OUR QUEBEC LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The mission of Langevin and Caron to Quebec has failed. What that mission was I do not exactly know, but it has failed, lamentably failed, and the two ministers will return to Ottawa discomfited men. There was, as you know, a Cabinet meeting on Friday. All we know about that meeting is that it was a stormy one: that Ross refused to resign: that he would not recommend the Lieutenant-Governor to send for Angers or any outsider: that Lynch and Blanchet offered to surrender their portfolios: that Ross would not accept them: that Langevin failed to carry his point in cajoling or bullying the Premier, and that it was decided to call the House and settle the question of Who is Who in a constitutional way. This is the way our information runs, and I think you will find it pretty near the truth. And, if true, the Province will rejoice. It will rejoice because it has a Premier who will not be forced to act illegally, trickly, and endanger the constitution itself by a violation of its spirit. Now, look at the question this way—Here is a man who has been held up a paragon of political perfection by all his party friends. He has been described as a good man, an honest man, a loyal man, and one whose sense of honor was declared to be keen and touchey. He leads his party to the polls and is beaten, and yet these same men, who rang the welkin with his praises *before* the election, now attempt to treat him with cold ingratitude because he failed to lead his party to success. If it be a higher virtue to *deserve* success than to *command* it, then Premier Ross, according to his friends, has deserved it and those friends should now stand loyally by side. And if they only look at the situation and all its difficulties they cannot but come to the conclusion that the Premier is acting wisely in determining to support the spirit, and as well the letter, of the constitutional practice. Just look at the obstacles the men who wish to override public opinion have to overcome:—

In the first place they must get rid of Premier Ross. Well, let us suppose, for the sake of debate, that they succeed, which I hold is most unlikely. Well, then:—

In the second place they must find another leader. If it is Mathieu, they must give him $40,000; if it is Angers, they must give him as much more. Well, let us suppose that money is no object, and that they succeed in that, too.

In the third place the new premier must form his government. This would be a difficult task also.

In the fourth place the members of the government, if new members, would have to be elected. Here again there would be thorns in the way.

In the fifth place, could this new premier, after overcoming all these difficulties, command a majority in the House? If not, would either Judges Mathieu or Angers leave the bench to become the leader of an Opposition in the Legislature?

And in the sixth place, will Lieutenant-Governor Masson consent to all these schemes and endanger his reputation as a constitutional statesman by lending himself to a course that public opinion cannot but regard as dangerous, illegal, and inimical to the public service? No one here seriously believes that he will. I know that he has said that he will not be forced to act unconstitutionally at the command of Ottawa. He has been heard to say, that come what will, he will act up to the spirit, as well as within the letter of the law and constitutional usages. And I am disposed to believe that Premier Ross and Lieutenant Governor Masson thoroughly understand each other on that point; that they have resolved to stand or fall according to the constitutional practice, and that they will thus earn the esteem of their political opponents, as they have already won the respect of their supporters. This is the complexion of the political situation as we understand it to-day, and it goes to prove that the Premier and the Lieutenant-Governor will not sacrifice "all for the party and nothing for the state."

IRISH FRENCH-CANADIANS.

I was travelling in the county of Nicolet a short time ago. I was going to a place where there is an Irish settlement, or, rather, where the French Canadians and Irish are about equally divided in the parish. As we approached our destination I saw a man on the road, and as I was somewhat shaken by the continued jostling and bumping of the buckboard as it thumped along over the road, I thought I would get down and have a walk, and a chat with the pedestrian who was heading in the same direction as myself. And I was soon broadside with him, and bidding him "Good-day" in French, he half turned his head, and, exhibiting a bright, genial Irish face, he said to me, in a brogue as rich as I ever heard on my native heath, "Good-day, kindly." That phrase struck home, and, coming as it did with all its rich, deep music in its tones, as mellow as ever uttered beneath the shadow of the Gaitees or on the banks of the Barrow or the Ban, I felt its influence with electrical force and complacent self-assurance. There could be no mistake about it. There was the face as Irish as ever beamed on the fervid countenance of a Gallowglass. Of course I felt at home at once, and turning to my newly-found acquaintance I said, "Ah, I see you are, like myself, an Irishman. There are so few of our people in these parts that it is refreshing to meet a son of the sod." And then that Irish face was turned towards me, while with speaking eyes the man in his rich and beautiful brogue said:—"Oh no, sir; indade I am a French Canadian and a good one too at that." "A what," I asked in astonishment, "a French Canadian! But surely your father or your mother must have been Irish, or, in the name of all the saints, where did you get that rich Irish brogue of yours, a brogue which makes me, as an Irishman, lean towards you in national sympathy just as naturally as water runs down hill." And then he said, "Well, you see, sir, I have lived here all my life. I have learned English from my Irish neighbors. They have retained the old accent in all its purity. It has not been contaminated from any outside source. As the Irish settlement here is in a great measure cut off from all other English-speaking people, they speak in the same way now as the day when they left Ireland, and, as a matter of course," he added, "we French-Canadians speak the English as we hear her spoke." And so I found it. In other cases when I reached my destination, for the French-Canadians, with what in music is called "a good ear," spoke English with an accent which I had often heard in Donegal.

