

quinine, 90c. to \$1.00; Opium, \$3.50 to \$4.20; Morphia \$1.75 to \$1.90; Gum Arabic sorts, 50 to 60c.; White 75 to \$1.00; Carbolic acid, 45 to 60c.; Iodide Potassium, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Iodoform, \$6.50 to \$7.50. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.00 to \$3.50; oil bergamot \$3.50 to \$4; Orange, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

DRY GOODS.—Buyers are now returning from Europe, quite a number coming by last few steamers. They report a marked advance in woollen goods, more particularly in cashmeres, French dress good, flannels, etc., the advance ranging from 5 to 20 per cent. and manufacturers in some cases decline repeat orders as any price, owing to the uncertainty as to the future. There is a great scarcity of certain classes of yarns, and this with the decided rise in raw wools has caused the advance noted, which shows every evidence of strengthening rather than otherwise. Silks are firm at last fall's advances, linens unchanged. Sorting orders show a falling off as the season advances, but trade is apparently good in this country as remittances are well maintained. City retail trade is good.

FISH.—Business is of a very narrow compass; prices are altogether nominal, and stocks generally small. We quote:—Labradors nominally \$2.50; Cape Breton \$3.50 nominal. Dry Cod, \$2.75 to \$3.00; North Shore Salmon out of the market; Lake trout, \$3; Mackerel \$4 for No. 3.

FURS.—Receipts are confined to a few end lots, and the fur season of 1885-86 is virtually over, or will be in a week or two. We quote:—Beaver, clean \$2.75 to \$3.25; Bear, per skin, \$10.00 to \$12.00; Bear, cub, per skin, \$5.00 to \$6.00; Fisher, per skin, \$4.00 to \$5.00; Red fox, per skin, 90 to \$1.15; Fox, cross, per skin, \$2.50 to \$5; Lynx, per skin, \$2.75 to \$3.25; Marten, per skin, 90 to \$1.15; Mink, per skin, 75 to \$1; Muskrat, large winter, 10 to 12c.; spring do., 15 to 17c.; Otter, per skin, \$8 to \$10.00; Raccoon, per skin, 50 to 60c.; Skunk, per skin, black, \$1.25; half black, 90c.; full stripe, 60c.; white, 25c.

GROCERIES.—Orders from the country are fair, and enquiries rather more frequent, showing a want of goods which will result in freer orders later. Payments are pretty good. Sugars are again easier, apparently due in part to keen competition between the local refineries, granulated ts 6½c. at factory, yellows 5½ to 5½c., with nothing bright obtainable. Molasses 31 to 32c. for old Barbadoes; new stocks expected in a fortnight and likely to open at 33 to 34c. Nothing of a special character in the new from Japan, except that shipments are large for the season; values are steady. Local stocks are fairly sorted. Greens have not started up, but are looked upon as good stock to buy, as they are pretty sure to advance. Pepper and cloves are firm at late advance; other spices as before. Nothing new in dried fruits; advices from London say all Valencia raisins are cleared out except some choice grades, and Elemes are being bought up freely; currants locally not obtainable. Rice moving more freely than last year this time; we quote \$3.20 to \$3.30 for ordinary. Patnas \$4.25 to \$5.25. Nothing new in tobaccos, canned goods, etc.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—The shoe trade is not fully into the fall cut yet, but report orders to date as very satisfactory indeed, and ahead of the average for the season. Leather is only moderately active at the moment, but a good trade looked for. Stocks are rather less than two or three weeks ago, and prices very steady; fine upper is held for an advance. Buff and splits continue to realize well in England, and shipments continue to be made. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 24 to 26c.; do. No. 2, B. A. 21 to 23c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2 do. 21 to 22c.; No. 1 China, 22 to 23c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; ditto, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c.; ditto, No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27c.; oak sole, 45 to 50c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 39c.; ditto, heavy, 32 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 37c.; Scootch grained, 36 to 42c.; Splits large, 22 to 28c.; ditto, small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits, 28 to 32c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf, shins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 40c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 13 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 12 to 15½c.; Rough, 13 to 28c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Matters in these lines are even quieter than last week. Orders

for iron and metals are decidedly few, and travellers West report a disinclination to buy till the crop prospects are more assured. The home market for pig iron is unchanged; in the States the market is weaker for lower grades; bar iron as before; Canada Plates dull, consumers expect to buy at below present prices, though it is hard to see how this is possible. Tin continues to advance at home, being quoted at £98 15/- on spot, £95 10/- for futures, and every indication of a further advance. Singular to say tin plates show no sign of an advance in sympathy as yet; copper slightly firmer; lead firm. General hardware prices show no change. We quote Summerlee, \$17 to \$17.50; Gartsherrie, \$16.50; Langloan and Coltness, \$17 to \$17.50; Shotts, \$16.50 to \$17; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$15; Calder, \$16.50 to \$17; Carnbroe, \$16; Hematite, \$18 to \$20; Siemens, No. 1, \$17.50; Bar Iron, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Best Refined, \$1.90; Siemens Bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, \$2.25 to \$2.35; Penn &c. \$2.35 to \$2.40. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I.C., \$4.25 to \$4.75; do. I.X., \$5.50 to \$6.00; Coke I.C., \$3.75 to \$4; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5½ to 7c., according to brand; Tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c., the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and Bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs.,—Staffordshire, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Common Sheet iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.:—Pig, \$4 to \$4.25; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 13c. firm; Spring, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2 to \$2.25; Round Machinery Steel, 3 to 3½c. per lb.; Ingot tin, 25c.; Bar Tin, 27c.; Ingot Copper, 12 to 13c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4 to \$4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.40, per 100 lbs.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Linseed oil continues to rise at home, being now quoted at £21 to £21 5/-; locally 58 and 61c. for raw and boiled in lots under 5 brls. is a firm quotation; turpentine 55c.; olive oil \$1 for pure; castor 8½ to 8½c. per lb. Fish oils quiet; steam refined seal dull at 47 to 48c. on spot, to arrive 45 to 46c. in quantity; Nfld. cod 50c. Leads, colors, and glass at unchanged figures. Business has quieted down to some extent, but is very fair for season. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$6.00; No. 1, \$5; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.00. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red, do. 4½ to 4½c. London washed whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris white, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2 to \$3. Glass \$1.70 per 50 feet for first break.

SALT.—A moderate business is doing, with receipts equal to the demand. Prices are steady at last week's figures as altered then. We quote ex-wharf, for elevens 47½ to 48c.; twelves, 45 to 47c.; factory filled \$1.10 to \$1.15; Higgins and Ashton's \$2.40; Rice's pure dairy \$2.00; 50c. for quarters.

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Wool.—The bulk of late arrivals of Australian, about 3,000 bales, has gone into consumption at quotations. There are fair stocks of Cape, and two or three cargoes near at hand. Pulled wool scarce; fleece in full supply and prices easy. We quote:—Cape 12½ to 13½c.; Australian 14 to 17c. Domestic, A super, 27 to 38c.; B super, 22 to 24c.; unassorted, 21 to 22c.; fleece, 19 to 21c. nominal; black 21 to 22c.

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