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are still sending in good orders. City retail trade is quiet, but is beginning to show some signs of revival, as the summer saunterers are beginning to get back to town. August is not generally a very brisk month in the way of collections, but collections are well up to the average, and full returns of payments on the 4th show satisfactory results, several representative houses reporting 68 to 69 per cent. of customers' paper met. French fine woolen stuffs are again firmer, with deliveries reported very backward.

Groceries.—The movement is less active, but is reported very fair for August. The sugar refiners report the demand as somewhat disappointing, and buyers have apparently been holding back orders of any size, in the expectation of lower prices, in which they have been justified. Yellows were reduced ten days to cents a cental, and yesterday a further reduction of 10 cents, on both granulated and yellows, was announced, making the present factory price for the former \$4.40, with yellows ranging from \$3.65 to \$4.30. In this connection it is interesting to note that the imports of foreign refined sugars for the last fiscal year amounted to 36 millions pounds, about 12 per cent. of the total Canadian consumption, being figures much larger than generally estimated. Mellasses is steady at 28 to 29c. for Barbadoes, in a jobbing way, and supplies are now all forward, the last two cargoes of the season having been just discharged. Teas are in a little better demand by jobbers, some fair sales of Japans being recently reported. The current market is advancing, owing to reports of rain damage, and cable quotations have advanced about 1s. 6d. since the opening figures. Fine off-stalk Valencias are figured to cost about 5½c. by first direct steamer, but first shipments, via Liverpool, will be dearer. Brooms have scored a second advance of from 5 to 10c. a dozen, within the last few weeks. Beans, peas and rolled oats are all advancing, and canned pork and beans have been up 10c. a dozen, owing to the strong rise in beans.

Hides.—Receipts are somewhat larger, and business a little more active, but prices are unchanged. We quote dealers as paying 7½c. for No. 1 beef hides, 25 cents for lambskins, and 10 and 8 cents for Nos. 1 and 2 calfskins, respectively.

Leather.—No active buying is reported, and the demand is especially light from Quebec, where boot and shoe manufacturers are reported as very slack. Prices, however, are very firmly held; sole leather is stiff at the late advance, with a pronounced scarcity of plump sorts, and dongolas and fancy leathers continue, it is said, to tend upwards. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 25 to 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 25c.; No. 3, B.A., 23 to 24c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 25c.; No. 2, 23 to 24c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 20 to 30c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 20 to 22c.; Quebec ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 26c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored sheepskins, 6½ to 7½c.; black, ditto, 6 to 6½c.; black Indias, 7 to 8c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11 to 13c.; glove-grain, 11 to 12c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

Metals and Hardware.—The marked scarcity of sheets of all kinds, and the general excitement in that line are the special features of the situation. Ameri-

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