CONTESTATION.

The Nationalists and Liberals are going to contest five seats in this electoral district. These five are Bellechasse, Temiscouata, Beauce, County of Quebec and Montmorency. In each constituency it is claimed that there is plenty of evidence to unseat the sitting member. As for the County of Quebec, there cannot be a doubt about the result. Casgrain will be unseated and probably disqualified, and it will be shown that $25,000 or $30,000 were spent in debauching and corrupting the constituency. I will give you one instance that came under my notice in that county. There is an English speaking settlement named Valcartier about eighteen miles from the city of Quebec. At the last election, during the polling hours, a man went into the room in which he was to mark his ballot, after doing which, instead of putting the ballot paper into the box, he went to the door and, in the presence of twenty or thirty men, said "Now, there is my ballot, and I will not put it in the box until I am paid what was promised me." While saying this he addressed a Tory agent by name, and I only give you the incident, as one in a hundred, to prove that corruption was ripe and money plenty among the Tories. You may depend upon it that the contestations are far more likely to be in favor of the opposition than in favor of the Government, and this fact time will prove.

AFRAID TO OFFEND THEIR CHIEFS.

Personally, no doubt, Curran, Bergin, McGreevy, and the rest of the Irish Tory M.P.'s, are in favor of Home Rule for Ireland. That is, if they were not tied neck and crop to their party they would do their duty on the Home Rule question like other men. On that point I do not believe there is room to differ. But it becomes another matter when their chief orders them to close-haul on the question. It becomes a horse of another color when Sir John the Trickster says:—"Now, trim your sails, and, without declaring yourselves hostile to Home Rule, you can vote so as not to offend my Orange supporters." Party first; Ireland afterwards. That is the way the Tory Irish "Home Rule" M. P.'s voted. There can be no mistake about it. Curran did it, and he will be remembered in Montreal. Bergin did it, and he will be remembered in Cornwall. McGreevy did it, and he will be remembered in Quebec. They may subscribe to the National League if they like; they may talk and talk and talk until they are black in the face; but the mask has fallen, and they should sink out of sight, as Mitchel Henry and O'Connor Power have sunk before them in the Old Land. I know that in Quebec West McGreevy's sun has set. The Irishmen who are Tory politicians above all things will support him on public grounds. He will buy others; the influence of the Government will get him a few more; but the independent Irishman, the man who is free to do as he pleases, will give his vote to turn the traitor out. The Irishmen who prefers his political Tory chief to the Irish cause should, and, I believe will be, by Irishmen be voted into political oblivion. Every Irishman who is free to do as he pleases, and who reads the Irish Canadian papers—POST, TRUE WITNESS, *Kingston Freeman*, *Irish Canadian*, *Tribune*, *London Record*, or any other Irish Catholic paper in Canada, is today for Blake, the champion of Home Rule and the enemy of its enemies, the Tory Orangemen of the Dominion. That is just as sure as God made little apples, and the Tory Irish "Home Rulers" may put that in their pipes and smoke it.

MONTGOMERY.

A GREAT REMEDY FOR CATARRH.

In another column of this paper will be found an advertisement of a Catarrh remedy, of which a sample is sent free to any sufferer of this terrible scourge. B. S. LAUDERBACH & Co., the proprietors, are a responsible firm, and those who write them will receive prompt attention and square dealing.

