

and met with a ready sale at an advance of 15 per cent. compared with last August prices. Australian opossums did not sell as readily as anticipated, and suffered an average decline of 25 per cent. compared with June prices. Wombats sold well at June figures, as did also Wallabies. The competition for Russian sable was very restricted and half the offerings were withdrawn. Most of the lots declined 50 to 60 per cent. Black bear sold well at June prices, so did brown bear, while grizzly declined 20 per cent. Local quotations for beaver are \$4.25 to 4.50; bear, \$15 to 25; cub, \$8 to 10; fisher, \$5 to 6; red fox, \$1 to 1.25; cross ditto, \$2.50 to 3; lynx, \$3 to 5; martin, \$1 to 1.25; mink, \$1; muskrat, fall, 10c.; otter, \$10 to 12; coon, 50 to 75c.; skunk, 50 to 75c. Persian lambs are higher in sympathy with New York. Seal no lower, although there is a decline of 7 per cent. in Europe. Grey lambs scarce and in demand.

GRAIN.—Values of wheat are lower all round and the volume of business small, being confined to local millers, who are buying sparingly. We quote No. 1 fall, 82 to 83c.; No. 2, 80 to 81c.; No. 3, 74 to 75c. per bushel; No. 1 spring, 82 to 83c.; No. 2, 80 to 81c.; No. 3, 74 to 75c. Manitoba No. 1 is worth 93 to 94c., and No. 2, 90 to 91c. Barley is also lower and little or no demand from the States, where the price has also fallen. To-day's figures are: No. 1, 51 to 52c.; No. 2, 46 to 47c.; No. 3 extra, 41 to 42c.; No. 3, 33 to 36c. Oats are dull and tending lower, there have been sales at 29 to 31c. There is a good export demand for peas, which are steady at 54 to 56c. Corn and rye are neglected, and lower, the former quotes at 43 to 45c., and the latter 45 to 46c.

GROCERIES.—No special features are reported this week. Some houses find trade fairly good while others say the reverse is the case. Most of them could wish for an improvement in money matters, which the low price of grain has rendered very backward. In one house, November of this year is notably behind the same month of other years in respect to remittances. Fruits of all kinds are active and firm. New Valencia raisins are worth 6½ to 8½c.; sultanas, 9½ to 10½c.; an extra choice brand Carabourno held mainly by one house is quoted at 14½ to 15c.; choice Vostizza, 8½ to 9½c. New prunes in cases, 5½ to 6c. Some firms can report a rather brisk demand for sugars; retailers' stocks, they say, must be pretty well broken, although they are not heavy.

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LEATHER.—The volume month is hardly up. It may be accounted for movement of grain has prices low. Good jobbing weights, is still enquire harness, 20 lbs. weight, just now. The movement fair, while splits are due kinds are in fair request.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The advance in metal, well, the advance in metal, ring up people to buy. indeed it could not be cannot be laid down at vanished sheets too are and there is a strong plates. Ingot tin has holders ask 24½ to 25c. hard to get in England very firm at \$4.50 for copper. Copper is advanced a promise to be still abroad, sheets could import and block 5½c.

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