

beginning of the month, have shown much improvement and are, on the whole satisfactory, and ahead of what they were last October; some houses report a falling off in remittances within the last few days, but this experience does not seem to be general. Failures are few. Cottons show decided firmness in all lines, and it is reported that another advance of one cent a pound in greys has been decided upon by the mill combination. In woollens manufacturers decline repeats except at an advance.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—A very fair movement prevails, and remittances are favorably reported on. The tendency of values generally in these lines is to firmness, quinine being the only article showing weakness, prices of this are even lower than they were; gum acacia, as anticipated last week, has risen from 10 to 20 per cent. higher; mercury has advanced to from 65 to 80c. as to quantity; vanilla beans have almost doubled in price; gum arabic is materially dearer, and citric acid, bleaching powder, and roll sulphur are also firmer. 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 \$9.00; Borax, refined, 9 to 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 31 to 33c.; do. ground, 35 to 36c.; Tartaric Acid crystals, 80 to 90c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 80 to 90c.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.25 to \$2.75, according to lot; Alum, \$1.60 to \$1.75; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 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 \$9.50; American Quinine, 65 to 70c.; Howard's quinine, 70 to 80c.; Opium, \$2.75 to \$3.25; Morphia, \$1.50 to \$1.70; Gum Arabic sorts, 60 to 70c.; White 90 to \$1.10; Carbolic acid, 45 to 55c.; Iodide Potassium, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Iodoform, \$6.00 to \$7.00. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.50 to \$3.00; oil bergamot \$3.25 to \$3.75; Orange, \$3.50.

**FISH.**—Rather more business is moving in this line, though the scarcity of herrings naturally affects the aggregate of business as compared with other years; pickled salmon is also in limited supply. We quote:—Labrador herrings \$6 to \$6.25; Cape Bretons \$5.50 to \$5.75. Dry cod \$2.90 to \$3.25; green ditto, \$3.50 to \$3.75 for No. 1; North Shore salmon \$16.50, \$15.50 and \$14.00 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3; British Columbia \$14 to \$15. Lake trout \$3.75.

**CEMENTS, FIRECLAY, &c.**—Local stocks of cements are within narrow compass, and values are firm. The "Avlona" is en route with further supplies. We quote Portland \$2.75 to \$3; Roman \$2.75; Canadian \$1.75; fireclay \$1.50 per bag; firebricks \$22.50 to \$25 per M.

**FURS.**—Receipts of raw furs are as yet light and what offer are as a rule not prime, being too early caught. We would again impress upon country dealers that good prices will be paid for prime skins only; they should advise trappers that it is folly to expect prices as quoted for ill-conditioned early-caught pelts. We quote:—Beaver \$3.50 to \$4.00; bear \$12 to \$14; cub do. \$5 to \$6; fisher \$5 to \$6; fox, red, \$1 to \$1.10; fox cross, \$2.00; lynx, \$3 to \$4; marten \$1 to \$1.25; mink, 75c. to \$1; muskrat, 10c.; raccoon 50 to 60c.; skunk 40 to \$1.00 as to quality; other, \$8 to \$10.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade in this line continues good; and stocks of new fruit being forward, many country merchants who have delayed buying will now send in their orders, and an active movement is expected to continue for some time to come. Sugars are a shade weaker, granulated 6½ to 6¾c. at refinery; yellows 4½ to 5½c. Molasses is firmer again, and 33 to 34c. is asked now for fair lots of Barbadoes; Porto Rico 29 to 30c.; Trinidad 28c.; syrups still scarce. Teas are active, and prices rule firm in all lines; new greens are reported a penny better in London. Japans are cabled higher in Yokohama, and late letter advices report settlements to end of Sept. as much larger than at same date last year. The direct steamers "Dracona" and "Thames" have arrived from the Mediterranean with full cargoes of fruits, &c. Valencia raisins are selling at 6½ to 7c., layer Valencias 8½ to 9½c. In Malaga fruit prices are: Layers \$2.20; loose Muscatels \$2.25; London layers \$3.20; black baskets \$3.75; fine Dehesas \$4.75; currants 6½c.; new figs 12½ in 1 to 10 lb. boxes; evaporated apples 9 to 9½c. Spices, rice and

tobacco as before. Canned goods continue to rule high; tomatoes now \$1.35 to \$1.40; salmon \$1.50 to \$1.60; mackerel \$1.00; lobsters as before.

**LEATHER AND SHOES.**—Shoe men report a very fair number of sorting orders as still coming to hand, and spring samples will soon be ready for travellers. The movement in leather is a moderate, healthy one, and a fair steady trade is looked for the balance of the season. The recent considerable shipments of buff from here to England have realized well. Buff of medium quality has brought 21 pence; and a good enquiry is reported for good selected stock which would bring 23 pence; good split stock would also sell well. Locally there is some scarceness of plump weights of Spanish sole, which is in demand, stocks generally are in good shape and values are steady. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do. No. 2, B. A., 20 to 23c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2 do., 20 to 22c.; No. 1 China, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27c.; oak sole, 45 to 50c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 39c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained, 36 to 42c.; Splits large, 22 to 28c.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf, shins 80 to 85; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 12 to 15½c.; Rough 13 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The tendency of the iron market is to firmness, owing to higher freights and a better feeling in Britain, and there is a good movement at quotations. Warrants are cabled at 42½d., the highest point touched for some time. There is also quite an active demand for Canada plates, which are firmer. Tin plates are firm and there is no disposition to concede on prices. Bar iron has advanced 5/- a ton in England, but local quotations are not put up as yet. Tin is easier 20 to 15/- at home; lead as before; large sales of American copper have been made in the United States at 11½ to 12½c., and none is being exported which indicates a strong mar-

ket. We quote:—Summerlee, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Gartsherrie, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Langloan and Coltness, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Shott, \$17.50 to \$18.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$16 to \$16.50; Calder, \$17 to \$17.50; Carnbroe, \$16.50 to \$17.00; Hematite, \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$18.00; Bar Iron, \$16.00 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.85; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, \$2.35 to \$2.40; Penn and Pontpool, \$2.50. 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, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, 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, 10c to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11c to 13c, firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.54 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3c to 3½c per lb. Ingot tin, 25c; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c; Ingot Copper, 12c to 13c; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.40, per 100 lbs.

**OILS, PAINT AND GLASS.**—Linseed oil remains at the old level, namely 60c. for raw, and 63c. for boiled in small lots; fish oils still little enquired for and values flat; stocks of steam refined seal are small and any demand should stiffen values, present quotation is 43 to 44c.; pale 36 to 38c.; straw about 32½c.; cod oil 38 to 40c.; for Newfoundland or Gaspe, Halifax 36 to 37c.; castor 8½ to 8¾c. per lb.; olive very little demand, and dull at \$1.00 to \$1.05; turpentine 56 to 57½c. Paints and colors as before. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3 \$4.25. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red do. 4½ to 4¾c.

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