A GOVERNMENT'S DEFICIT

ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S ORGAN ITSELF.

The *Gazette* this morning makes the following official statement:—

The statement of revenue and expenditure for the fiscal year ended 30th June on account of the Consolidated fund, will appear in to-day's *Official Gazette*, and will show as follows:

Revenue	$34,311,420
Expenditure	39,176,973
Deficit	5,864,553

The revenue shows an increase of $847,442 over last fiscal year, but falls about one million short of what it was estimated to be, the shortage being accounted for, partly by the shrinkage in the value of goods imported and partly by the falling off in excise, caused by the large withdrawals from bond early in 1885 in anticipation of an increase in duties. These two causes account for the revenue not reaching the figures anticipated by the Finance Minister in making his budget speech. It ascribes the increase in the expenditure to the North-West rebellion, and while admitting that the deficit is the largest Canada has ever had claims that the National Policy period as a whole shows a surplus of nine millions.

THE "NOBLE FOREHEAD" FALLACY.

It is popularly supposed that the high forehead is essential to a good brain, and intellectual superiority is usually associated with the conception of a "two-storied brow." Dr. Wm. H. Mays ably combats this idea in the *Western Lancet*. He says: "The size of the forehead depends much on the line of growth of hair that limits it. A man may have what is called a low forehead; but if the hair could be removed to the height of four or five inches, the same individual would present a fine specimen of the traditional 'noble forehead' as could be wished, a perfect 'dome of thought,' particularly if the frontal sinuses happened to be large or protuberant. Again, a low forehead has ever been held as a sign of beauty in woman, and has certainly never been regarded as an impeachment of her mental capacity. The truth is, the front part of the brain has very little to do with the intellectual process. It is the posterior lobes of the brain with which the higher faculties of the mind are associated. Gower assigns to the frontal lobes, excepting their lower and hinder portions, a negative position as regards physical importance. Only man possesses posterior or occipital lobes; they are the latest achievements in the long line of cerebral development. In the higher apes they may be found in a very rudimentary condition; the lower mammals possess frontal or anterior lobes only. In the lower savages, and in congenial idiots, the occipital lobes are often ill developed, approaching the brute type, giving a flattened appearance to the back of the head. In the Stockton Asylum are several interesting idiots, some of whom while possessing quite respectable foreheads, show a striking deficiency of back head. The neck and back of the head are in one line, and it is worth remarking what a *foolish* appearance such a contour gives an individual. When you see a lack of rounded sweep or projection of the back of the head above the neck, you will find with it a low order of intellect. The idea that a high forehead is, taken alone, the index of mental superiority is as baseless as any of the exploded propositions of phrenology, with which pseudo-science it deserves to be classed.

A BIG CLAIM.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—A suit has been brought against Mayor Grace by Julion Davis, the Receiver of Grant and Ward's estate, to recover $150,000, which the receiver says the books show Mayor Grace obtained through fictitious contract transactions he had with Ferdinand Ward.

CURÉ LABELLE'S LOTTERY.

The following is a list of the final drawing in the first and second series:—

FIRST SERIES.

