

to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15½c.; Rough 23 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

CEMENT, FIRECLAY, &c.—Cements are more in demand with the advancing spring and are steady at quotations; an order for several thousands bris. for bridges on the Sault Ste Marie extension of the C. P. R. is reported as being placed within the last few days; firebricks are not in large supply, and are held at steady prices. Portland \$2.50 to \$2.75; Roman \$2.75; Candadian \$1.75. Fireclay, \$1.50 per bag, firebricks, \$22.50 to \$30.00 as to brand and lot.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Business in these lines is very fairly maintained, and further activity is looked for on opening of navigation. Prices on the whole are firmly maintained. Canada balsam is advanced owing to light supplies; insect powder has an upward tendency; gum arabic very firm owing to uncertainty of supplies; buchu, coca and senna all held at firm prices; ipecac advanced; carbolic acid is easier; iodine and the iodides are very firm under report of a further combination to advance prices; quinine firmer, if anything, with prospects of a rise from recent low prices. We quote:—Sal Soda 90 to \$1.00; Bi-Carb Soda \$2.50 to \$2.60; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$8 to \$10.00; Borax, refined, 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 32 to 33c.; do. ground, 35 to 36c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 55 to 60c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 75 to 80c.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.75 to \$3.25; Alum, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.59 to \$3; Roll Sulphur, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Sulphate of Copper, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre \$9.00 to \$9.40; American Quinine, 75 to 80c.; Howard's Quinine, 80 to 85c.; Opium, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Morphia, \$2.20 to \$2.40; Gum Arabic sorts, 70 to 90c.; White, \$1 to \$1.25; Carbolic Acid, 55 to 70c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.50 to \$5.00 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; Iodoform \$7.50 to \$8.00. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.00 to \$3.00; oil bergamot \$3.25 to \$3.75; Orange, \$3.50; oil peppermint, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Glycerine 27 to 30c.; Senna, 18 to 30c.

FURS.—Receipts still rule on the light side, presumably due to the difficulties of transportation in the remoter sections of the country, whence main supplies come. Prices continue as revised last week. We quote:—Beaver, \$3.50 to \$4.00; bear, \$15.00 to \$18.00; cub do. \$6.00 to \$10.00; fisher, \$5.00 to \$6.00; fox, red, \$1.00 to \$1.20; fox, cross, \$2.00; lynx, \$2.00 to \$3.00; marten, \$1.00 to \$1.25; mink, \$1.00 to \$1.25; spring rats, 14 to 15c.; winter do. 10 to 12c.; kits, 3 to 5c.; raccoon, 40 to 60c.; skunk, 40 to 80c. as to quality; otter, \$8.00 to \$12.00.

DRY GOODS.—Trade is not so active in wholesale circles as it should be at this season, some houses finding business quite dull, but others report a fair sprinkling of sorting orders from certain sections. The air still continues cool in this province and other eastern sections, owing undoubtedly, to the great quantity of snow still on the ground, and more balmy, spring-like weather is needed to help trade in this line. Certain houses find some little improvement in remittances, but

collections as a whole cannot be said to be much better than for several weeks past. The idea gains ground that a general advance in domestic cottons will take place to meet the rise in raw cotton, which from 9½ to 9¾c. per lb. several weeks ago, has gone up to about 10¾c., and the meeting of manufacturers and mill men referred to last report, is to be held towards the end of this week when the whole matter will be discussed and decided on. Prices of woollens are firmly held as a rule, though a buyer in England has cabled the purchase of flannels at sixpence per yard, which has been held at sixpence three farthings. Other letters from buyers say that orders for silks cannot be placed at same figures as a year ago.

GROCERIES.—Further improvement is noticeable in this line, and travellers are not only sending in very fair orders for present delivery, but considerable quantities of goods are being sold for shipment on opening of navigation. As regards payments, grocery houses seem rather favored, and report no special cause of complaint on this score. Sugars remain firm at 6¼c., refinery price for granulated, yellows 5 5¼c., we hear of nothing offering in the way of grocery raws; syrups continue scarce and dear; molasses has rather relaxed from high prices prevailing for last several months, Barbadoes is nominally 34c., but lower would probably be accepted. Teas are in very fair demand and values rule steady; advices from New York report a scarcity of good teas there, and samples are being forwarded thither in reply to enquiries from that market. Dried fruits are not in much demand; currants rule pretty firm, however, the supplies being small, and some lots have been brought in from New York, prices there and in Europe tend upwards, we quote 5½ to 6¼c. as to lot and quantity, Valencia raisins 5½ to 6c., sultanas 6 to 7c., according to brightness; Malaga fruit dull at former quotations, evaporated apples steady at 14 to 15c. In tobaccos, spices and rice there is nothing new to report. Canned salmon is very scarce here, and as there are reports to the effect that the Sacramento fishery may turn out very poorly, there is no knowing what prices may be by September when new stocks are due; other lines of canned goods are about as before reported. Tapioca is reported slightly easier in England, but late high figure is maintained here, and we quote 6½ to 7c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—In iron and metals business has not been of a much livelier description, and the position seems to be that consumers are afraid to buy beyond pressing wants in view of a weakening market; war-rants are cabled lower at 41s. 2d., and makers' prices for iron are also weaker. Tin is a little up at home, copper and lead quiet and unchanged. Canada plates are firm at \$2.50, and offers cabled home at slightly shaded figures have been declined. Other lines are unchanged. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan, \$19 to \$20.00; Gartsherrie, \$18.50 to \$19.50; Coltness, \$20.00; Shotts, \$19.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$17.50 to \$18; Calder, \$19 to \$19.50; Carnbroe, \$18; Hematite, \$20.00 to \$25.00; Siemens, No. 1, \$19.00 to \$19.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaine, \$2.50; Penn and Pontypool, none here. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I. X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I. C., \$3.75 to \$4.00; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6¼c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.25; Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet Iron, \$2.00; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10

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