

**FISH.**—Hardly anything doing in this line, and there is really nothing choice in the way of pickled fish in the market. Prices have a tendency to weakness. We quote Labrador Herrings, No. 2, \$4 to \$4.25; Dry Cod, \$5 to \$5.25; North Shore Salmon, \$19 for No. 1, being the only grade in the market; British Columbia Salmon, \$15 to \$15.50; Smoked Salmon, 15c.

**FURS.**—Not much to write about in this line, and prices of raw furs remain as before. Advances from Nijni Novgorod indicate an advance in Persian lambs, which will affect prices here. The date for the London summer sale of Pacific Coast furs, and other furs which arrived too late for the March sales, has been fixed for June 23. We quote: *Beaver*, \$3.00 to \$3.50 per lb.; *Otter*, \$9.00 to \$12.00; *Bear*, large, \$9.00 to \$12.00; small, \$4.00 to \$7.00; *Cub do.* \$3.00 to \$5.00; *Fisher*, \$4.00 to \$6.00; *Red Fox*, \$1.20 to 1.35; *Cross do.*, \$3.00 to \$7.00; *Mink*, 50c. to 1.00; *Marten*, \$1.00 to \$1.20; *Muskrat*, (winter) 12½c. (spring) do. 17c.; *Skunk*, 40 to 60c.; *Raccoon*, 50 to 80c.

**FLOUR.**—For the season the market rules very dull, with few important transactions reported. We quote Superior Extra \$5.50 to \$5.55; Extra Superfine \$5.20 to \$5.25; Fancy \$4.85; Spring Extra \$4.65 to \$4.75; Superfine \$4.15 to \$4.20; Strong Bakers' Canadian \$5.10 to \$5.40; American do. \$5.25 to \$5.45. The absence of bread-stuff cargoes for through shipment is a serious feature for the St. Lawrence route.

**CEMENTS, FIRECLAY, &c.**—Prices in these lines show no change, and we quote Portland cement \$3 to \$3.25 as to lot; Roman \$2.75; Canadian \$1.60 to \$1.75; Fireclay \$10 a ton; Firebricks \$25 to \$30 as to brand.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade on the whole is quiet for the season, but still there is a considerable outgo of goods by boat westward at the reduced rates of freight. Payments are moderately good, but remittances do not come in so freely as they did. Sugars are stronger, and may be quoted at about ½ of a cent advance; 7½c. is now the lowest refinery price for granulated. Prices of Barbadoes and Porto Rico for refinery grades are firmer. There are some lots of nice bright Porto Rico grocery sugars in the market at 6 to 6½ cents. Refiners are reported to have received large orders within the last few days. The market for Teas is steady at unchanged figures, and a fair general enquiry exists. The reported settlement of the Franco-Chinese troubles has probably had effect on the London market for greens, as we hear of offers shaded below quotations being accepted within last few days. The market was never so bare of milled rice as at the moment, but fresh supplies direct from British Burmah will be to hand in course of a few days. In Valencia raisins there is not much doing, the price is about 5 to 5½ in large lots, or 5½ to 6 cents in a jobbing way. Currants 5 to 5½c. with moderate enquiry. Of Malaga fruit the market is pretty bare. A good many almonds and filberts have been turned over of late at 14½ to 15½c. for the former, and 8½ to 9½c. for the latter. Spices and other lines unchanged.

**LEATHER.**—Some houses report business as very fair, while others are disposed to grumble and complain of dulness. Prices at any rate are well maintained, and we hear of sales of both sole and heavy upper at our extreme quotations. Stocks are not excessive in any line, and very few splits are going to Britain, the local demand being equal to the supply. We hear of another failure in this line at Halifax. We quote: *Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A.* 24½ to 28c.; ditto, No. 2 B. A. 22 to 25c.; No. 1, *Ordinary Spanish*, 24c. to 25½c.; No. 2 ditto 22c. to 23c.; No. 1 *China* 23c. No. 2 21c. ditto *Buffalo Sole* No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c. *Hemlock Slaughter*, No. 1, 26 to 27½c.; *Waxed Upper*, light and medium, 33 to 38c.; ditto ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; *Grained*, 34 to 38c. *Splits*, large, 22 to 28c.; ditto small, 14 to 22c. *Calfskips* 30 to 32c. *Calfskins* (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; ditto (25 to 34 lbs.) 60 to 70c.; *Russet Sheepskin Linings*, 30 to 50c.; *Harness*, 24 to 30c.; *Buffed Cow*, per ft., 14 to 15c. *Enamelled Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Patent Cow*, 15 to 16c. *Pebbled Cow*, 11 to 15½c. *Rough*, 23 to 28c. *Imitation French Calfskins*, 30 to 35c.; *Russet & Bridle*, 45 to 55c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—Some few orders for pig iron are reported from the west, but business continues of a hand-to-mouth character. Arrivals of fresh stock are light, and there is no surplus stock to force off, which it would be

