prices are quoted as follows for strictly prime skins: No. 1 large beaver, $6 to $7; medium ditto, $5 to $5.50; kilts, $2; black bear, $15 for large No. 1, $10 for medium, and $5 for small; badger, 40 to 60c.; fisher, $6 to $7 for fine dark; red fox, No. 1 Northern, $3.50; Eastern and Ontario, No. 1, $3; No. 1 silver fox, $100 to $175; cross fox, $7 to $10 for dark; wolverine, $7 for No. 1 dark, other grades, $2 to $5; lynx, $6 to $7 for No. 1; Marten, Western and British Columbia, No. 1, $6 to $7; Eastern ditto, $4.50 to $5; mink, $6 to $8 for large No. 1, and $4 to $5 for medium; winter rats, 15 to 18c. for large; other No. 1 large dark Labrador, $30, and $15 for Western coon, $1.75 to $2.50; skunk, $2 for No. 1 prime black, $1.50 for short stripe, other grades 30 to 75c.

Groceries.—Business rules on the quiet side, and with the large French houses preparations are in order for stocktaking. The only notable feature of the week is a decline in sugars of 10c. a cental, making standard granulated $4.20 in barrels, and $4.15 in bags, with No. 1 yellow $3.80 in barrels, and $3.75 in bags. Molasses is unchanged. Dried fruits are dull, with some easiness in seeded raisins. Evaporated apples are very firm at 10 to 10½. in a jobbing way. Canned goods are also firmly held, 95c. to $1 being asked for tomatoes, and 85c. for corn.

Hides.—While quotations for beef hides are a little easier, this is, no doubt, largely due to a falling off in quality usual at this time of the year. We quote 12c. per lb. for No. 1 beef hides, and $1.10 each for lambskins.

Leather.—Moderate demand for stock is reported from local manufacturers of boots and shoes. Though hides are apparently a little easier, leather values are, if anything, firmer than ever, and sales of No. 2 manufacturers' sole are claimed at 25½c. Black leathers are also very stiff, 23 to 24c. being asked for best Western splits; Quebec splits are reported scarce. For buff and pebble as high as 15½ to 16c. is quoted, and from 33 to 34c. for harness.

Metals and Hardware.—The demand in these lines is reported excellent, with generally steady or firmer prices. Bar iron is again advanced, from $2.02½ to $2.05 being quoted in a jobbing way. Steel is unchanged at $2.10 for sleigh shoe, and $2.20 for tire. As recently anticipated, boiler plate is now dearer at $2.40 for quarter inch and thicker, and an advance is expected in iron pipe. Sheets are all steady at last week's figures. Lead is easier at $4.70 to $4.75, but antimony is recovering from late decline, and is advanced to 15½ to 15¾c.; tin is firmer at 39½ to 40c.; c. per, 20½c.; spelter, 7½ to 7¾c. per pound.

Oils and Paints.—Orders for spring delivery are coming in well. A further strong advance is reported in linseed oil, and quotations for raw and boiled are now 53 and 56c. per gallon, respectively. Turpentine is rather firmer at 94c. Owing to the high prices of copper Paris green is dearer by 3 to 4c. per pound than last year, being quoted now at 18c. in bulk, and 19c. in one-pound packages. Leads, window glass, etc., are firm at last quoted figures.