

DRUGS.—The wholesale houses report a fair amount of business. Prices are generally unchanged. Camphor, 30c to 32c. Cuttle fish bone firm at 40c lb. Cube berries, \$1.25 lb. Gum Arabic, 30c to 32 lb. Cape aloes 20c to 25c lb. Glycerine, 27c to 30c lb. Iodine, ordinary, \$2.75 lb. Opium, \$4.30 lb. Phosphorus, \$1 to \$1.10. Quinine, Howards, \$1.65 per oz. German, \$1.50 per oz. Morphia \$2.25 to \$2.40 per oz. Cod liver oil unchanged, Newfoundland \$2.50 and Norwegian \$6.25 per gallon. *Dye stuffs.*—Madder Dutch, 12c to 14c per lb; Cochineal, 40c to 45c per lb; Cutch 10c, and Japonica 8c per bale.

DRY GOODS.—Reports are still of a small trade being done. Travellers are doing so little that they have been recalled in most instances, and letter orders are small. The greatest dullness is reported in woollen goods, which are also offered at extremely low prices. Cotton goods are still somewhat better, but trade is limited. Payments are far from satisfactory, but confidence is not generally weak.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The market continues very quiet. Trade is confined entirely to the city dealers. A large portion now of the flour in consumption here is from the United States, and is generally preferred to Canadian manufacture. Dealers say the trade is easier importing flour than it would be to import the wheat and grind it here. Values are firm; inspected superior extra is quoted at \$5.15; extra at \$4.90 to \$4.95; and spring extra at \$4.45. Patent Process flour sells at \$5.75 to \$6.10. The stock here on Monday last was 2,360 bbls., against 4,785 bbls. June 4, 1883. *Outmeal* continues firm in value with only limited demand. Car lots are quoted

at \$4.50, but sales are confined to small lots at about \$4.75 to \$5. *Cornmeal* is in light consumption, selling in barrel lots at \$3.70. *Bran* is in light demand, with local buyers offering about \$10.75 for car lots.

GRAIN.—The Corn Exchange continues exceedingly dull. There is so little grain offering that quotations are almost nominal. The price of wheat appears to be regulated to keep out American grains. Within the past few days the values of wheat have been not so firm. The prospects for the wheat crop both in United States and Canada are highly promising. Late semi-official estimates of the probable yield of wheat in the United States place it at 504,000,000 bushels, an increase of 106,000,000 bushels over the yield of 883. No. 2 Fall is quoted at \$1.15; No. 3. Fall at \$1.12; No. 1 Spring at \$1.16; and No. 2 at \$1.14; goose wheat at 88c to 91c. Actual sales would be made at a shade lower than these figures. Stocks on Monday last were 133,241 bushels, against 329,589 bushels June 4, 1883; and 215,845 bushels June 5, 1882. *Barley* is nominally worth from 62c to 68c. Stocks 11,000 bushels. *Oats* quoted at 40c to 41c in car lots. Stocks on Monday last 8,700 bushels. *Peas* quoted at 74c to 78c. Stocks 35,300 bushels. *Rye* nominal at 65c. Total grain in store June 2, 1883, 917 bushels, against 407,160 bush June 4, 1883, and 258,323 bush June 5, 1882.

GROCERIES.—Trade is still very quiet. The principal sales of large bulk have been of sugar. There have been large sales of Porto Rico at low prices, from 5½c to 6½c. Canada refined is selling at 6c to 6½c for medium, and 6½c to 7½c for bright. Low grades are in most demand. The continued low values are embarrassing to holders of large stocks. There

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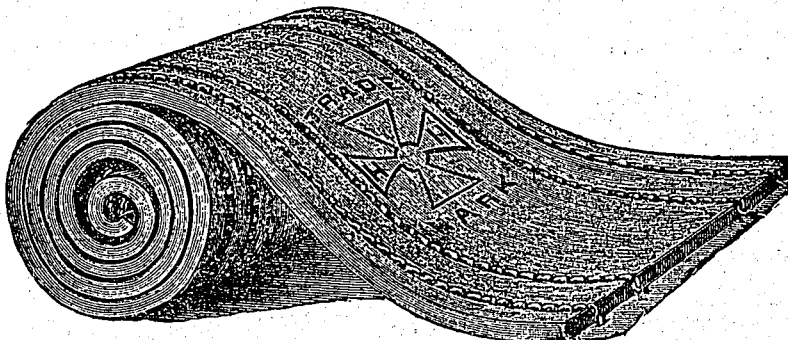
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