

fine lots down to 14c to 15c for poor. Sales of choice Western have taken place at 16½c and 17c f.o.b. at points West of Toronto. *Cheese.*—A good demand has set in during the week for fine August and balance of season, sales of 1500 boxes of fine white August being reported at 11c, and a lot of about 300 boxes at 10½c. The Allen Groove combination has sold about 15,000 boxes September and October make on p.t., but said to be at about 11½c. The public cable is steady at 55c.

**DRY GOODS.**—A reduction of fully ten per cent in the price of white cottons is the leading feature of the week, said to have been caused by sales (p. t.) made by a leading factory. It appears that the agreement between the mills expired on Oct. 1st, and that two of the largest companies were willing to renew it, but as the former Co. preferred to withdraw, the renewal of the compact fell through, resulting in the decline referred to. The next subject of importance is the unsatisfactory manner in which the paper falling due on the 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th instants have been met. One firm having notes to the extent of \$31,000 maturing on the dates mentioned, only received about \$11,000, and another house reports only about 25 per cent of their country paper provided for by the makers. We also learn from a prominent wholesale house that some of the best retail firms in the city have asked for renewals, firms who seldom or never did such a thing before. Nor is such a condition of things to be wondered at, considering the unfavorable weather which has lately obtained for the marketing of fall and winter clothing, and the difficulty experienced by

country merchants in making collections; the latter being the result of reluctance on the part of farmers to sell their grain. Payments therefore are merely deferred, as farmers are abundantly provided with produce that ranks as good as gold, the realization of which is merely a matter of time. Hence the general confidence felt in the situation, notwithstanding present beating drawbacks. Travellers will take the road upon the approach of the first cold spell, when a decided change for the better may be reasonably looked for.

**EGGS.**—Advices received to-day from Western Canada report some large shipments of eggs for the American markets, one lot of 100 bbls. having been purchased by an American buyer on p.t., but the price was believed to be in the immediate neighborhood of 18½c. Here the market is firm at 18c for fine stock, and we quote 17c to 18c as to quality. Sales of Canada eggs in New York have been made at 21c.

**FRUIT.**—Account sales of consignments of early fall apples from this city have just been received from Liverpool, one lot realizing 5s. per bbl., and another lot 9s. This is rather discouraging to Montreal shippers, but it is hoped later shipments will do better. A private cable from Liverpool yesterday quoted sales at 9s to 12s. The market is quiet considerable fall apples being offered, and sales are reported at \$1.25 to \$1.75. No fine winter fruit has yet been received, but holders of such stock are asking 100 exorbitant figures. Strictly choice Montreal fameuse have brought from \$2.50 to \$3.00, and ordinary qualities \$1.25 to \$1.50. Western Snobs are very poor

and spotty, and have sold at \$1 to \$1.50 per bbl. All through Western Canada growers are holding for much higher figures than this market warrants dealers in paying. An immense crop is reported in some of the chief districts of New York State. In pears there have been sales of a few Duchesse in half barrels at \$4 to \$5. Quinces have sold at \$1.25 per basket. Grapes are quiet Almeria selling at \$6 per kg, Concord at 5c to 6c per lb, and Rogers at 9c. Lemons quiet at \$4 per box and Brazilian oranges \$4 to \$4.50 per crate. Cocoa nuts \$5 per 100; sweet potatoes \$4 to \$5 per bbl.

**FISH.**—Sales No. 2 Labrador herring brought in by traders have occurred at \$5.00. There is very little enquiry yet for herring, as the weather has been against business. A car load of Cape Breton herring was sold at \$5.25, and prices range from \$5.25 to \$5.75. North Shore salmon are offered at \$15, \$14 and \$13 for Nos. 1, 2 and 3. British Columbia salmon offered at \$13. Dry cod \$4 to \$4.25, and green cod \$5.50 for No. 1, and \$4.50 No. 2.

**FURS.**—A few enquiries from country traders have come to hand during the week, and several dealers have visited the city to ascertain the prospects for the coming season. There is a good local demand for bear, beaver, and otter, and lots well furred command good prices. Of course real prime skins are not expected yet. Bear cubs are worth \$4 to \$6 and bear skins \$8 to \$12. Beaver is saleable at \$3 to \$3.50 per lb., and otter skins at \$8 to \$12 each. Mink and marten are not asked for.

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