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20th inst. were 49,009 pkgs., making the total for this season 1,605,426 pkgs., being 37,043 packages ahead of last season. Butter is very firm, and supplies somewhat restricted. We quote finest fall creamery 22½ to 23c.; earlier makes, 21 to 21½c.; Townships dairy, 21 to 22c.; Western, 19 to 20c. per lb. Strictly fresh eggs are wanted, and command 20c.; ordinary stock, 16 to 17c. per dozen.

**DRY GOODS.**—While some few houses report a moderate amount of sorting orders, the wholesale warehouses are, as a rule, quiet, and preparations for stock taking are pretty general. Many complaints are heard among dry goods importers of the difficulty in making collections in the country; but failures are few. There are no changes in values to report at this present writing.

**FURS.**—There is little life to the trade in raw furs, and the indications point to lower prices, as all reports from European centres are of an unfavorable and depressing character. Only a few small lots are offering. We give the following quotations for average prime skins. Extra qualities will bring more, and unprime skins less: Beaver, per lb., \$3; bear, per skin, \$8 to 10; ditto cub, \$2 to 4; fisher, \$1.50 to 3; red fox, 75c. to \$1; lynx, \$1 to 2; marten, 75c. to \$1; mink, 50c. to \$1.50; muskrat, 8 to 10c.; otter \$8 to 12; raccoon, 25 to 75c.; skunk, 25 to 50c.

**GROCERIES.**—Sugars have suffered another quite material decline. The Canada Sugar Refining Company announced a drop of a full quarter of a cent on granulated on Tuesday morning. This makes granulated 4½ cents per lb. at the refinery. Yellows have been reduced an eighth, and the range is now from 3½ cents upwards, with still a notable scarcity of bright goods. Molasses is sold at old prices. Of teas there is a fair distribution going on, mainly in Japans of medium prices. Mail

advice just to hand report the season in Japan as about over, with shipments some four million pounds short of those of 1892; stocks are calculated at only about four thousand piculs, and prices are advanced from one to two dollars. Dried fruits are as last reported, with continued firmness in Valencia raisins. Elemie figs are quoted at 13 to 14c. for finest; Portugal fruit 4½ cents; Grenoble walnuts not yet forward; Barcelona filberts 8½ to 9c. Canned vegetables are very dull in a jobbing way; packers' quotations range from 80 cents upward for tomatoes, corn and peas.

**LEATHER.**—One or two quite round lots of splits have been sold to large shoe manufacturers within the last week or so at pretty low figures, but aside from this, and some moderate sales of sole, business has been quiet. Shoe men still report good spring orders, but sorting business in fall wear is poor. However, it is hoped that the snow and slush that came in with the beginning of this week will help retail sales. The last outwards steamers all took fair lots of splits to Britain, where, last circular advices report, there is a slightly improved feeling. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 19 to 22c.; do. No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 19c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 18 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, slaughter, 19 to 22c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 19c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 24 to 26c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 24c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 27c.; splits, large, 14 to 18c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 27 to 30c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 23 to 27c.; Canadian, 20 to 23c.; colored pebbled cow, 12½ to 13½c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 18 to 25c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 15c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 13c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 10 to 13c.; rough, 16 to 18c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—Trading in iron and heavy metals has pretty well settled down to winter quietude, and no activity of any moment can be looked for during the next ten weeks or so. The steamship "Tiber" has arrived with a third cargo of Ferrona iron, some 1,800 tons, loaded at Pictou, N.S., and is the last ocean going steamer to arrive and leave this port. It is reported that the above brand of iron has been sold at \$16.75, or even a shade under, for round lots finished iron unchanged in any line. Tinplates very dull, also Canadas. Tin, seldom so low in Britain, being cabled at seventy-five pounds, ten shillings, local quotation 21½ to 22c. Copper, lead, antimony, etc., also very flat. We quote:—Colt-ness pig iron, \$19; Calder, No. 1, \$18.50; Calder, No. 3, \$17.50; Summerlee, \$18.50 to 18.75; Eglinton, \$17.50; Gartsherrie, \$18.50; Langloan, \$20; Carnbroe, \$17; Shotts, \$18.50 to \$19; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$16.75; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$17.00 to \$17.75; Ferrona, \$17 to \$17.50; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15; common do., \$8 to \$11; bar iron, \$1.95 for Canadian; car lots, \$1.90; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.25; Canada Plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.45 to \$2.50; all polished Canadas, \$3; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7 to 7.25. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Brad-

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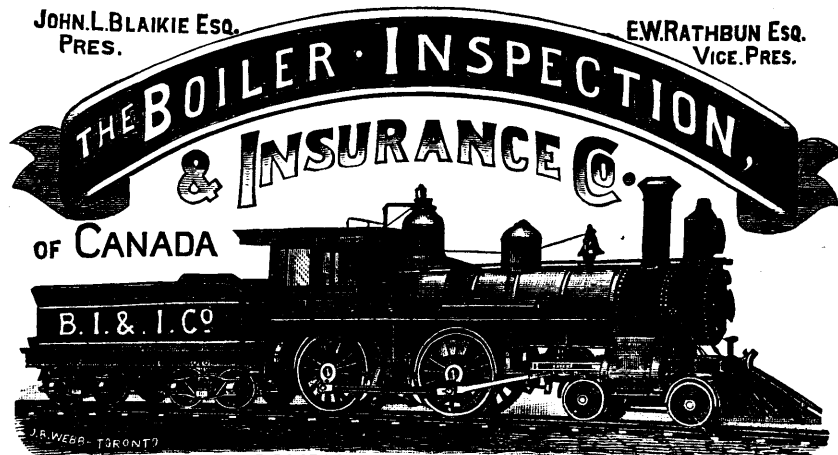
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