Drug Report.

Trade for July has been very fair. At this season, owing to farmers being busy and so many in the city away from home, a quiet trade is being done.

ALCOHOL. The advance in the price of this article has been quite a topic of conversation among the drug trade, which is no wonder as its advance affects so many articles handled by them. It is hoped some arrangement can be made with the Government in regard to spirit used in manufacturing tinctures, &c., but on account of so much liquor being sold illegally by some druggists this is hardly likely, for as is usual the majority have to suffer for the minority. A druggists' distillery is under discussion at present. Our American friends also have to pay 2c. per gallon advance, with the likelihood of a still further rise owing to an advance in grain.

JALAP ROOF scarce, some poor samples offered. Cuttle fishbone, higher.

QUININE It is predicted this article is as low as it will be this year. There is no doubt it is a dling at less than cost of production.

NITRALE OF SHAVER—has again advanced. Tartaric acid, firm v. Shellac, higher prices probable.

Heavy chemicals, especially English ones, will soon see higher prices, as a

combination is about formed with a capital of \$40,000,000.

Opium, owing to short crop, will likely be higher.

The Journal of Commerce says: A private cable says that a combine has been formed in chemicals in the north of England and that prices in the bleaching powder market are already showing considerable advances. Soda crystals, soda ash, and caustic soda are leading the boom. Foreign buyers are doubtful at present about the reality of the advance, but prices will probably go up with a bound when the continental requirements compel them to buy.

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