

of pearl ashes will not soon be numbered among the "lost arts," as far as Canada is concerned, at least.

DRY GOODS.—Wholesale trade is not more than moderately active. Some houses whose travellers have been out on the sorting trip some little time say that with the opening of the present week orders have begun to come in more freely, though generally of medium compass; others, whose travellers only left last week, find business slow. Retail trade in the city does not pick up very fast, the open, mild weather not being favorable to a rapid sale of fall stocks. Values in all lines are well maintained, though some dealers would seem to anticipate some relaxation in the prices of cotton bags and gingham. Payments are still complained of as being very slow.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The trade report a steady jobbing distribution going on in most lines. Prices do not show much change. Quinine remains very flat indeed, bichromate of potash is dearer, cream tartar scarce and firmer, gum arabic and glycerine are also higher slightly. We quote:—Sal Soda 85 to 90c.; Bi-Carb Soda \$2.40 to \$2.50; Soda Ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to \$1.75; Bichromate of Potash, per 100 lbs., \$11 to \$13.00; Borax, refined, 10c.; Cream Tartar crystals, 34 to 36c.; do. ground, 36 to 38c.; 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, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Alum, \$1.60 to \$1.65; Copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; Flowers Sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.50 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, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Glycerine 26 to 28c.; Senna, 15 to 25c. for ordinary. English Camphor, 40c. American do. 35c.

FISH.—Business is pretty good, Labrador herrings selling freely at \$4.75 to 5.00 in fair lots, Cape Bretons dearer at \$5.75 to 6.00; dry cod \$4.25 to \$4.50; green cod about \$4.75. North Shore salmon, No. 1, \$16; No. 2, \$14.50; No. 3, \$13.

HIDES.—A better demand is reported, tanners buying more freely though not largely as a rule. Green hides are in good supply at 7½c. for No. 1, cured 8½c. Toronto and Hamilton hides sell at 8½ to 8¾c.; calfskins dull at 8c.; sheepskins 60 to 65c.

FURS.—Some few small lots of early caught skins have already come in, principally otter, skunk, mink, bear and muskrat, and proved utterly worthless, no dealer being willing to buy them at any price. This serves to emphasize our remarks on this head several weeks

ago. There will be a fair demand for beaver to meet the wants of our local trade and prices of this fur are rather firmer. We quote for prime skins:—Beaver, \$3.50 to \$4.00 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, \$1.00; mink, \$1.00; spring muskrat, 12½c.; raccoon, 25c., 50c., and 75c.; skunk, 25c., 50c., and 75c.

GROCERIES.—Orders continue to come in freely, and payments in this line are seemingly better than in some other branches of trade. A leading house reports the business for the nine months of '87 as aggregating more than the total for the twelve months of '86, but this can hardly be taken as the general experience. There is a good demand for teas, as people are evidently realizing that they may pay bigger prices later. Japans are relatively 5 to 10 per cent. cheaper here than at place of growth, and the New York market is on a higher level than ours. Blacks from elevenpence upwards are a penny to twopence higher in England, and greens are fully 10 per cent. higher than a few weeks ago. Sugars maintain steadiness; granulated is 6½c. at refinery; yellows range from 5½ to 6¾c. Molasses rather easier, probably due to the advent of some outside lots on the market, and Barbadoes could be bought at 35c.; syrups very hard to get, lowest grades are worth 40c., ranging up to 55c. for best. The "Avlona," direct steamer from the Mediterranean, is reported with a full cargo of fruit. Valencia raisins quote at 7½ to 8c. in a jobbing way, 7 to 7½c. in round lots. Advices from Denia are conflicting but there is no doubt the tendency of the market there is downwards. Currants 6½ to 7½c.; old stocks of Sultanias cleared out, and no new in the market; prunes a short crop in France and going to be higher. Rice unchanged but stocks low, and the milling folks will likely have to import to supply customers. In spices black pepper is higher at 18 to 19c., cloves, mace and nutmegs all steady. The western syndicate endeavoring to control the tomato output, has, it is stated, bought up 17,000 cases here; we quote \$1.25 to \$1.30 a doz.; salmon very scarce and \$1.70 \$1.75 asked; lobsters \$4.80 to \$5.25 as to quality, sardines 9 to 11c.

LEATHER AND SHOES.—The shoe trade is quiet; fall orders have slackened off earlier than usual this year, and it is not expected that there will be any amount of sorting business. Travellers are out with spring samples. Business in leather is also of only moderate volume, and there is a fulness of stocks, especially in splits, but as the market in England shows signs of improvement, shipments are likely to increase, and thereby relieve the local market to some extent. 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 32 to 35c.; Grained 34 to 37c.; Scotch grained 36 to 42c.; Splits large 20 to 27c.; do. small 16 to 20c.; Calf splits, 32 to 33c.; Calfskins, (35 to 46 lbs.), 70 to 80c.; Imitation French Calf skins 80 to 85c.; Russet Sheepskins Linings, 30 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.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—A fair business doing in these lines at steady prices; pig iron is, if anything, inclined to be firmer as the season advances. At home warrants are lower at 40/6d., but makers' prices show no change. Canada plates are very firm; bar iron rather weaker, with round lots being sold at cut prices. We quote:—Summerlee and Langloan, \$20.00 to \$20.50; Gartsherrie, \$19.50 to \$20; Coltness, \$20.50 to \$21; Shotts, \$19 to \$19.50; Eglinton and Dalmellington, \$18.25 to 18.75; Cal-

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