

seconds there is next to nothing doing, with quotations nominally \$4 to 4.10. Nothing has been done in pearls this year at all, and it is impossible to fix any quotation for them.

**CEMENTS.**—No movement is yet reported in cements, but prices show no weakening, best English brands being held at \$2.70 to 2.90. Belgian could probably be had from \$2.30 to 2.60 according to quantity and brand. Fire-bricks steady at \$23 to \$30 per M. as to quality.

**DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.**—A good sorting trade for the season is being done in these lines. Glycerine, which has been very weak of late, is showing signs of reaction; citric acid is firmer, and along with tartaric acid will likely be stiffer with the advancing season; quinine very flat, and we reduce quotations. We quote:—Sal soda, \$1.15 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.60; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2.00; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 27 to 28c.; do. ground, 29 to 31c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 46 to 48c.; do. powder, 48 to 50c.; citric acid, 55 to 60c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.25 to 2.40; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to 2.40; roll sulphur, \$2.10 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.65 to 1.75; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 45 to 50c.; German quinine, 40 to 45c.; Howard's quinine, 45 to 50c.; opium, \$4.50 to 5.00; morphia, \$2.10 to 2.20; gum arabic, sorts, 60 to 80c.; white, 90c. to 1.10; carbolic acid, 40 to 55c.; iodide potassium, \$3.75 to 4.00 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$5.75 to 6.25. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$2.50 to 3.00; oil bergamot, \$3.75 to 4.50; orange, \$3.00 to 3.50; oil peppermint, \$4.00 to 5.00; glycerine, 20 to 25c.; anna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 70 to 75c.; American do., 65 to 70c.; insect powder, 32 to 35c.

**FISH.**—A good Lenten demand is reported. Green cod is hard to get, and values have stiffened materially, No. 1 being held at \$5.75 to \$6.00, and No. 1 large, \$7; dry cod, \$5 to 5.25; Labrador herring, \$4.50 to \$4.75; Cape Breton, \$5 to 5.25; British Columbia salmon very scarce; boneless cod, 7 to 8c.; finan haddies, 7½ to 8½c.; fresh herrings, \$1.40 per c.; haddock and cod, 4c.

**FURS.**—Receipts continue small, and business quiet. There is nothing fresh or interesting regarding European markets, and prices as last week revised still hold. We quote:—Beaver, per lb. \$4.00 to 4.50; bear, per skin, \$10 to 15; bear cub, \$5 to 8; fisher, \$3.00 to 5; fox, red, \$1 to 1.35; fox, cross, \$2.50 to 5; lynx, \$1.50 to 2.50; marten, \$5 to 80c.; mink, \$1.25 to 1.75; muskrat, winter, 12 and 15c;

otter, \$8 to 10; raccoon, 50 to 60c.; skunk, 25, 50, 75c. and \$1.00, according to quality and stripe.

**GROCERIES.**—Trade rules on the quiet side, and money is on the whole coming in rather slowly. Our anticipations of last week regarding sugars were verified, almost immediately after writing, by a general advance of ½c. in granulated and yellows; granulated is now held at 6½c. at refinery, yellows from 5½ to 5½c. for very brights, of which, however, there are very few selling. Molasses is described as "upish" on the island, but owing to the competition here 35c. is probably as high as would be asked for Barbadoes now. Raisins and currants dull, but good Valentinas are steady at 6½ to 6½c.; an off grade could be had at 6c.; currants 6 to 6½c. There has been some variation in black teas in London, something like a break being reported for one day, but values are again firmly held. Japans here are very strong, 15c. being asked for the commonest chaffy stuff. There has been some active enquiry from jobbing sources for tomatoes, with offers of \$1.17½ for sound lots, which have been declined peremptorily. Rice firm, no A or B to be had at the mill, who have only low grade and Japan crystals; the contracts for the coming year will likely be on a higher basis, especially if the reports to the effect that Japan intends putting an embargo on the exportation of rice prove true.

**HIDES.**—The market is easier; dealers are paying 6 to 6½c. for No. 1 green hides, but seem to find difficulty in getting 7c. from tanners. Calfskins and sheepskins as before.

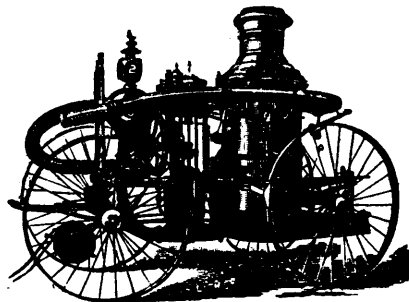
**LEATHER.**—The "swamp" shows no special activity, shoe manufacturers still buying in only moderate lots. Prices remain steady. We hear that the sole leather men have decided to make a shipment of 100,000 sides to England, in order to "clean up" the market. Advice just to hand report a good market there, and some fair shipments of splits, &c., are reported from here and the West. We quote Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do. No. 2, B.A., 18 to 19c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 20 to 21c.; No. 2; ditto, 17 to 18c.; No. 1, China, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 22 to 25c.; No. 2 do., 21 to 22c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 28 to 33c.; grained, 32 to 34c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 37c.; splits, large, 16 to 24c.; do., small, 15 to 16c.; 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, 23 to 29c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; pebbled cow, 12 to 15c.; rough, 20 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 15 to 55c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—In iron there is as yet no activity; the enquiry is very slack, and local holders are beginning to look over their stocks and to be a little anxious to sell, so that probably late quotations might be shaded

for fair orders. The home market is, if anything, easier, and four furnaces are spoken of as about to be blown in. Eglinton is the only maker's brand now quoted by cable, the figure being 49/6d. In tinplates there is still a fair demand at figures as last revised. There is some enquiry for Canada plates, but with little resulting business so far. Tin, lead and copper continue easy. The nail card has been revised, a reduction of ten cents being established, bringing the price of ordinary cut nails down to \$2.40. We quote:—Coltless, no stock to import, \$24.00; Calder, No. 1, \$23.00; Calder, No. 2, \$21.50; Summerlee, \$22.50 to 24.00; Eglinton \$20.50 to 21.00; Gartsherrie, \$23.00; Cambros, \$21.50 to 22.00; Shotts, \$22.50 to 23.00; Middleboro, none here; cast scrap railway chairs, &c., \$30.00; machinery scrap, \$19.00 to 20.00; common ditto, \$13; bar iron, \$2.25 for Canadian, British \$2.40; best refined, \$2.50. The products of the Londonderry Iron Company we quote as follows: Siemens' pig No. 1, \$23.50; Maple bar, \$2.25; Siemens' bar, \$2.35; these figures for round lots. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$3.10; Swanses, \$3.10; Penn, \$3.25. Tarn roofing plate, 20x28, \$3.00 to 3.25. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.75 to 2.80. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.50 to 7; charcoal I.C., \$4.85 to 5.25; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 6.00; coke I.C., \$4.50 to 4.60; coke wasters, \$4.25 to \$4.35; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, ½ to 5½c.; Morewood, 7c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½c.; No. 26, 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.70 to 2.75; Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.80 to 3.00; common sheet iron \$2.75 to 2.90 according to gauge steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.75 to 4; sheet, \$4.75; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.50 to 3.00; round machinery steel, \$3.25; ingot tin 22½ to 23½c.; bar tin, 26c.; ingot copper, 14 to 15½c.; sheet zinc, \$6.50 to 7.00; spelter, \$6.35; antimony, 00 to 20c.; bright iron wire Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.75. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5½c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; 1 in., 4½c.; 1½ in., 3½c.; 2 in., 4½c.; and upwards, 3½c.

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