

ago. Collections are also "off color," and several houses report rather more applications for renewal of Aug. 4th paper than they like. Remittances from British Columbia are particularly poor, presumably due to the small-pox scare, and Manitoba payments are also far from the mark. In the older provinces matters are not so bad, but there is room for improvement.

**GRAIN AND FLOUR.**—The grain market has shown dulness, owing partly to holidays in Britain. Wheat is nominal; for oats there is a moderately active demand, though stocks are reported about half a million bushels more than at this time last year. We quote No. 2 Manitoba wheat, 85c.; No. 3 ditto, 78c.; peas, 78 to 79c.; oats, 35 to 36c.; corn, duty paid, 65c.; feed barley, 36 to 40c. Flour steady, but with a fair demand only for bakers' and straight roller. We quote winter patents, \$4.30 to 4.60; spring ditto, \$4.75 to 4.85; straight roller, \$4 to 4.15; superfine, \$3 to 3.25; strong bakers', \$4.25 to 4.40.

**GROCERIES.**—It is rather difficult to pick up any items of interest in this line of trade just now. Sugar refiners report a large business doing with wholesale dealers, but there seems to be more or less pushing and cutting among the latter, and quotations range below the New York level. Some of the lower province refineries admit that they are making no money, and some shareholders in at least one of the local factories say they are not looking for dividends. The factory quotation for granulated is  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. per lb., yellows  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{3}{4}$ c., with an odd lot at 3 15-16c., which, however, do not seem to move off very readily. Syrup dull and neglected. For Barbadoes molasses 32 to 33c. per gal. is asked by holders. Dried fruit agents say the prospects for orders are rather doleful, and little interest is yet being evinced in this line. The firmness in Japan teas is maintained; there is a notable falling off in quality, while prices are from \$2 to 3 the picul higher than last year, and a Montreal buyer now in Japan reports a difficulty in picking up desirable lots. Exchange is rather lower than last year, but this does not appreciably offset the enhanced values,

which are made all the more apparent by the depreciation in quality. Ceylon teas are weak, having got several black eyes from leading medical men in England, for their marked astringent qualities, and China teas are recovering favor.

**HIDES.**—Hide dealers had a meeting last week, at which all attended but one, when it was agreed to put down the price of green hides to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. per lb. for No. 1, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. for No. 2, and 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. for No. 3, but still to sell tanners at 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. for No. 1, the dealers holding that the half cent advance they have recently been getting does not give them sufficient profit. An American buyer cleaned the market pretty well of calfskins about a week ago, buying up some 5,000 or 6,000. We quote calfskins 5c. per lb.; clip 30c. each; lambskins 40 to 45c. The Chicago hide market is reported a little stiffer but without advance.

**LEATHER.**—There is still a lack of activity in the leather market, the local demand being only for small hand to mouth lots. Some fair shipments of sole for England are reported from Toronto and Montreal, also some black leather from Quebec. The market in the latter place is looking up a little, and a letter just to hand says that the recent crop of failures has cleared the way for a more healthy business, which is looked for after the August bank holidays. Local prices are without change. We quote:—Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to B.A., 16 to 17c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1, slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2, do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 29c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 28 to 30c.; splits, large, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 16c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; glove grain, 11 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle. 45 to 55c.

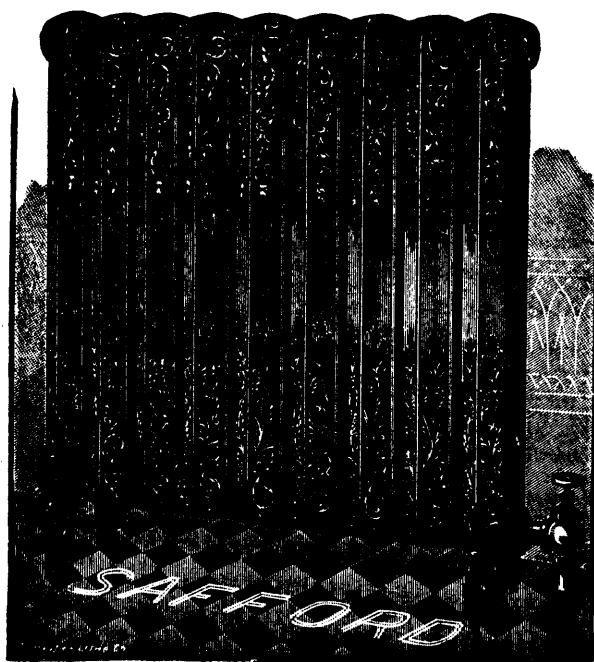
**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The movement is still a very dull one. Warrants, which have been as high recently as 42/3d., are last cabled at 41/11d.; makers' prices practically unchanged. Locally, \$18 has been asked for Carnbroe off wharf, though it is hard to account for the advance; a moderate lot was bought for \$17.50. For Orion brand of Terne plate \$7.50 is wanted; other plates unchanged. Lead is very easy at \$3 to 3 25. We quote:—Colt-ness pig iron, \$19.50; Calder, No. 1, \$19; Calder, No. 3, \$18; Summerlee, \$18.75 to 19; Eglington, \$18.50; Gartsherrie, \$19.00; Carnbroe, \$17.50 to 18; Shotts, \$19; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17.50; machinery scrap, \$15 to 16; common do., \$13; bar iron, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$18.50; Canada Plates—Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.60 to 2.70; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.00 to 7.50. Merchants' roofing, 20x28, \$13.50. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.40 to 2.50; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I. C., \$4 to \$4.25; P.D. Crown, \$4.25; do. I.X., \$5 to 5.25; coke I. C., \$3.30 to 3.50; coke wasters, \$3.15; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5 to 6c.; Morewood, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; No. 26, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.80 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 11c.; lead per 10 lbs., pig, \$3 to 3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 23c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; sheet zinc, \$6 to 6.25; spelter, \$5.25 to 5.75; American do. \$5.50. Some cheaper grades of antimony are on the market, and we quote from 13 to 15c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$5.35; the trade discount on wire is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Coil chain,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, 5c.;  $\frac{3}{4}$  in., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 7-16 in., 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 4c.;  $\frac{3}{4}$  in., 4c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., and upwards, 3c.

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