

BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER.—There is nothing fresh in boot and shoe circles, orders for spring wear are not coming in freely yet, and it will be a week or two before much manufacturing is done. The demand for leather is anything but active and stocks show further accumulation, the state of the English market does not afford great encouragement to ship in that direction, and this outlet being shut off, the tone of the market is decidedly weak and favorable to buyers. We quote: Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 24 to 25c.; do. No. 2, B. A., 20 to 22c.; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish 21 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; No. 1 China, 20 to 21c.; No. 2, 18 to 19c.; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 25 to 27c.; oak sole, 41 to 45c.; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33 to 37c.; ditto, heavy 31 to 35c.; Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 42c.; Splits large 16 to 26c.; do. small 16 to 20c.; Calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf skins 75 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings, 39 to 40c.; Harness 24 to 33c.; Buffed Cow, 12 to 15c.; Pebbled Cow, 11 to 15c.; Rough 23 to 26c.; Russet and Bridle, 54 to 55c.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Heavy chemicals generally rule very firm, stocks being on the small side, while the demand is well maintained; bleaching powder in particular is in light supply. Quinine remains very dull and flat, and other drugs unchanged. We quote:—Sal Soda 95c. to \$1.00; Bi-Carb Soda \$2.40 to \$2.50; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.70 to \$1.80; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$11 to \$13.00; Borax, refined, 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 36 to 38c.; do. ground, 38 to 40c.; Tartaric Acid crystal 55 to 60c.; do. powder, 60 to 65c.; Citric Acid, 80 to 85c.; Caustic Soda, white, \$2.40 to \$2.60; Sugar of Lead, 9 to 11c. Bleaching Powder, \$2.60 to \$2.75; Alum, \$1.65 to \$1.70; Copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.60 to \$2.75; Roll Sulphur, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Sulphate of Copper, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Epsom Salts, \$1.25 to \$1.40; Saltpetre \$8.75 to \$9.25; American Quinine, 60 to 65c.; German Quinine, 55 to 65c.; Howard's Quinine, 70 to 75c.; Opium, \$5.75 to \$6.25; Morphia, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Gum Arabic sorts, 80 to 90c.; White, \$1 to \$1.25; Carbolic Acid, 55 to 65c.; Iodide Potassium, \$4.25 to 4.50 per lb.; Iodine, \$5.50 to \$6.00; Iodoform \$6.50 to \$7.00. Prices for essential oils are: Oil lemon \$2.00 to \$2.50; oil bergamot \$3.00 to \$3.50; Orange, \$3.50; oil peppermint, \$5.00 to \$5.50; Glycerine 26 to 28c.; Senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English Camphor, 40c. American do. 35c.

DRY GOODS.—Wholesale trade in this line is rather quiet, and travellers will shortly all be home from the sorting trip; remittances are reported by the trade as a whole moderately good. The weather has taken a more wintry turn, and it is to be hoped that retail trade will feel the benefit, and that country stocks, which, according to a good many authorities are unseasonably large—may consequently be well reduced. Elsewhere we give comparative figures of dry goods importations, showing that the imports in this line during the past year were reduced. Prices in cottons are steady.

FURS.—Receipts are still light, and not of prime quality as a rule. Shipping prospects are poor, and prices likely to be affected more or less. The cable announces that the stocks of raw furs to be offered at the January and March sales of the Hudson's Bay Co. will be larger than the average of the last several years, thus confirming our remarks of last week. Advices also from the Continent also say that the tension between Germany and Russia, and the consequent depreciation of Russian securities, together with the illness of the German Emperor and Crown Prince, render the outlook rather unpromising. A large sale of Alaska seal was held in London on the 8th inst., at which large and middling held their own, pups declined 25 per cent. We quote for primeskins:—Beaver, \$3.50 to \$4 per lb.; bear, \$10 to \$14.00; cub do., \$4.00 to \$7.00; fisher, \$5; red fox, \$1.00; cross do., \$2 to \$5; lynx, \$2 to \$3.00; marten, 75c. to \$1.00; mink, \$1.00; fall muskrat 8c., winter muskrat, 12c.; raccoon, 25c., 50c., and 75c.; skunk, 25c., 50c., 75c. and \$1.00.

