

the amount of business done has been small, but next week will likely show better results, and a satisfactory fall trade is looked for. The city retail trade keeps up remarkably well. Values in all lines are steadily maintained, and there is nothing novel in domestics, either woollen or cotton. Country collections are again reported behindhand, but city payments are being well met.

**FISH.**—Business in this line is of very limited compass, and confined to a few small transactions in dry cod, for which about \$4 is asked; North Shore salmon \$15 for No. 1; \$14 for No. 2.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—There is little change to be noted, 8c. being still paid for green butchers' No. 1; Toronto and other Ontario hides have sold at 8½ to 8¾c.; calfskins very dull and weak at 8c. and under. Sheepskins 85c. to \$1.20; some pelts have been received from the North-West and show up well; lambskins 25 to 30c.

**GROCERIES.**—In this line the movement is not particularly active, and is of the usual mid-summer character. Sugars are in good demand as the fruit season is now on, and the market is firmer at 6½c. for granulated in round lots; yellows are also rather stronger. Barbadoes molasses is steady at 30c. in quantity, with not much offering to arrive, and the situation is favorable to holders. Teas move rather sluggishly, and the tendency is rather towards weakness. The "Abyssinia" had only about 2,500 packages for this market, but the next C. P. R. steamer is expected to bring fuller supplies. Coffees are not very plenty here, and transactions are only of moderate extent, but prices are firm. We quote mocha 24 to 25c.; O. G. Java 26 to 27c.; Rio, 22 to 25c. The increasing supply of green fruit naturally affects the demand for currants and raisins, which, however, maintain the strong position last noted, owing to scarcity and strength of outside markets. Rice steady at former prices; the second cargo for the local milling company has arrived. Spices generally are firmer in tone, as latest

advices report nutmegs, cloves, ginger &c., inclined to advance in England. In canned goods, sardines are somewhat dearer, and there has been a pretty steady movement in most lines of vegetables, salmon &c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—There is rather more doing in these lines as the full effect of the new duties is better understood, still the movement is not at all an active one. There are complaints of some cutting of prices in pig iron, presumably due to the fact that some dealers had fair stocks of old iron on hand, and some round sales of Scotch pig are reported at \$18.50 to \$19 for some of the better grades, but we maintain quotations; bar iron is selling pretty freely at \$2.00, Canada plates are advanced to \$2.60 and tin plates are in fair request at quotations. Tin occupies its usual strong position, copper and lead are unchanged. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan, \$20 to \$20.50; Gartsherrrie, \$19.50 to \$20.00; Coltness, \$21.00; Shotts, \$19.50 to \$20.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$18.50; Calder, \$20.00; Carnbroe, \$19.50; Hematite, \$23.00 to \$25.00; Siemens, No. 1, \$20.00; Bar Iron, \$2.00 to \$2.05; Best refined \$2.30 to \$2.40; Siemens, \$2.00 to \$2.15; Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.60; 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; Sheet, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Shot, \$6.00 to \$6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; Spring, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Tire, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Round Machinery Steel, \$3.00 to 3.25; Ingot tin 24½ to 25c.; Bar Tin, 27 to 28c.; Ingot Copper, 11 to 12½c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Spelter, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.25 per 100 lbs., Annealed do. \$2.30.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Fish oils are not in any improved demand, but prices are steady. Steam refined seal is rather firmer if

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