85411,	80824,	63294,	90501,	94859,
85599,	18256,	89531,	45089,	30068,
65338,	52529,	64788,	32237,	11110,
45614,	84357,	15972,	8889,	67625,
6246,	50353,	76292,	71617,	22556,
46347,	41737,	57407,	74670,	37202,
29903,	86846,	26497,	16839,	19859,
4513,	40867,	20071,	57731,	85345,
56500,	69431,	34886,	40553,	79343,
20398,	89864,	59403,	29901,	36523,
49755,	4 122,	70468,	86415,	45186,
91679,	29854,	80385,	64604,	14502,
30922,	88489,	26867,	4314,	45421,
21078,	53349,	76758,	5697,	13995,
61645,	16280,	34435,	54132,	54239,
58979,	35798,	74005,	86852,	35240,
76683,	57644,	77973,	7433,	32796,
68083,	67776,	87755,	9963,	84423,
99904,	45922,	62452,	58136,	84429,
53410,	13111,	24767,	29102,	59738,
7826,	65333,	31220,	11915,	35734,
83480,	18382,	54172,	9561,	99891,
31978,	19679,	49920,	15261,	47503,
17669,	74408,	86256,	11234,	38167,
25988,	13154,	34679,	58722,	27886,
89965,	724,	76701,	10522,	34830,
78574,	65729,	59614,	57148,	56385,
289,	74893,	77588,	3902,	74083,
98425,	20700,	14851,	26789,	98110,
49845,	23841,	82692,	17435,	78546,
22405,	57597,	96261,	7525,	71,
85909,	14515,	85876,	21465,	14030,
36540,	22382,	37047,	18004,	97569,
26890,	97238,	47566,	17188,	82284,
57664,	90169,	26439,	32947,	50574,
14957,	30027,	7532,	26194,	75704,
84050,	69177,	95530,	34707,	8277,
24954,	54895,	17450,	81006,	12622,
47927,	87050,	810,	34189,	45831,
14922,	35529,	64480,	75248,	12460,
49693,	63262,	88446,	7698,	21757,
10127,	85228,	16055,	83681,	42466,
23728,	90536,	35347,	63228,	51150,
67461,	69206,	23575,	50210,	98840,
76082,	6629,	54927,	49097,	78303,
59705,	90425,	53537,	61748,	67556,
81939,	56206,	15297,	53022,	67720,
92017,	91856,	93767,	90175,	15695,
55582,	92182,	7021,	58605,	26299,
1931,	91496,	56466.		
12137,	93057,	60711,	99850,	68066,
79534,	84647,	40694,	99765,	36892,
71876,	38271,	60708,	87783,	13648,
34259,	8744,	77195,	6443,	35500,
48777,	58825,	19441,	84482,	19053,
74461,	89517,	28626,	97411,	61384,
57151,	36850,	50279,	66205,	1140,
34959,	71993,	51588,	59609,	68051,
35975,	54695,	94552,	20483,	50187,
21539,	84584,	48061,	85703,	86019,
21820,	18384,	99426,	30453,	99540.
65919,	69708,	12046,	63567,	68962,
88509,	62226,	40202,	29213,	54580,
43800,	69067,	85402,	13217,	40711,
56248,	95192,	52954,	22012,	81868,
78278,	43271,	48577,	1882,	25691,
30575,	49120,	5591,	10428,	87902,
90851,	5256,	36261,	92000,	66736,
3218,	83179,	17293,	16069,	47625,
41270,	46682,	13527,	71553,	81349,
80743,	15169,	57131,	95491,	27550,
34116,	1985,	64451,	96573,	44466.
14879,	46146,	5832,	49238,	15495.
5752,	36764,	91330,	13062,	20386,
90923,	78475,	28458,	45523,	70643,
53828,	39396,	10668,	34449,	41502,
92856,	54188,	85835,	65716,	40137,
82982,	92392,	70033,	67328,	66236,
48142,	61092,	73852,	96155,	78002,
26961,	8005,	85812,	46188,	73230.
43992,	61386,	74993,	25296,	65245,
38565,	67586,	60158,	39974,	72820,
30275,	28629,	32301,	22957,	21544.
92140,	91573,	71317,	23514,	75226.
9902,	38738,	22971,	94388,	98843.
78852,	76442,	47079,	682,	14488,
20766,	47826,	35223,	5417,	72228,
14639,	24529,	72510,	15937,	12906,
5181,	66158,	44795,	75731,	26870,
38368,	92431,	71671,	74529,	91971,
19003,	24358,	77619,	41540,	58721,
95648,	88461,	56765,	35440,	60185,
12146,	14410,	23986,	16299,	72384,
54819,	90035,	75946,	16517,	61902,
2620,	29997,	7044,	67382,	63083,
74680,	59429,	18730,	8247,	59672,
84643,	26272,	94250,	22876,	71615.
53372,	46136,	32206,	7909,	25189,
20368,	92820,	90199,	31104,	40252.
54609,	26340,	39450,	13795,	9403,
88516,	26925,	82759,	29819,	49944,
23693,	5442,	26938,	68938,	90301,
47339,	83571,	50945,	20788,	23008,
60981,	12840,	18229,	62626,	78132,
78356,	89472,	90591,	58035,	88452,
7023,	63856,	10311,	485,	63879,
10540,	61805,	90487,	53672,	92529,
68132,	47957,	71616,	75847,	71613,
51207,	36031,	95613,	6903,	95474,
50446,	10243,	79186.		

