

muskrat, fall, 10c.; do. winter, 12½c.; lynx, \$2 to \$3; mink, 75c. to \$1.50; marten, 60 to 90c.; skunk, 25, 50, 75c.; raccoon, 25, 50, 75c.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—There is no particular movement in any kind of grain; wheat is dull, and in coarse grains there is just the ordinary local trading. We quote No. 2 hard Manitoba wheat 82 to 84c. per bush.; No. 3, 72 to 74c.; corn, 63 to 65c.; peas, 71 to 72c.; oats, 31 to 32c.; feed barley, 40 to 42c.; malting do., 54 to 57c. Some very fair sales of flour are reported, principally rollers. We quote patent spring \$4.20 to 4.40 per bbl.; patent winter, \$4.25 to 4.50; straight roller, \$3.60 to 3.75; extra, \$3.10 to 3.25; superfine, \$2.75 to 2.90; strong bakers', \$4 to 4.20.

GROCERIES.—Travellers do not seem as yet to be meeting with any marked degree of success in their efforts to sell goods, and the volume of trade is moderate. The chief interest still centres in teas, and we have seen a Chicago offer of 13c. per lb. for 1,600 packages of good low-grade Japans held by a local house, who are holding for another half cent. It is claimed that this class of goods are fully 5 per cent. better since the turn of the year. Better grade Japans are not as active, and in blacks there is no special activity. Sugars are firm at late advance, and some further stiffening is not improbable in the near future, as raws and outside markets for refined show signs of strength. Molasses is firmer, and sales of 25 puncheon lots of Barbadoes are reported at 84c. per gal. This is about the season when the price of rice is fixed for the ensuing year.

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but the milling company has not yet made any announcement; there seems an expectation in some quarters that prices may be a little higher. Some speculative syndicates have been at work in spices in London, and there has been a material advance in cloves and pepper. Cloves that recently sold at 7½ to 8c. are now held at 10c., and the advance in pepper is said to be equal to 10 per cent. The demand for dried fruits is a quiet one; common Valencia raisins are jobbed at about 4½c., prime 5½c., layers 6½c. per lb. The New York market is a little toned up, the trade there being influenced by the report of short stocks in Denia. In Patras the currant market is firmer, and Canadian stocks are on the low side; in barrels we quote 5½ to 5¾c., cases 6c. per lb.; prunes, 7½c. for Atlas D's. A lack of interest in canned goods is still evident; sales are few and prices easier.

HIDES.—The market continues to rule dull. Dealers are paying 5, 4 and 3c. per lb., as to quality, for what green hides are offering, and sell to tanners at half a cent advance on these prices. Lambkins are 90c. each.

LEATHER.—Boot and shoe manufacturers are buying very lightly in the market, though some of them are reported as being purchasers of Dongola and other light stock in the American market. Advances from England would indicate that the market there is depressed, and there is demand for Canadian leathers from that quarter. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 18c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1, slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2, do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 45c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 25 to 29c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 25c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 28 to 30c.; splits, large, 15 to 20c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 15c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle. 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There has been some little recent enquiry for higher grades of pig iron, and a sale of 50 tons of Summerlee was reported the other day, the first transaction of any note for some weeks. The figure was \$20, a low figure considering the state of the market, and the transaction could not be repeated as all the better grades are in very light supply. Warrants have taken a slight turn upwards, and have been recently cabled at 42/3d. The price of Canadian bar has been definitely fixed at \$2.05 as a result of the recent conference of rolling mill men. In other lines there is not a change to be noted. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, \$21; Calder, No. 1, \$20; Calder, No. 3, \$19; Summerlee, \$20.50 to 21; Eglinton, \$19.50; Gartsherrie, \$20 to 20.50; Langloan, \$21; Carnbroe, \$19 to 19.50; Shotts, \$20; Middlesboro, No. 3, none offering; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$19.50 to \$20; machinery scrap, \$15 to 16; common do., \$12; bar iron, \$2.05 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.25; Canada Plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.55 to 2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.25 to 7.75. Merchants' roofing, 14x20, \$13.50. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.00; charcoal I. C., \$3.85 to 4; P.D. Crown, \$4.25; do. I.X., \$4.75 to 5; coke I. C., \$3.30 to 3.50; coke wasters, \$3.15; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6¾c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6¾c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.40. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.80 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3 to 3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 22 to 22½c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 13½ to 14c.; sheet zinc, \$5.75 to \$6; spelter, \$5.00 to 5.50; American do. \$5.50. Antimony 12 to 13c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; 1 in., 3½ to 4c.; 1½ in., 4c.; 2 in., 3½c.; 2½ in., and upwards, 3c.