

makers are said to be holding out for \$4 for first quality of pots, but \$3.80 to 3.85 is about the usual quotation; seconds, about \$3.30, and pearls, \$4.40 to 4.50.

CEMENTS AND FIREBRICKS.—Business in cements is good. Receipts of Belgian for the week ending to-day have been 14,200 brls., and 600 brls. of English, all of which have been distributed from ship. Shipments are somewhat behind what they should be, owing to a lack of available freight space, and some considerable scarcity is looked for. Belgian manufacturers have followed the example of British makers, and have advanced prices equal to threepence a barrel; this with higher freights has caused local dealers to advance Belgian to \$2 for small lots, with a range down to \$1.85, at which latter figure a 1,000-brl. sale is reported; English makes are quoted at \$2.10 to 2.20. Receipts of firebrick 76,000; prices are steady at \$16 to 21.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—The cheese market may be called from ½ to ¾c. weaker than at last writing, and at the moment orders for buying from the other side are not very numerous. Last week's exports, however, were quite heavy, 40,867 boxes going to London, 40,011 boxes to Bristol, 13,500 boxes to Liverpool, 6,000 boxes to Glasgow, and smaller lots to Belfast and Leith, making a total of 102,762 boxes, and bringing the total for the season to date, up to 1,601,789 boxes. The present export demand for butter is quiet, shippers claiming that they cannot operate profitably at present quotations, which are a shade lower than a week ago. We quote fine creamery 18 to 18½c.; Townships dairy 14 to 15c.; Western, 12 to 13c. Last week's shipments of butter were 16,307 pkgs. Eggs still come in pretty freely; we quote boiling stock, 14 to 15c.; best candled, 12 to 14c. per dozen.

DRY GOODS.—City retailers are disposed to complain that the continued open weather is retarding sales, and letters from Quebec city and some of the larger Western towns are of similar tenor, but wholesalers report that country sorting orders are coming in quite freely, both by mail and from travellers. Very fair orders are also being booked for certain

lines of spring goods, such as English prints, tweeds, etc., also for carpets, curtains, and sundry other lines, and business as a rule is quite a bit ahead of last fall. Samples of new Canadian prints won't be shown till November. Collections are keeping up very fairly, and show improvement on September month, which, on the whole, panned out better than was anticipated.

GROCERIES.—The distribution continues of a satisfactory character, with special briskness in dried fruits, at very firm prices in all lines. The cargo of the "Avlona" has already been well distributed. The second and last direct steamer, the "Bellona," calls at a larger number of Mediterranean ports, and will have a more assorted cargo. She is scheduled to sail from Cadiz to-day, so that it will probably be the 8th or 10th prox. before she reaches Montreal. Refiners report the demand for sugars as well maintained, and quotations are firm at the late slight advance, factory prices being 4½c. for standard granulated, in ordinary wholesale lots; round lots, 4 1-16c.; German refined, 3 13-16c.; yellows from 3½ to 3¾c. Molasses holds a pretty strong position, it being calculated that the supply for regular trade purposes is some 2,000 puncheons short of last year. Quotations are 25c. for Barbadoes in car lots, 26c. in single puncheons, and Porto Ricos a cent higher. In teas there is not a great deal more doing; there is more enquiry for low grade blacks between houses, with some fair lots under negotiation, but it seems rather hard to get buyer and seller together. Late Japan cables report a firm and active market there.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Receipts of beef hides

are somewhat larger with the advancing fall, but supplies are readily placed, and there is no accumulation in warehouses. Outside markets are apparently dull, Chicago being reported at 9½c., but no change has been made in local figures, which are on the basis of 8c. paid by dealers for No. 1, and 9c. the quotation to tanners. Calfskins, 8 and 6c. per lb.; lambskins, 60 to 65c. each. Tallow in poor demand at 3 to 3½c. per lb. for rendered.

HOPS.—There is apparently quite a difference between the views of growers and buyers, and the latter are holding off from any active buying. From 12 to 13c. seems about the general quotation for new Canadias, an extra choice lot might bring 14c. Yearlings, dull, at 6 to 7c. per pound.

LEATHER.—The demand is quieter, as boot and shoe men are getting towards the end of the season for the manufacture of fall foot wear, and in some cases are preparing for stock-taking; some of them, however, report they are fairly busy on sorting orders. Prices in all lines of leather keep up very firmly, and there is really some scarcity of black leathers on spot, tanners writing that they can do better by shipping to England. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 25 to 27c.; No. 2 do., 21 to 23c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do. heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 30 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec do., 17 to 20c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30

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