SECOND SERIES.

47962,	15317,	37973,	76181,	25345,
13745,	77704,	77704,	517,	98517,
365,	96508,	47446,	84633,	18200,
22799,	49686,	44968,	45736.	43686,
61629,	25491,	86877,	94156,	83584,
85728,	2800,	48119,	56187,	20834,
90185,	80166,	87542,	70219,	13083,
30690,	2952,	35402,	79487,	87961,
25225,	7219,	453,	6784.	29516,
92558,	66125,	38478,	90810,	18712,
19438,	91558,	50661,	25734,	15882,
67777,	3883,	48353,	75560,	95058,
34322,	26062,	83216,	26005,	83370,
14870,	3707,	24998,	2132,	33087,
68763,	78130,	32118,	6561,	36537,
52522,	31691,	25701.		

At the conclusion of the drawing, Father Labelle announced that, although less than half the tickets issued had been sold, he had decided to pay the prizes in full. However, at future lotteries he had decided that there should be only one grand drawing, all the prizes being put up at once. The next drawing would take place about the 20th April.

COMMERCE.

Weekly Review of Montreal Wholesale Markets.

Business apparently is of a healthy character. Grocery orders have fallen off slightly, but dry goods dealers are satisfied with the amount of business doing, which is better than previous years. The movement in iron and metals is fair. Remittances are fair.

FLOUR, GRAIN, &c.

FLOUR.—The past week has been a quiet one as far as spot business is concerned, although a pretty fair movement has been going on in through shipments to Eastern points. Sales have taken place in Superior at $2.90 to $3 95 as to quality. Extras have changed hands at $3.75, but there is very little of that grade offering. Spring Extras are offered at $3.55, with sales at $3.50. We quote: Patents, Hungarian per brl, $5.00 to $5.50; do American do, $5.25 to $5.50; do Ontario do, $5.00 to $5.45; Strong Bakers' (American), $4 25 to $4.55; Strong Bakers' (Manitoban), $4.10 to $4.35; Strong Bakers' (Canada), $4.00 to $4 20; Superior Extra, $3.85 to $3.95; do choice, $4.00 to $4.10; Extra Superfine, $3 75 to $3 90; Fancy, $3.60 to $3.00; Spring Extra, $3.55 to $3.60; Superfine, $3 00 to $3.15; Fine, $2.65 to $2 75; Middlings, $2 20 to $2.25; Pollards, $0 00 to $0.00; Ontario bags (strong b.i., $1.90 to $1.95; do (spring extra), $1.65 to $1.75; do (superfine), $1.50 to $1.55; City bags (delivered), $2.20 to $0.00.

OATMEAL, &c.—The market remains quiet. For car lots, ordinary oatmeal may be quoted at $3.90 to $4.50 per bbl, jobbing lots bringing from $4 10 to $4.25. Granulated is quiet at $4.30 to $4.50. In bags, we quote $2.00 to $2 10 for ordinary, and $2.15 to $2.25 for granulated. Moullie is very quiet, and prices range from $20 to $23 per ton. Cornmeal $2 45 to $2.75 per brl.

BRAN.—There is no material change, sales having been made at $12 to $12.50. In one or two instances the inside figure has been shaded for Western stuff. Small quantities are quoted higher. Shorts, $13 to $15.50 per ton.

WHEAT.—There has been some business lately for export account, the sale being reported of 100,000 bushels of No. 1 hard Duluth at 86c, but more is now asked. No. 1 Manitoba hard is quoted at 87c to 88c, although some ask more money. We quote:—Canada red and white winter wheat 81c to 83c, and spring wheat 80c to 82c; No. 1 Duluth 87c to 88c, and No. 1 Manitoba hard 87c to 88c.

CORN.—There is no business worth quoting on spot, and prices are nominal at 48c to 49c in bond.

PEAS.—Sales have been made at 65c per 66 lbs afloat.

OATS.—Sales during the past week have been made at 28 to 28½c per 33 lbs afloat. In car lots, 1 to 1½c lower.

BARLEY.—The market is by no means brisk, although a few cars have been placed at 58 to 62c per bushel for fair to fine malting grades. Feeding descriptions 50c.

RYE.—Prices are purely nominal.

