iron, \$2.60 to 2.75; steel boiler plate, \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½c.; lead per 100 lbs., —; pig, \$4.00 to 4.25; sheet, \$5.00; shot, \$6.00 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 11½c.; spring, \$2.50 to 2.80; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to 2.50; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 25c.; bar tin, 27½ to 28c.; ingot copper, 19c.; sheet zinc, \$5.25; spelter, \$5.00; antimony, 12 to 13c.; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.15 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.20 to 2.25.