

cent business is reported, and a quotation of about \$4.60 to \$4.75 is purely nominal.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—There has been some improvement in Western enquiry for cement, and altogether a fair volume of business is reported at the lately advanced prices, which are firmly held. Receipts have not been very liberal of late, and supplies on hand are comparatively small. Last week's receipts were only 324 brls. of English cement, and for the week ending to-day, the figures are 566 brls. of English, 1,785 brls. of Belgian, and 4,900 brls. of German. Firebricks are steady at \$16 to \$21 as to brand, with receipts 44,000 for the past fortnight.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The situation as regards cheese shows little variation since a week ago, and this week's receipts of Quebec cheese have realized from 7¼ to 8c. per lb., as to quality, while fine Western is quoted at 8½ to 8¾c. The present demand is not very brisk, especially for fine Ontario makes, and exports last week only footed up 39,847 boxes, as compared with 81,114 boxes for the corresponding week of 1897. The shortage in shipments as against this date last year is now about 220,000 boxes, but it is claimed by some authorities that there is fully this quantity held here in cold storage. Butter shipments, which showed a gain for the first part of the season, have also fallen behind, last week's figures being only 5,264 packages, as against 28,947 packages for same week of 1897. Fine creamery continues steady at 17½ to 18c., Western dairy 13 to 13½c., and Townships 14 to 14½c.

DRY GOODS.—The millinery openings last week were considered very satisfactory, even more so than last year. Quite a few dry goods buyers from far-away points have also been in town, making personal selections, and while the bills sold have not as a rule been large, we nevertheless hear of some good round sales, including one of about \$8,000. Most of the Western representatives of Montreal houses are this week in Toronto, looking after customers attending the Exhibition. City retail men appear cheerful, and report improving sales, with the re-opening of the public schools, and the general return to the city, from country and seaside, of the holiday-makers. General collections are reported as satisfactory. The 4th inst. was quite a fair-sized day for payments in this line, and several leading houses consulted, report from 55 to 75 per cent. of customers' paper met. Recent European letters confirm the advance in woolen dress goods, already noted by us. Some lines of domestic woollens are reported scarce, notably flannels, shirts, drawers, etc., and mills are reported very busy on such goods, and short in deliveries. The new price list for domestic prints is out, and is practically the same as last year.

GROCERIES.—A steady jobbing movement is reported, also good collections as a rule. With regard to sugars, refiners do not find the demand from wholesalers up to their expectations at this season, and the St. Lawrence refinery is still shut down, their storage capacity being well engaged, but the Redpath refinery is working as usual. There is no doubt the importations of German and Austrian refined sugars, during July and August, were larger than generally supposed, and these goods still in jobbers' hands, which would naturally affect the demand for the domestic article. Quotations are firm at the slight advance of last week, factory figures being 4½c. per lb. for standard granulated, and 3 11-16 to 4c. for yellows. Outside markets are strong, raw beet being reported a penny half-penny up within the week, and centrifugals selling in New York at 4¾c.; the present quotation for granulated in New York is 5 14-100c. Molasses is still quoted at 30 to 31c. in a jobbing way for Barbadoes, but first hands seem to entertain easier views, and it is said a round lot could be done at

26½ to 27c. First shipments of new Valencia raisins, expected this week, missed connections in Liverpool, and will not be here till next week. The market in Denia is reported easier, but the situation with regard to other lines of dried fruits is pretty much as fully reported by us a fortnight ago. Letter advices just to hand from Japan confirm previous cable reports of a strong tea market, and state that the quality of the leaf now obtainable at growing points, is poor. Nothing of interest is reported from China and London markets. We have seen a letter from a firm who control a large proportion of the salmon pack of the Fraser River, which estimates the season's output at 180,000 cases, as against 850,000 cases last year. They state they will be only able to supply about 50 per cent. of their orders for flats, and 25 per cent. of orders for talls. Shipments will begin to be made next week.

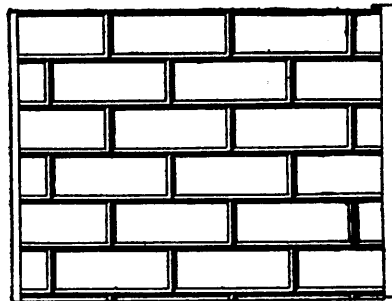
HIDES AND TALLOW.—The only change to be noted here is the advance in lamb-skins to 50c. each, which was mentioned by us last week as probable. In beef hides business with tanners is of very moderate character, and the fire at the Falardeau tannery in Quebec, puts one of the principal buyers out of the market temporarily. Dealers still quote 9c. per lb. to butchers for No. 1 beef hides, and 9½ to 10c. to tanners. Calfskins 10 and 8c., as before.

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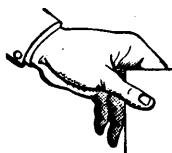
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