BUCKWHEAT.—There is still an absence of demand, and prices are depressed at 40 to 42c per 48 lbs.

MALT.—Sales have been made at 72 to 75c for Ontario, and at 90 to 93c for No. 1 Montreal.

SEEDS.—We quote timothy $2.25 to $2.40 per bushel. Clover is quiet and nominally quoted at $6.50 per bushel, Alsike $7 and flaxseed $1.25 to $1.30.

HAY AND STRAW.—Sales of loose hay have been made at $12 to $12 50, which is about $1 higher than a week ago. Medium to fair qualities have sold at $9 50 to $11 50 per 100 bundles. Pressed hay is also firmer and quoted at $11.50 to $13.50 per ton as to quality. Straw is quiet but firm at $4 50 to $6 50 per 100 bundles.

PROVISIONS, &c.

PORK, LARD, &c.—Mess pork sales of the past week have footed up a fair aggregate. Prices have been shaded in some instances. Lard is quiet, with last sales at 9½c in pails. Canadian is unchanged at 9c. In smoked meats there has been a little more doing at within quotations. Tallow still remains very low. We quote:—Montreal short cut pork per brl, $00 to 00; Chicago short cut clear per brl, $15 00 to 15 25; Mess pork, Western, per brl, $13 00 to 13 25; India mess beef, per tce, $20 00 to 22 00; Mess beef, per brl, $12 00 to 00 00; Hams, city cured per lb, 12½c to 13c; Hams, canvassed, 00c to 00c; Hams and flanks, green, per lb, $00 00 to 00 00; Lard, Western, in pails, per lb, 9½c to 9¾c; Lard, Canadian, in pails, per lb. 9c to 00c; Bacon, per lb, 10½c to 11½c; Shoulders, per lb., 0.00 to 0.00; Tallow, common refined, per lb, 4¾c to 5¼c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

EGGS.—Sales have been made as low as 17c during the week, but the quality was not fine. Good to strictly fresh in barrels and cases are quoted at 18c to 20c.

BEANS.—Very little can be reported either in way of new prices or new business, quotations ranging from $1.10 to $1.25 per bushel.

HONEY.—There is a fair inquiry, and the supply is fully equal to it, sales of choice Ontario white clover in cans selling at 9½c to 11c as to quality. In comb there have been sales at 12c to 15c as to quality. Imitation honey is quoted at 8c.

HOPS.—Sales of choice Eastern Townships have transpired at 20c, and we quote 15c to 20c as to quality.

POTATOES—The market remains quiet but steady at 60c to 65c in car lots, and 75c in jobbing lots.

GAME—A few venison saddles have been sold at 8c to 10c, and carcasses at 7c to 7½c. Partridges have been disposed of at 20c to 40c per trace as to quality.

ONIONS—Further sales of Canadian onions are reported at $2.50 per bbl. for red and yellow. Sales of 1000 crates of Spanish onions have been made at $1.25 per crate.

ASHES—First pots have been sold at $3.70 to $3.80 per 100 lbs, being about the ruling figures a week ago.

GENERAL MARKETS.

FISH.—Under a fair enquiry the price of green cod is firm at $4 to $4.25; Dry cod is also steady at $2 80 to $3.00 per quintal. Labrador herings are quiet but steady at $5.50 to $5.75 per brl, and Cape Breton are quoted at about the same figures. Salmon remains firm at $16 to $17 per brl for Newfoundland, and at $14 to $15 for British Columbia.

FISH OIL—The strength in the market for seal oil has increased since our last report with sales of round lots at 50c, showing a further advance, and some holders are asking 52c. In cod oil, pure Newfoundland is firm and quoted at 42c to 43c and Halifax at 35c to 37½c. Cod liver oil ranges from 50c to 70c as to quality.

OYSTERS—There is a good demand, and as stocks are not excessive prices are steady with sales reported at from $2.50 to $4.00 as to quality.

STEAM COAL—The market is very firm, the late advance being well maintained. We quote Cape Breton $3.75. Pictou, $4 to $4 25, and Scotch at $4 50 to $4 75.

