

being quoted at about 21¼c.; good, at about 20½c, and Western dairy at 16c.

Dry Goods.—The colder and more seasonable weather of the last few days is just what is wanted, city retailers say, and they report good sales. Judging, also, from the increasing number of letter orders coming to hand, business in the country is also improving. Travelers are now mainly selling spring goods, such as prints, gingham, and cotton goods generally, with some moderate proportion of sorting goods. Remittances, except from the Northwest, are coming in well, much better than in August and September. In the district above named, the backwardness in threshing operations has caused some delay in farmers' settlements with storekeepers.

Hides.—No changes are reported this week, but lambskins are expected to advance the usual 5 to 10c. at the beginning of the month. Beef hides are coming in freely, but are still readily bought on the basis of 9c. for No. 1, and the demand from tanners is reported good.

Leather.—Most of the boot and shoe travellers are now out with spring samples, and quite fair orders are already being booked, with a certain proportion of sorting business also being done. The factories are not doing any large amount of cutting as yet, and the local demand for leather is just moderate, apart from a pretty fair enquiry for jobbing sole, which cannot be entirely satisfied, owing to lightness of supplies in this line. Export business in sole is reported particularly good. Prices generally are steady to firm at late quotations.

Groceries.—The week has developed little of special interest in this line. Raw sugars are firmer, cane being quoted 3d. higher, and beet 2½d. higher, but New York refineries have not made any revision of prices, and consequently the local quotations are unaltered at \$4.10 for standard granulated, and \$3.40 the lowest for yellows. The demand at present is reported as rather quiet. In teas the only feature of special interest is the report that the export bounty on Ceylon teas—5 cents Ceylon currency per pound equal to about 1½c. Canadian currency—will expire December 31st, which will doubtless result in higher prices for these goods, and probably divert more attention to Japans, which, of late, have been displayed by Ceylons to some extent. The canners' combination are finding their orders for corn and tomatoes much better than was anticipated; and, it is said, will carry out their orders in full. Salmon rules very high, and some local jobbers are said to have cleared out their stocks, in round lots, at 50 to 60c. a case profit.

Metals and Hardware.—The general quotation for Summerlee No. 2, selected, in ordinary lots, is about \$20, but it is reported some sales of round lots have been made as low as \$19; English iron is quoted at about \$17.75 to \$18, with

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