

lers are not altogether of a cheerful character. One house, and a leading one, gives us figures showing that sales for this month to date are just about half of corresponding period last year. Payments from the country are also complained of. There are no further definite developments as yet with regard to cottons.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Nothing fresh as regards prices, or calling for any alteration of quotations. Heavy chemicals are still in fair supply. Sal Soda, \$1.10 per 100 lbs.; Bi-Carb. Soda, \$2.50 to \$3.10; Soda Ash, \$1.65 to 1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs.; \$8.50 to 10.00; Borax, refined, 11 to 12½; Cream Tartar crystals, 32 to 34c; do., ground, 36 to 38c; Tartaric Acid crystals, 52½ to 55c; do. powders 55 to 58c per lb.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c; Bleaching Powder, \$2.50 to 3.00 according to lot; Alum, \$1.85 to 2.00; Copperas, per 100 lbs., \$1.00; Ground Sulphur, \$2.75 to 3.00; Flowers Sulphur, sublim. per 100 lbs., \$3.00 to 3.25; Roli Sulphur, \$2.40 to 2.60; Sulphate of Copper, \$5.75 to 3.50; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre, \$9.00 to 9.50; German Quinine, about \$1.20 to 1.30; American do., \$1.30 to 1.35; Howard, \$1.30 to 1.40; Opium, \$4.35 to 4.50; Morphia, \$2.20 to 2.30; Gum Arabic, sort, 28 to 33; White, 40 to 55c; Carbolic acid, 45 to 50c; Iodide Potassium, \$4.25 to 4.50 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.00 to 5.50; Iodoform, \$7.50 to 8.00.

FISH.—There is no more doing than there was a week ago, but there are some signs of a preparation for the ante-lenten demand. We quote, Labrador herrings, \$5.50; eastern shore, \$4.75 to 5; fat July, C.B., \$5.25; dry cod, Gaspe \$4.50; American cod, \$3.00 to \$3.25; green cod No. 1 being sold at \$4.00 to \$4.25; large No. 1, \$4.75 to \$5; No. 2 about \$3 to 3.25; North Shore salmon, \$14, \$13, and \$12 for Nos. 1, 2, and 3 respectively; British Columbia salmon, \$11; Mackerel, \$4 to \$6; lake trout \$4.25 to \$4.50.

SALT.—Business quiet, with prices a shade easier if anything. Elevens 57½ to 60c; twelves, very few to be had, 55 to 57½; factory filled, \$1.20 to 1.40; Eureka, \$2.40.

FLOUR.—Prices have a tendency to stiffen; buyers are holding off to some extent, but in the better grades the position decidedly favors holders. We quote, Superior Extra \$4.10 to \$4.15; Extra Superfine, \$3.95 to \$4.00; Fancy \$3.80; Spring Extra, \$3.70 to \$3.75; Superfine, \$3.40; to \$3.50; Strong Bakers' (Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.25; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.50 to \$5.00; Fine, \$3.15 to \$3.25; Middlings, \$2.95 to \$3.00.

WOOL.—Cape continues in very light supply, and of Australian it is said there are hardly 25 bales in the market. Domestic are in better demand, and are rather firmer under better business. We quote: 27 to 28 cents for A. supers; 22 to 24c. for B. do.; black, 20 to 22c.; unsorted, 20 to 22c.; Cape, 17 to 18c.; Australian, 19 to 28c.; as to quality.

FURS.—Raw furs keep coming in in fair quantity. Mink is if anything weaker, and the general average does not exceed 50c. Beaver is rather weaker, recent letter and cable advices from London indicating a probable falling off in prices at approaching sales. Some 120,000 will be offered at H. B. Co's. sale on the 26th inst., and Sampson's sale is on the same day. Skunk remains as before, an extra good lot of 100 skins that came in the other day, was graded as follows: 25 at \$1.00, 30 at 75c., 30 at 50c., and 15 at 25c. We quote the following fair average prices for prime furs, subject to the differences of locality, &c.: Beaver, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Bear, \$8.00 to \$10.00; do., cub, \$4.00 to 6.00; Fisher, \$6.00; Red Fox, \$1.00 to \$1.30; Cross do., \$2.00 to \$3.00; Marten, \$1.00; Lynx \$2.50 to \$3.50; Mink, average 50c; winter Muskrat, 10 to 12½c.; Otter, \$8.00 to \$10.00; Raccoon, 50c. average; Skunk, 40 to 60c.