GROCERIES.—A good business is still doing in this line. Sugars maintain their firmness, nothing can be had in yellows under 5½c. at refinery, granulated 7 to 7½c., Paris lumps 7½c.

Molasses has sold at 35c. for Barbadoes in lots, and from that to 37c. in smaller quantities; Porto Rico 32 to 34c.; Antigua 33c.; syrups almost impossible to get and 42c. asked for lowest grade. There is nothing new in teas since a week ago. Coffees have receded materially in value the last few weeks; we quote Rio 20 to 23c., Java 21 to 25c., Mocha 24 to 28c. In dried fruit there is a good business doing, and for good fruit prices are steady, good sound Valentias are worth 6½ to 7c., some inferior fruit offering lower; currants 6½c. for good Provincials; new dates 6 to 6½. The French prime crop of prunes is a very short one, and fancy prices will prevail this season we quote 7 to 8½c., almost double the usual price; no Turkish yet offered. For Malaga fruit, we quote London layers \$2.75, black baskets \$3.20 to \$3.30, loose \$2.30, selected clusters \$4.50. No Eleme raisins offering as yet. Nothing new in spices, black pepper 16½ to 17½c. as to freedom from dust. In canned goods salmon are worth \$1.50 on the Pacific coast, which means \$1.68 first cost here, but but they are selling at \$1.70 to \$1.75 per doz.; tomatoes \$1.27½ to \$1.35; corn \$1.30 to \$1.35; pas \$1.50; lobsters \$5 to \$5.25 the case; mackerel very scarce, the quality of the catch was so good that it was all sent fresh to market or pickled, and packers threw up most of their contracts.

HIDES.—Receipts of green hides are pretty large, and prices have declined, dealers paying 7, 6 and 5c. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Nor. West dry hides have also come in pretty freely and are easier at 13 to 13½c. Toronto hides have sold at 8½ to 8½c.; calfskins 8c.; lambskins 70 to 75c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Hardware salesmen on the road are sending in fair orders, and heavy metals are still fairly active. Warrants are cabled at 39½; tin has advanced to £139 in London. We revise prices of steel, which are easier all around, owing to keen competition offering by the Londonderry works. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan, \$20.00 to \$20.50; Gartsherrie, \$19.50 to \$20.00; Coltness, \$20.50 to \$21; Shotts, \$19 to \$19.50; Eglington and Dalmellington, \$18.25 to \$18.75; Calder, \$19.75 to \$20.25; Carnbroe, \$19.50; Hematite, \$23 to \$25.00; Siemens, No. 1, \$20 to \$21; Bar Iron, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Best refined \$2.30 to \$2.40; Siemens, \$2.00 to \$2.15; Canada Plates—Blaina, \$2.75; Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, \$5.60 to \$5.75; Charcoal I. C., \$4.20 to \$4.40; do. I. X., \$4.90 to \$5.40; Coke I. C., \$3.75 to \$3.85; 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., \$2.50 to \$2.75; Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.50; Common Sheet Iron, 2.25 to \$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, \$2.70 to \$3.00; Tire, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Sleigh shoe, \$2.40 to \$2.50; Round Machinery Steel, \$3.00 to 0.00; Ingot tin 30c.; Bar Tin, 31 to 32c.; Ingot Copper, 12 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 continue in very moderate demand, we quote Nfld. cod 34 to 35c., Halifax do. 30 to 31c.; steam refined seal 47 to 49c. Linseed 60c. for raw, 63c. for boiled in small lots; turpentine 5c. by single brl.; olive and castor oils as before. Leads firmer at home, but no prospects of any advance here before spring. Glass in light supply and very firm, the usual 5c. a box taken off for lots over fifty boxes being not now allowed. There are 10,000 boxes for this market on steamship "Cremon" which had to put into St. Johns Nfld., with propeller broken, the goods are badly wanted. We quote:—Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only) \$5.50 to \$6.00; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.25. Dry white lead, 5½c.; red do. 4½ to 4½c.; London washed whiting, 50 to 55c. Paris white, \$1.00 to \$1.15; Cookson's Venetian Red, \$1.75; other brands Venetian Red, \$1.50 to \$1.60; Yellow ochre, \$1.50; Spruce ochre, \$2.00 to \$3.00. Glass, \$1.50 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.60 for second break.

