

recent receipts of American cement, all makers in the United States being reported sold ahead. Prices are unchanged.

Boots and Shoes and Leather.—Most of the bigger boot and shoe manufacturing houses report good orders, and one of the more important firms has recalled its travellers, having all the orders in hand that can be well turned out for the fall trade. Quebec shoe men are also said to be better employed than they were. The demand for leather is somewhat improved, more especially for sole, box calf, kid, etc., but ordinary black leather is dull. Prices are well maintained in all lines.

Dairy Products.—Last week's exports were of a fairly liberal character, 76,479 boxes of cheese being shipped, figures some 30,000 boxes in excess of same date last year, and of butter, 16,135 pckgs. were shipped, as against only 1,897 pckgs. for same week of 1901. Cheese values are again this week a shade firmer, and finest Ontario's are now quoted at 10 to 10½c.; townships, 9¾ to 10c., and Quebecs at 9½ to 9¾c. Butter is in good demand with a good business reported in fine township creamery at 20 to 20¼c.; regular creameries, 19½c.; dairy, 16 to 17c.

Dry Goods.—The city retail trade has continued depressed under the phenomenal weather conditions, which almost suggest an overcoat, and collections in this quarter are affected, but country remittances are very fairly maintained. Travellers still report good orders, and considerable deliveries of fall goods have already been made. With regard to values nothing new is reported.

Groceries.—Raw beet sugars are cabled a penny halfpenny dearer, but the quotation is still a very low one at six shillings three farthings. Local refiners report good business, but have made no alteration in their figures, standard granulated being quoted at \$3.65, and yellows from \$3 upwards. Another cargo of Barbados molasses is discharging this week, being the last expected this season. Prices continue easy at 23 to 24c. Some samples of new Moyune gunpowders are being shown at firm prices, ranging from 22 to 28c. Japans continue to occupy a very strong position. White beans are advancing sharply, \$1.30 a bushel now being asked in quantity. A Smyrna letter under date 7th inst., says the Sultana crop is progressing favorably with estimates ranging from 31,000 to 33,000 tons. Reports with regard to figs are more and more unfavorable, and present speculative prices are higher than those quoted end of June. A leading French commission house, of Tulins, in the walnut district, writes that no further offers of last year's nuts need be expected, as all the remaining available stock has been cornered by E. M. Dadelszen & Co., Bordeaux, who have been buying in view of the unfavorable appearance of the new crop. General reports as to dates say that the crop looks well. From Patras

it is reported the currant crop is looking well, no further complaints of the peronosperos being heard, and if nothing happens before gathering the crop will be of good quality, and perhaps a little larger than last year. Nothing special is reported from Denia regarding Valencia raisins. Leading packers there still decline to make quotations, though some have made speculative offers about equal to last year.

Hides.—Trade is quiet, and there have been no recent changes in prices. We quote dealers as paying 9c. or over for No. 1 beef hides, 12 and 10c. for calf-skins, 70c. for sheepskins, and 30c. for lambskins. It is probable lambskins will be advanced next week.

Metals and Hardware.—The movement in these lines continues to be well-sustained for the season, and there is nothing specially new as regards prices. The "Monteagle" has managed to get afloat and reach Montreal, with a considerable proportion of her tin, Canada and other plates, badly damaged by salt water, and the cases of the salvaged pro-

portion are said to be pretty badly knocked about. As regards prices there is not much new to note. Ingot tin has recovered a little from the decline, and 31½c. is now quoted locally; lead is a shade firmer at \$3.15; copper, steady at 13½c.; in spelter there has been a rather strong advance, and 5¼c. is now quoted; sheet zinc, 6c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—Both linseed oil and turpentine are again weaker from 2 to 3c. a gallon. Glass is reported a little easier in Belgium, but local prices are unaltered. We quote: Single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 77 and 80c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 76 and 79c., net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, one barrel, 68c.; two to four barrels, 67c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 37½ to 42½c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 50 to 55c. per gal.; straw, ditto, 47 to 50c.; Castor oil, 9c.; in quantity; tins, 9¼ to 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 8½ to 9c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.87½; No. 1, \$5.37½; No.

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