GROCERIES.—Trade shows some signs of livening up, and orders both from travellers and by letter, are coming in more freely. Payments in this line are fair. Sugars have developed considerable strength since our last, the St. Lawrence refinery is reported sold out, and stocks generally are limited, the quoted price for granulated is 6½c., yellows have advanced proportionately. Teas are more active, we hear of a sale of 250 packages of Japans on bank account at about 21c. for shipment to New York, also of a sale of a similar lot at 20c., and 100 ½ chests of dust at 11½c. Prices are firm here and still good 2 cents below New York level, with stocks here none too plentiful for regular wants. In blacks and greens there is very little

doing. In coffees, Jamaica is weaker, a 50 to 75 bag lot selling the other day at 10½c., others very quiet. In fruits generally there is little doing; Valencia 9 to 9½c, a 1,500 box lot held by a bank was recently put on the market, and filled any deficiency existing at the moment. Prunes are plenty and cheap. French selling at 4½c.; Turkish 5½c., in cases 6c. Canned good inactive and very little doing in them indeed. Black pepper is firmer, and would cost probably 18c. to lay down now.

LEATHER.—With some houses trade is reported fair, but trade as a whole is not so active as was anticipated when the shoe factories got to work after the holidays. Prices are still at last quotations, but are not likely to be positively fixed for a few weeks yet. We quote: Hemlock Spanish Sole B. A. 24 to 27c., ditto, No. 2 B.A. 21 to 25c.; No. 1, Ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2 ditto, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 China, 22c., No. 2 21c., ditto Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c., ditto No. 2, 19½ to 21c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26 to 27c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 38c., ditto heavy, 33 to 36c.; Grained, 34 to 38c.; Splits, large, 23 to 30c., ditto small, 16 to 24c.; Calf-splits 29 to 32c.; Calf-skins (35 to 46 lbs.) 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calfskins, 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30 to 50c.; Harness, 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 15 to 16c.; Pebbled Cow, 11½ to 15½c.; Rough, 23 to 28c.; Russet & Bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is probably more doing in a general way, but there is no marked improvement to report, or sufficient to lead to any firmness to prices. The home iron market is absolutely without change; here tinplates are very weak, but a good enquiry is reported at home. Late cables report ingot tin and copper firmer with considerable business, lead also stronger. General prices unchanged. We quote:—Gartsherrie and Summerlee \$19 to 19.50. Langloan, \$19.50; Coltness, \$19.50 to 20, and very scarce; Eglinton, \$17 to 17.50; Dalmeilington, \$17.25 to 17.50; Calder, \$19.00 to 19.50; Hematite, \$20 to 22.50 according to brand; Siemens, \$19 to 19.50; Bar Iron still \$1.70 to \$1.75, Siemens bar, \$2.10; Canada Plates about \$2.90. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Charcoal I. C. \$4.60 to 4.75 as to brand; do. I. X. \$6.00 to 0.00; Coke I. C. \$4 to 4.25; Galvanized sheets, No. 28, 6 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., \$2.25; Sheets, Boiler Plate, per 100 lbs. Staffordshire, \$2.50 to 2.75; Steel Boiler Plate \$2.25 to 0.00; heads, \$4.50; Russian Sheet Iron, 10 to 11c. Lead per 100 lbs.—Pig, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Sheet, \$4.00 to \$4.25; Shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast Steel, 11½ to 12c.; firm; Spring, \$3.25 to 3.50, firm; Tire, \$3.25 to \$3.50, firm; Sleigh Shoe, \$2.25 to 2.50; Round Machinery Steel, 3½c. per lb. Ingot tin, 20 to 21c. Bar Tin, 24c.; Ingot Copper, 15 to 16c.; Sheet Zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Spelter, \$4.00 to 4.50; Bright Iron Wire, Nos. 0 to 6, \$2.75 per 100 lbs.

OILS AND PAINTS.—From Britain there has been received advice of another advance in linseed oil of from 10 to 15 a ton, but in the absence of business here dealers cannot take advantage of the rise, and former quotations still hold. Seal oil is in light supply and is now pretty well in the hands of one concern, prices consequently are advanced, steam refined has been quoted at 65c. and latterly we hear 67½ has been asked for round lots, with the probability of going higher; pale vat and straw at proportionate figures, and very little to be had. Turpentine is also firmer in the South and New York, but local prices are still as before. Olive and castor oil unchanged. Lead and colors remain at old figures, and we quote White Lead (genuine and first-class brands only) \$6.25 to \$6.75; No. 1 \$5.50 to \$6.00; No. 2, \$5.00 to \$5.50; No. 3, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Dry White Lead, 6 to 6½c.; Red do. 5 to 5½c. These prices for round lots. London Washed Whiting, 50 to 60c.; Paris White, \$1.25; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75 to \$2.00; Yellow Ochre, \$1.50; Spruce Ochre, \$2 to \$3.00.

PROVISIONS.—The butter market is featureless; stocks are large here and plenty in the country in the farmers' cellars, &c., while there is no export demand. We quote Creamery 21 to 23c. Townships 17 to 20c. Morrisburg 15 to 19c. Cheese, fancy fall makes, 12 to 12½c., other grades 8 to 11½c. as to quality. In pork there is little doing; Western mess is \$15.00 to \$15.25; Canada s.c. \$16.00 to \$16.25; dressed hogs, \$6.50 in car-lots; lard 9½ to 10½c.; hams 13 to 14½c. Eggs are in large supply, and business not active. We quote 22 to 23c. for choice fresh stock.

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