WOOL.—A very fair demand exists for domestics, foreign not moving so freely. We quote A supers 26 to 28c.; B. ditto 23 to 24c.; unassorted 22 to 24c.; fleece 24 to 25c.; Cape 14½ to 15c.; Australian 15 to 18c.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, November 24th, 1887.

Local trade has continued to be generally satisfactory through the week. The bank failure of the week preceding has not caused any of the serious calamities which were apprehended from it, both to note-holders, depositors and other banks. Trade has been carried on as usual and, as well as we can judge, satisfactorily. Produce cannot be said to have been very active in consequence of small offerings. Provisions still quiet for small stocks, but with a fair enquiry at generally steady prices. Groceries will probably soon begin to stir for the Christmas trade. Hardware has been fairly active, and leather decidedly dull. In all trades, however, matters seem steady, there being no excitement, or uneasiness apparent. Outside markets have been firm. Both the home and States' markets seem gaining strength on breadstuffs and provisions, and to this strength in them we may attribute a good deal of the steadiness in our own; but it must be remembered that our prices continue a good deal above those across the Lakes.

DRUGS.—No change of consequence has occurred in this line during the week. It is said that quinine is quoted so low as to barely pay manufacture and freight, and that therefore any change must be an advance. Prices as given last week are unaltered.

DRY GOODS.—November is a stock-taking month, and many houses are engaged in this task. The mild weather has interfered with the sale of heavy woollens, but there is a moderate continuous movement of general merchandise. Remittances are pronounced as a rule fair, in some cases unusually good, in a few very disappointing.

FISH.—The only changes in price are that the following are lower in price:—Fresh market cod, 4½c. per lb.; Steak cod, 6c.; and fresh haddock, 5c. per pound. Other quotations are unchanged.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Buyer and seller, after fighting a fortnight on the question which should bear the late advance in freights, seem to have saddled it upon the eastern buyer. At the close, some sales of roller superior were made at equal to \$3.70 to 3.75 here, and of extra at equal to \$3.55, with ordinary superior sold through the week in small lots at about \$3.65. Bran—again in improved demand, scarce and steady; sold on Tuesday at \$13.25 on track. Oatmeal—Cars quiet and almost nominal; small lots sold slowly at \$4.50 to 4.75, the latter for granulated.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There has been no change from last week's decline in price of hides; offerings sufficient and of good quality; cured rather easy with sales at 7½ to 7½c.; Calfskins—Green as before; cured purely nominal and seem expected to continue so for some time longer. Sheepskins—Offered slowly but sufficiently as factories seem not much in need of pulled wool; prices are not yet advanced, the best green standing at 75 to 80c.; and country lots going down to 45 to 60c.

GRAIN.—Offerings small nearly all over. Wheat—Has been in good demand for milling at rather firmer prices but very little offered. No. 2 fall lying outside sold in the latter part of last week at equal to 80c. here, and this week at 82c. Red winter scarce and wanted with buyers at 82 to 83c., the latter for December, spring specially scarce: No. 2 sold last week at 81c. on track. Market closed firm with buyers as before. Oats—Have been in good demand at steady prices; white sold last week and on Monday at 36c. and mixed at 35c. on track, but since then mixed western have brought 36c. and closing scarce but quiet. Barley—Has been rather easier, with buyers somewhat less anxious for purchases even in the face of the near close of navigation. No. 1 scarce, but sold on Monday and at the close for 78c. f.o.c., and cut down No. 1 at 76c.; No. 2 in fair supply and sold fairly well at 73c.; extra No. 3 brought 72c. and No. 3 sold at 68c. f.o.c. last week, but it is doubtful if these latter prices would have been repeated at the close. Peas—In steady demand at a cent advance—sales at 60c. f.o.c., and at equal to that price here for lots lying outside, which prices would have been repeated at close.