

**DAIRY PRODUCTS.**—Cheese shipments for last week were some 15,000 boxes short of corresponding week of 1894, being 56,765 in number, as compared with 71,857. The total shipments to date are 969,828 boxes, as against 1,009,642 boxes for same date last year. The market makes no gain in strength, but rather the reverse, and English advices are not encouraging. Bidding on stocks offering is very slow, and from 7 to 7½c. per lb. for Quebec makes and 7½ to 7¾c. would seem to be full quotations. Butter, too, is dull, without change in prices. Last week's shipments were 2,170 packages. Eggs are in steady demand at 11 to 12c. for choice stock.

**DRY GOODS.**—Most of the western buyers have now left for home, but some few Lower Province men have been in the city making moderate selections. Travellers are now just about getting out on their sorting trips. Schools are opening, and people are getting back to the city from the country and seaside, but city retail trade is still described as very slow, probably due largely to the quite hot weather which has been prevailing. Several representative houses report the proportion of paper met on the 4th at about 55 to 57 per cent. Others did not fare so well, and general collections are hardly fair. Further advances are reported in cotton goods, the latest being in Canton flannels.

**GROCERIES.**—Sugars rule on the easy side, and we are told on good authority that there are some country dealers who still have considerable stocks of granulated sugars, bought at 3½c., in some cases enough to do them over January next. The refinery price for granulated is 4c. per lb.; but it is thought a round lot could be done a sixteenth less. It is reported that some yellows have been offered in the country at a shade under 3c.; but these are probably dark samples from Lower Province refineries; the range at local refineries is from 3 1/16 to 3¾c. A Yohohama tea circular of date Aug. 22nd, just to hand, says:—"The chief item of interest is the scarcity of lower grade teas, and their comparative high price. There seems no prospect of any large supply, and as there is strong demand, there seems no chance of seeing reasonable figures this season. The third crop teas are now in the market, and are of about same quality as last season, although first cost is higher. Exports from Yokohama and Koley to date, are 32,168,362 lbs., against 33,328,452 lbs. for 1894. The "Escalona," the first direct Mediterranean fruit steamer, went ashore just after leaving Patras, but was floated without damage, and is expected to leave her last port about the 16th inst., and be due here about Oct. 8th. A few further limited lots of new Valencia raisins have been received, costing 5 to 6c. laid down. New Bordeaux prunes are offering at 5c. Some shipments of new California raisins are expected in the course of a few days.

**HIDES AND TALLOW.**—This week brings advices of further decline in Chicago, where sales of No. 1 buff hides are reported at 8½c. per lb. The market here continues fairly steady, dealers paying on basis of 8½c. for No. 1, and asking 9½ to 10c. from tanners, who, however, are not anxious buyers. Butchers seem to be killing more freely, and offerings of city hides are rather larger. Lambskins are plentiful and bring 45c. each; calfskins, 8c. Tallow remains very dull, some dealers still having stock on hand since last winter, and 5½ to 6c. per lb. is a full quotation.

**LEATHER.**—The sensation of the moment is the suspension of E. F. Mosely & Co., manufacturers of dongolas, with liabilities of over \$400,000, direct and indirect. The great bulk of the merchandise indebtedness is due in New York, and none of the Canadian trade are materially interested. General business rules quiet, and the hoped for September improvement has not materialized yet. Though hides incline to easiness, sole is very firmly held, and for fine Western splits 30c. is asked. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 26 to 27c.; do. No. 2, 24 to 25c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28 to 30c.; No. 2 do., 26 to 27c.; common, 22c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 35 to 40c.; do. heavy, 33 to 36c.; grained, 38 to 40c.; Scotch grained, 38 to 40c.; western splits, 26 to 28c.; Quebec do., 20 to 22c.; juniors, 16 to 19c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 30c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 15 to 16c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 25 to 32c.; buffed cow, 13 to 16c.; extra heavy buff, 17c.; pebbled cow, 12½ to

15c.; polished buff, 12 to 14c.; glove grain, 12½ to 14c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The situation as regards actual business is little changed, the demand showing no material improvement as yet. There is no let up to the general stiffening tendency in iron and iron products. The Londonderry company has made the quotation for No. 1 Siemens \$17.50. English advices report some small advance in sheets and hoops. Barbed and twisted wire and staples are advanced to 3½c. for either Ontario or Quebec points, freight paid on quarter ton lots and upwards. Other lines without change. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none here; Calder, No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$19.50 to 20.50; Eglinton, \$18.00 to 18.50; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$18.50 to 19; Shotts, \$18.75 to arrive; Middleboro, No. 3, \$17.00; Niagara, No. 2, \$18.00; Siemens, pig, No. 1, \$17.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$17.00 to 17.50; machinery scrap, \$14.75 to \$15; common do., \$12.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.10, 52 sheets to box, 60 sheets \$2.15 to \$2.20, 75 sheets \$2.20 to \$2.25; all polished Canadas, \$2.50 to 3.00; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.50 to 5.75. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.20; No. 26, \$2.10; No. 24, \$2.00; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.00 to 5.50; charcoal I.C., \$3.25; P. D. Crown, \$3.75; do. I.X., \$4.75; Coke I.C., \$2.75 to 2.85; coke wasters, \$2.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 26, 4c.; No. 24, 3¾c., in case lots; Morewood, 5 to 5½c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.85; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, ½ inch and upwards, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; tank iron, ½ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., 2.15; tank steel, \$1.70; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.00; Russian sheet iron, 9½ to 10c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 9 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.90; tire, \$2; round machinery steel, \$2.50; ingot tin, 16 to 16½c. for best; Straits 15½ to 16c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 12 to 12½c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.25; American do., \$4.25. Antimony 9 to 9½c.; bright iron wires, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 22½ per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, 3½c.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Some little improvement in the demand is noted, but the

movement is not at all brisk. With regard to prices there are no notable changes to be made, though glass and lead show some signs of increasing stiffness. Fish oils continue very dull, there being no demand. We quote:—Turpentine 45c. per gallon for single brls.; two to four barrels, 44c.; 5 brls. and over 43c. Linseed oil, raw, 58c. per gallon; boiled, 61c.; 4 to 9 barrel lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6c.; single cases, 6½ to 6¾c.; tins, 7c.; Nfd. cod, 38 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 38c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 38 to 40c. per gal., in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.75 to 5.00; No. 1, \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 2 \$4 to 4.25; No. 3, \$4; dry white lead 4½ to 5c.; genuine red do., 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, \$1.60 to 1.65 in bulk, \$1.75 to 1.85 in bladders, \$2 to 2.10 in tins; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; window glass, \$1.10 to \$1.15 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.20 to \$1.25 for second break; third break, \$2.70.

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