week, principally to London, Leith, Liverpool and Manchester. Butter is barely as firm as a week ago, 21c. being about the outside limit for finest fall creamery; dairy makes range from 14 to 16c. Business in cheese is only moderate, and last week's quotations will hold.

Dry Goods.—City retailers are buying sorting lots more freely, while fairly liberal letter orders are coming in by mail, and quite a few buyers have been noticed in town during the week, so that wholesalers are fairly busy. Remittances continue good, and failures are few. In values there are no noteworthy changes; fine French dress goods continue very firm, repeats being subject to advance, especially in box cloths, voiles, etc., which are expected to be all the vogue for spring wear.

Furs.—There have not as yet been any receipts of newly caught furs, beyond a few fall rats and skunk, and buyers have not yet issued regular quotations, but we will be able to publish the figures next week. The London October sales did not show any very marked changes. Fox, lynx, marten, brown and grizzly bear, and most lines of mink, sold at same figures as in March. Wolf, sable, coon and black bear sold 10 per cent. higher; otter ranged 10 per cent. higher, and beaver same as in January.

Groceries.—The sugar market continues a weak one. The local refiners have made no further reduction, factory quotation for standard granulated being $4.10, and yellows from $3.35 to $4. The Acadia refinery of Halifax, however, is making an active bid for Montreal trade, quoting granulated at $3.95, and getting some fair share of orders, but the quality is said to be not wholly up to the standard of local production. Molasses remains unchanged at 29c. Both Japan and Ceylon teas are in rather better request, some few moderate-sized transactions being reported, but there is difficulty in obtaining cheap Japans, there being nothing under 13c., and but little at that figure; the London market for Ceylons keeps very strong, and altogether beyond local views. Dried fruits are in active demand at stiffer figures, from ¼ to ½c. higher being asked, and some large sales of fine off-stalk and selected Valencias are reported to the West at advanced figures. Local stocks of dried fruits generally are reported much lower than usual at this season, and anything further coming in will be at enhanced cost. No French or Bosnian prunes are yet to hand. All cereals are stiffer; for rolled oats, $5.25 a barrel is now being asked in the West. Split peas are higher, and pot barley is scarce and high. The movement is still a brisk one, river boats making their last trips being filled up with freight.

Hides.—Receipts of beef hides have been rather larger this week, but no special activity prevails. Dealers are buying No. 1 beef hides at 8c.; calfskins at 8 and 6c., and lambskins at 55c.

Leather.—For dongolas, box calf, etc., there is fair enquiry; general lines of black leather quiet. Sole generally is in light supply, with especial scarcity of plump jobbing kinds. Prices rule firm. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 25 to 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 25c.; No. 3, B.A., 23 to 24c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 25c.; No. 2, 23 to 24c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 20 to 30c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits 20 to 22c.; Quebec ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 16c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 26c.; Canadian, 20