FURS—Receipts of raw have been freer and the quality has improved. Prime skins are commanding high prices. We quote:—Beaver $3 50 to $4; bear $12 to $14; cub do $5 to $6; fisher $5 to $6; fox, red, $1 to $1.10; lynx $3 00 to $4.00; marten $1 to $1.25; mink 75c to $1; muskrat 10c; raccoon 50 to 60c; skunk 40c to $1 as to quality; otter $8 to $10.

GROCERIES.—Country orders are now coming in freely. Payments are satisfactory. Sugars continue easy at last week's figures. Molasses are firm at 33c for ordinary lots of Barbadoes; Trinidad 28c; syrups in good demand, but the supply limited. Teas of finer grade rather quiet; Japans from 16c to 19c are in good demand; there are no changes in values. Dried fruits are moving freely; Valencia raisins range from 5½c for ordinary fruit to 7c for good; no Elemes in the market yet; currants 5½c to 7c as to quality; Malaga fruit as quoted last week; prunes are low, French being quoted at 4c to 4½c, Turkish 5c; figs in good demand. Spices as before. Rice steady at $3.25 to $3.35 for T. & B. qualities; Patna scarce at 4c to 5½c. Coffee rather quiet, Mocha 22c to 25c; O. G. Java 16c to 22c; Rio 9½c to 11c; Jamaica 10c to 11c.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—Leather values are pretty steady, as there is no accumulation of stock in any line unless it be cheap splits. Some of the larger shoe houses are preparing for stock-taking, so that the month will likely rule quiet. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 24c to 26c; do, No. 2, B. A. 20c to 23c; No. 1 Ordinary Spanish, 23c to 24c; No. 2 do, 20c to 22c; No. 1 China, 22c to 23c; No. 2, 21c to 22c; do, Buffalo Sole, No. 1, 21 to 22c; do, No. 2, 19½c to 21c; Hemlock Slaughter, No. 1, 26c to 27c; oak sole, 45c to 50c; Waxed Upper, light and medium, 33c to 39c; ditto, heavy, 32c to 36c; Grained, 34c to 37c; Scotch grained, 36c to 42c; Splits, large, 22c to 28c; ditto, small, 16c to 24c; Calf-splits, 28c to 32c; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70c to 80c; Imitation French Calfskins, 80c to 85c; Russet Sheepskin Linings, 30c to 40c; Harness, 24c to 33c; Buffed Cow, 13c to 16c; Pebbled Cow, 12c to 15½c; Rough, 13c to 28c; Russet and Bridle, 54c to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The movement in these lines is not so brisk, still there is a fair amount of business doing. Local prices are hardly altered in any particular from those of a week ago. We quote:—Summerlee, $17.50 to $18.00; Gartsherrie, $17.50 to $18; Langloan and Coltness, $17.50 to $18.00; Shotts, $17.50 to $18.00; Eglinton and Dalmellington, $15.00 to $16.50; Calder, $17 to $17.50; Carnbroe, $16.50 to $17.00; Hematite, $20.00; Siemens, No. 1, $17.50; Bar Iron, $1.60 to $1.65; Best Refined, $1.85; Siemens Bar, $2.10; Canada Plates, Blaina, $2 30 to $2 35; Penn and Pontpool, $2.50. Tin Plates, Bradley Charcoal, $5.75 to $6.00; Charcoal I.C., $4.25 to $4.75; do I.X., $5 50 to $6.00; Coke I.C., $3.75 to $4.00; 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, $2.00; Boiler plate, per 100 lbs, $2 25; Staffordshire, $2.25 to $2.50; Common sheet iron, $2.00 to $2.10; 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 to $6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 13c firm; spring, $2.75 to $3.00; tire, $2.54 to $2.75; sleigh shoe, $2.00 to $2.25; round machinery steel, 3 to 3½c per lb.; Ingot tin, 25c to 26c; bar tin, 27c to 28c; ingot copper, 12 to 13c; sheet zinc, $4.25 to $5.00; spelter, $4.00 to $4.25; bright iron wire, Nos. 0 to 8, $2.40 per 100 lbs.

SALT.—The usual volume of trade at this season prevails at steady prices. We quote coarse elevens, 49c to 52c; for twelves 47c to 49c; factory filled $1.15 to $1.20; Eureka and Ashton's $2.40; Rice's pure dairy $2; rock salt $10 a ton; Turk's Island 30c a bushel.

