twice that is in a high degree disappointing. To the extent that the fall exceeds what had been looked for it is probably the result of the politi-cal complications deterring Russian and many other European buyers. Except that bearskins other European buyers. Except that bearskins maintained last year's prices, and the small quantity of white foxes realised an advance of 35 per cent., all the classes were sold at a serious reduction. Otters went back 40 per cent.; fisher, 30; silver fox, 30; cross fox, 30; red fox, 30; lynx, 35; skunk, 30; mink, 50; and marten, 20."

FLOUE.—The war news has affected values considerably; an advance of 40 to 50c. per brl. has taken place since Saturday last. To-day values are less firm, and the following quotations values are less firm, and the following quotations are more or less nominal: Superior Extra, \$4.90 to \$5; Extra superfine, \$4.75 to \$4.80; Fancy, \$4.50 to \$4.60; Spring Extra, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Superfine, \$4.30 to \$4.55; Strong Bakers' (Manitoba), \$5; do. (Canadian), \$4.50 to \$4.70; Strong Bakers' (American), \$5.00 to \$4.70; Strong Bakers' (American), \$5.00 to \$5.25; Fine, \$3.75 to \$3.90; Middlings, \$3.50 to \$3.60; Pollards, \$3.30 to \$3.40.

GROCKRIES.—Spring freight rates went into effect last Monday and caused some activity in shipping, but bad country roads prevent orders coming in freely, and most goods moving are on orders in hand sometime. The only notable change in prices is the advance of 10 cents in rice. Sugars show a firmer feeling, and though prices are not higher, refiners show no disposition to concede. In teas the situation is un-

tion to concede. In teas the situation is un-changed, and the demand still active for mechanged, and the demand still active for medium grade Japans, which are hard to be got. Circular advices from London, under date the 2nd inst., report more business doing in China teas for home as well as for export; the market is firmer, but auction and private prices showing an improvement on the week preceding. Fruits, except prunes, dull; from France come advees of an advance in prunes, all other lines are reported as unchanged in any particular.

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LEATHER AND SHOES.—Trade is rather more active among boot and shoe men, some having received government orders for russet brogans, beef moccasins, and mounted-police boots, while general orders seem a little improved, though there are few travellers out yet on sorting trips. Leather men are feeling the benefits as above and recort business better as above, and report business better than it has been. Some shipments of splits and buff have been made to England since last report. Light splits are still scarce. General prices are unchanged and we quote Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 24 to 27c., ditto, No. 2 B. A. 21 to 24c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c., No. 2 ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 23c., No. 2 22c., ditto Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c., ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c., ditto heavy, 32 to 35c; Grained, 34 to 38c.; Splits, large, 23 to 29c., ditto small, 16 to 24c; Calf-splits 28 to 31c.; Calf skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfakins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow. 12½ to 16c.; Pebbled Cow. 11½ to 15½c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c. as above, and report business better than it has

METALS AND HARDWARE—A little more is doing but the improvement is very slight. We hear of a 1,000 ton order for pig iron being placed by a western house for delivery during the summer, but sales at the moment are of only small lots. Warrants are cabled higher at 41/11d., but prices of iron are not changed. Bar iron is being sold in lots for delivery in May and June at \$1.60, but we believe \$1.65 has not been cut for present delivery. Tin plates dull, been cut for present delivery. Tin plates dull, and creeping out in small lots. We hear of a large order for coke wasters being placed at \$3.50, for delivery in June. Ingot tin is cabled higher, but has not changed here; lead and copper as before copper as before.

Oils and Paints.—The war news produces a marked effect on linseed oil, which shows a very firm frm market. A meeting was held the other day to consider the advisability of fixing prices at 62 and 65c. for raw and boiled respectively, but nothing has been decided yet. That the oil will be much dearer in event of war is certain, as the bulk of the seed somes from the Baltic and Calbulk of the seed comes from the Raltic and Caloutta. Shellac and castor oil unchanged as yet, but likely to be affected. Despite reports of a large catch this season, steam refined seal is still held here at 64c.; Newfoundland cod 57½ to 60c. Leads are not affected as yet by war prospects. We quote leads (Genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25; No. 1 \$5.50; No. 2, \$5.00; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry White Lead, 6c; Red do. 5c. These prices for round lots. London Washed Whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris White, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Shellac and castor oil unchanged as yet,

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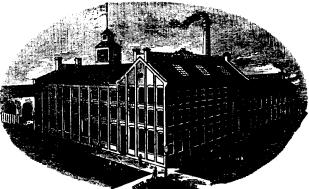
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