hard to do anyhow in face of the feeling at present reigning. Prices are again weaker; warrants at home declined since last writing to 41s. 10d., and again to 41s. 6d., and the American market is also reported very dull. We think we may fairly quote bar iron now at \$1.75 to \$1.85, it will hardly go lower, however, as freights are reported on the advance. Stocks of tin plates on spot continue very low, and people have ordered so carefully that very little is coming forward. Ingot tin is still advancing at home, and copper is rather stronger. We quote *Gartsherrie and Summerlee* about \$19.00; *Calder*, very little in market, \$19.50; *Langloan*, \$19.50 to \$20.00; *Coltress*, \$20.00 to \$20.50; *Dalmellington*, \$17.00; *Eglinton*, \$17.00 to \$17.50; *Hematite*, \$23.00 to \$25.00; *Siemens*, \$19.00 to \$20.00; *Bar Iron* still \$1.75 to \$1.85; *Canada Plates* \$2.90 to \$3.00 as to brand; *Tin Plates* Bradley Charcoal, \$6.15 to 6.25; Charcoal I C \$4.90 to \$5.25 as to brand; do. I X \$6.50 to 6.75; *Coke I C.*, \$4.25 to \$4.40; *Galvanized Sheets*, No. 28, 6 to 7c. according to brand; *Tinned Sheets*, coke, Nos. 24 to 26, 7½ to 7¾c.; *Hoops and Bands* per 100 lbs., \$2.35 to \$2.40; *Sheets*, Boiler Plate per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; *Steel Boiler Plate* \$3.25 to \$4.00; heads \$4.50; *Russian Sheet Iron*, 10½ to 11c. *Lead* per 100 lbs.—*Pig*, \$3.75 to \$4.00; *Sheet*, \$4.00; *Shot*, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast *Steel*, 12 to 13c., firm; *Spring*, \$3.50, firm; *Tire*, \$3.50, firm; *Sleigh Shoe*, \$2.50 to \$2.75. *Round Machinery Steel*, 3½ to 4c. per lb. *Ingot Tin*, 22 to 24c. *Bar Tin*, 25c.; *Ingot Copper*, 16½ to 17c. *Sheet Zinc*, \$4.75 to \$5.50; *Spelter*, \$4.75 to \$5; *Bright Iron Wire*, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

**OILS AND PAINTS.**—Business in oils is only fair, and the position as regards seal oil is hard to define. Buyers and sellers are far apart in their views, but prices are not so firm as would be expected from the short catch. Steam refined is still quoted nominally at 70 to 72½, though we hear of a round lot changing hands at figures much under that first named: *Pale Vat* 60 to 62½c.; *Straw* 55 to 57½c.; *Cod Oil* is a little easier owing to lack of demand. *Cod Liver Oil* a little better, owing to a shortage in the Norway catch, we quote \$1.60 to \$1.70c.; *Linseed* is dull and weaker at home, but local prices remain about the same. *Castor and Olive Oil* unchanged. *Turpentine* 52½ to 55c. In paints business is hardly so good as it was a fortnight ago; the scarcity of lead then existing has been remedied by new stock arriving by steamer, we quote *White Lead*, (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.50 to \$7.00; No. 1, \$5.75 to 6.25; No. 2, \$5.25 to 5.75; No. 3, 4.75 to 5.00. *Dry White Lead* 6 to 6½c.; *Red do.* to 5½c. These prices for round lots. *London Washed Whiting* 60 to 65c.; *Paris*

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