WOOL.—There is a fair demand for the season, and values continue firm. Stocks of all grades are light, and no further cargoes are expected till January. We quote:—Cape 18c to 21c; Australian none; A super 28c to 29c; B super 23c to 24c; unassorted 21c to 23c; fleece, 23c to 25c.

FRUIT, &c.

APPLES.—There is very little life in the market, and apart from a few sales on Lower Ports account, there is not much doing in the way of spot business. Amongst the sales reported in this market of winter fruit are 2 cars at $2.00, 2 cars at $2.05, 2 cars at $2 10, 1 car at $2 15 and 2 cars of choice selected fruit at $2.25. The sale was also reported of a car of medium winter assortments at $1.85.

EVAPORATED APPLES.—Sales amounting to 1000 boxes are reported on p.t and re-sales at 9c. Dried apples quiet at 3c to 5c, as to quality and quantity.

PEARS.—Sales of a few of the last of the season are reported at 75c per basket. Bbls are quoted at $3.00 to $7.50 as to quality.

GRAPES—Almeria grapes continue to sell at very low prices, sales being made at $4 to $4 25 per keg. Concord 5c to 6c per lb, red and white sell at 6c to 10c.

CRANBERRIES.—The prospects are that prices will rule very low during the coming season, owing to the large crop of Eastern, Cape Cod and Wisconsin berries. Prices rule here from $6 to $8 per bbl.

ORANGES.—Apart from a few sales of Brazilian and Jamaica there is very little doing. Quotations range from $3 50 to $4 50 for Brazils in boxes, and $7 to $8 50 for Jamaica in bbls.

LEMONS.—The market is quiet with a few sales of Malaga reported at $3 75 to $4 per box, and at $8 to $8 50 half chests.

COCOANUTS.—There is no material change in this market, prices being firm at $6 50 to $6 75 per 100.

TORONTO WHOLESALE MARKETS.

A moderate amount of business is being done. Grocers seem satisfied with the orders while remittances are considered fair.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—During the past few days the orders received at the warehouses have been mostly for rubbers and overshoes and all hands have been needed in their despatch. Early next week travellers will start out with spring samples; this, in some cases, is three weeks ahead of last season.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—No improvement is is discernable in the flour trade. Superfine is held at $3 45 to $3 50; extra, $3 35 to $3 40, and spring wheat extra $3 05 to $3 10. There is no superfine offering and our quotation of $3 is nominal. Oatmeal meets with a fair enquiry at $3 60 to $3 65; cornmeal has changed hands at $2 90 to $3. Bran is dearer, say $11.

GRAIN.—The market for wheat shows signs of weakness, and prices of are shade easier. There seems to be very little wheat moving, the purchasers being, for the most, local millers. We quote for No. 1 fall 76c to 77c; No. 2, 75c to 75½c; and No. 3, 71c to 72c. The same figures apply to spring wheat. Sales of barley have been quite plentiful, but as the closing of navigation approaches the price shows sign. of lowering. For No. 1 bright, we quote 62c to 63c; No. 1, 59c to 60c; No. 2, 55c to 56c; No. 3, extra, 51c to 52c, No. 3, 45c to 47c. We hear of no transactions in peas. Oats are in good demand at 31c, with moderate receipts.

GROCERIES.—With some houses trade is much quieter than a week or so ago; others report a fairly brisk movement. Filatra currants in cases are reported at 6½c, in barrels, 6½c. Teas are enquired for to a fair amount. Purchases of sugars may be made at figures which ruled last week. Molasses is also scarce, and is held at 26c to 28c. A brisk demand is reported for all descriptions of canned goods.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Since our last very full report of this market nothing of marked importance has shown itself. Stocks here are pretty well reduced and supplies coming forward will be dearer owing to higher rates of freight, which show an advance of five shillings per ton over and above ordinary rates.

HIDES AND SKINS.—A rather uneasy feeling pervades this department of trade, consequent upon the recent heavy failures in Montreal. Apart from this the business being done in hides is fairly good, stocks being light. There is the usual supply of sheepskins at this season, and an active enquiry at unchanged prices, say 80 to 85c for best. Tallow continues dull and neglected.

WOOL.—This market is but slightly altered from a week ago. Prices are well maintained and factorymen are buying fairly good parcels of most grades. There is no southdown in the market. Last week's prices still rule.

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