

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—A steady jobbing distribution is going on in these lines. Heavy chemicals are all rather firmer owing to fall freight rates going into effect; drugs show no notable change in any line. We quote:—Sal Soda 85 to 90c.; Bi-Carb Soda \$2.30 to \$2.40; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$10 to \$12.00; Borax, refined, 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 33 to 35c.; do. ground, 35 to 36c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 55 to 60c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 80 to 85c.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c.; Bleaching Powder, \$2.60 to \$2.75; Alum, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 to \$2.75; Roll Sulphur, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Sulphate of Copper, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre \$8.75 to \$9.25; American Quinine, 60 to 65c.; German Quinine, 55 to 65c.; Howard's Quinine, 70 to 75c.; Opium, \$5.75 to \$6.25; Morphia, \$3.00 to \$4.00; Gum Arabic sorts, 70 to 90c.; White, \$1 to \$1.25; Carbolic Acid, 55 to 65c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.25 to \$4.50 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; Iodoform \$6.50 to \$7.00. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.00 to \$2.50; oil bergamot \$3.00 to \$3.50; Orange, \$3.50; oil peppermint, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Glycerine 25 to 26c.; Senna, 18 to 30c. English Camphor, 40c. American do. 35c.

DRY GOODS.—The wholesale warehouses exhibit a little more activity, and a number of houses report the receipt of a fair share of letter orders, nearly all of small compass however. A number of travellers will be on the road this week for the sorting trip, but we imagine they will find it a rather too early start, as the weather has been very mild, and letters from the country do not indicate that fall goods have sold freely as yet. In the city a better business has been doing in the retail way, and payments from this source are very fair, but from the country money comes in rather slowly. Values show steadiness in all lines of textiles.

FISH.—Labrador herrings have sold in large lots at \$5, jobbing lots would be \$5.25 to \$5.50; Cape Bretons, \$5.25 to \$5.75; dry cod sells pretty freely at \$4.25 to \$4.50; green cod not in active demand, No. 1 is worth about \$4.25; Nfld. salmon per tierce \$22 to \$22.50 for No. 1.

FURS.—There is no change to be made in the list, and no advices of special import have come from Europe. Business at the moment is very light. We quote for prime skins:—Beaver, \$3.50 per lb.; bear, \$10 to \$14.00; cub do., \$4.00 to \$7.00; fisher, \$5; red fox, \$1.00; cross do., \$2 to \$5; lynx, \$2 to \$3.00; marten, \$1.00; mink, \$1.00; spring

muskrat, 12½c.; raccoon, 25c., 50c., and 75c.; skunk, 25c., 50c., and 75c.

GROCERIES.—Steady, seasonable distribution is reported in this line, and the general feeling seems to be one of satisfaction with the trade situation. For sugars the demand is very fairly sustained, and there is no slackening of values; standard granulated sells at refinery at 6½ to 6¾c. for large lots, yellows 5½ to 6¾c.; syrups though in very light demand are still scarce and dear; molasses is again higher, holders of Barbadoes now asking 37c. for round lots, while Porto Rico is also firmer at 33 to 34c. A good demand exists for Japan teas, which are held at rather firmer prices, and it may be fairly said that values are from 1 to 2c. higher than a few weeks ago; blacks too are moving a little more freely, and are reported higher in London for the better grades. Coffees are pretty steady, though business is only moderate; we quote O. G. Java 25 to 27c., Mocha 27 to 29c., Rio 21 to 24c. Rice sells steadily at last quoted prices. Black pepper is firmer at 17½ to 18c. for Penang, Singapore has sold at 19 to 19½c.; cloves and nutmegs firm. There is a fair jobbing movement in dried fruits, Valencia raisins selling in a jobbing way at 8 to 8½c; cable advices from Denia show a firmer market, 22 shillings being the present quotation; currants 6½ to 6¾c. The direct steamer "Dracona" is expected in a week or so with a full cargo. New figs are to hand and are dear at 15c. for one pound boxes; Sultana raisins are firm at 8c.; prunes dull at 4 to 5½c. as to quality. Salmon and mackerel are in fair demand, other lines of canned goods move slowly, but values are steadily held; mackerel \$5.25 a case; salmon \$1.65 to \$1.75 a dozen; lobsters \$5 to \$5.15 a case; tomatoes \$1.20 to \$1.25 a dozen. Tobaccos firm with a good demand.

HIDES.—Green hides are still coming in freely, but the demand is hardly so active as a week ago; there is a fair business doing at steady prices. Green hides are still quoted on the basis of 7½c. for No. 1, cured selling to tanners at 8½c.; Ontario hides 8½ to 8¾c.; calf-skins 8c.; sheepskins steady at 55c.

HOPS.—Reports of the Canadian crop show a good yield, with the quality ahead of last year. Ontario hops have been offered here at 15c., Eastern Townships are selling at 14½ to 15c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—With the advancing season there has been a very noticeable increase in the movement of both heavy hardware and shelf goods in this market, country dealers and consumers on the water routes being generally desirous of getting in winter stocks about this time so as to take advantage of navigation. Arriving stocks of metals by steamship, &c., are as a rule moving to the country, and winter supplies of wholesale dealers have yet to arrive. Prices of pig iron are steady here as well as in Britain, with warrants cabled at 41/2d.; Siemens' bar, it is reported, has sold at \$2; Canada plates firm

and in light supply at \$2.75. In London the tin market has been very active, and shows a marked advance, quotations advancing to £105 5/-. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan, \$19.75 to \$20.25; Gartsherrie, \$19.50 to \$20; Coltness, \$20.50 to \$21; Shotts, \$19 to \$19.50; Eglinton and Dalmeilington, \$18.25 to \$18.75; Calder, \$19.50 to \$20; Carnbroe, \$19.50; Hematite, \$23 to \$25.00; Siemens, No. 1, \$20 to \$21; Bar Iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Best refined \$2.30 to \$2.40; Siemens, \$2.00 to \$2.15; Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.75; Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.60 to \$5.75; Charcoal I. C., \$3.90 to \$4.40; do. I. X., \$4.90 to \$5.40; Coke I. C., \$3.60 to \$3.75; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 5c. 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., \$2.75; Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.50; Common Sheet Iron, \$2.50; Steel Boiler Plate, \$2.50 to \$2.75; heads, \$4.00; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead, per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4;

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