

**CRANBERRIES.**—The report by the firm that does the bulk of the trade here is that cranberries are scarce and dear this fall. This firm has been in the custom of getting from 500 to 1,000 barrels every season from the North Shore of Georgian Bay. This season there will be only a few barrels. The crop was doing well till September, a short time before it ripened, when a touch of early frost destroyed it. There was one sale made recently of a small lot of \$14 per barrel. This is an excessively high price at this season, and the prospect is for even higher figures for what will be offered later on.

**Dry Goods.**—Trade is not changed in any particular sufficient to make any note of. Buyers seem to confine themselves to special wants, and there is no buying of large lots in expectation of a growing demand. Stocks in certain lines are still heavy in some wholesale quarters. But generally the concern is not so much over large stocks as with outstanding accounts. The imports have been regulated, according to individual judgment, and the situation is not dangerous. Overloading has not taken place to the danger line.

**Drugs.**—Business has been good during the past few days. There have been no numerous large orders, but the aggregate trade has been very satisfactory, and payments decidedly better. Quotations are not materially changed, but the general list is firm. Leading lines:

cubeb berries \$1.26 lb., cloves Cape, 20c to 26c lb., opium, \$4.50 lb., glycerine 23c to 28c, castor oil 94c to 12c, iodine, ordinary \$2.60 lb. phosphorous \$1.10 lb., morphia \$2.25 to \$2.40 oz., acid, tannic, \$1.25, salicine \$4.50 to \$5, santaline \$5.50 lb. linseed oil, boiled 63c to 65c, raw 60c to 62c, cod liver, Newfoundland \$2, Norwegian \$3.50 per gal., cantharides \$2.75 to \$3 lb. Dye stuffs unchanged.

**Fish.**—Dealers are of opinion that the general quotations will be higher than they were last year. The market is expected to show a fair demand. Labrador herrings will be scarce, and prices are expected to open next week at \$7.25 to \$7.50 for No. 1, and \$6.50 for No. 2. Codfish will range from \$4 to \$5.50, for medium to first-class, for 112 lbs. Boneless codfish will range from 64c to 7c. Boneless fish 4c to 44c. Lake Superior and Georgian Bay fish are being placed on the market. Trout is plentiful. Whitefish is scarce, as large sales were made during the summer. Sales have been made of round lots to the wholesale trade of trout at \$4, and whitefish at \$5 per half barrel, less 5 per cent. White fish will be firm. It is probable that trout will be easier.

**FLOUR AND GRAIN.**—Breadstuffs continue without change, and values are drooping. There is no demand to stimulate trade, and the local markets are completely stagnant. Flour is quoted at \$3.60 to \$3.65 for Superior Extras;

\$3.45 to \$3.50 for Extra, and \$3.35 to \$3.40 for Spring Extra. Patent process flours \$4.50 to \$5.50. Oatmeal is in small demand and prices weak; good brands are quoted at about \$4 in car lots. Bran in moderate local demand and quoted at \$10.50. The grain trade is quiet generally. Wheat is not moving to any considerable extent: quotations are 78c for No. 2, and 76c for No. 3 Fall; Spring wheat has fallen off in demand, quoted lower at 77c for No. 1 and 75c for No. 2. Goose quoted at 59c to 60c. Barley is quiet again, with prices steady; 71c for No. 1; 67c for No. 2; 59c for 3 Extra; and 53c for No. 3. Oats dull, at 30c to 31c on the track. Peas quiet, quoted at 59c for No. 2. Rye quoted at 57c to 59c. Stocks on Monday showed 133,039 bush. wheat, 259,800 bush. barley, 11,924 bush. peas, 1,080 bush. rye. Total grain in store 408,148, against 175,087 same date last years, and 295,708 Oct. 30, 1882.

**GROCERIES.**—The market is nominally unchanged. Business still reported rather quiet. Prices are not improved. Payments are rather backward, but said to be better. Rice is easier.

**HARDWARE.**—There is no particular change to note. The state of trade in certain lines is fair, but there is nothing like activity. It is not expected that trade will improve in any respect till after the New Year.

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