

been retained and added to, although exceptions are made in some of the larger eastern manufacturing centres."

Dunn's commercial report is not so favorable, and speaks of a tendency to reduce wages of labor as follows: "During the past week dispatches have told of reductions averaging 13 per cent in fifteen iron and steel works, and averaging 15½ per cent in eleven textile works, five employing thousands of hands, each having reduced wages 20 per cent. Meanwhile twenty-five textile and eleven iron and steel concerns resumed, wholly or in part, against seventeen textile and four iron concerns stopping or reducing force. The volume of business done has increased in leading branches, but not largely. Cotton has fallen ½c, as receipts continue much larger than a year ago, and the demand for consumption is narrow. Lard and coffee are lower, but oil was advanced a cent with large trading. Failures for the week have been 407 in the United States, against 290 last year, and 46 in Canada, against 42 last year."

Winnipeg Markets.

[All quotations, unless otherwise specified, are wholesale for such quantities as are usually taken by retail dealers, and are subject to the usual reduction on large quantities and to cash discounts.]

DRUGS—Following prices are for parcels, and will be shaded for full package orders:—Alum, per pound, 3½ to 4½c; alcohol, \$4.75; bleaching powder, per pound, 6 to 8c; blue vitrol, 5 to 8c; borax, 11 to 13c; bromide potash, 55 to 75c; camphor, 75 to 85c; camphor ounces, 80 to 90c; carbolic acid, 40 to 65c; castor oil, 11 to 15c; chlorate potash, 23 to 35c; citric acid, 60 to 75c; copperas, 3½ to 4c; cocaine, per oz. \$3.50 to \$9.00; cream tartar, per pound, 28 to 35c; cloves, 20 to 25c; epsom salts, 3½ to 4c; extract logwood, bulk, 14 to 18c; do., boxes, 18 to 20c; German quinine, 35 to 40c; glycerine, per pound, 20 to 25c; ginger, Jamaica, 25 to 40c; do., African, 20 to 25c; Howard's quinine, per ounce, 50 to 60c; iodine, \$5.50 to 6.00; insect powder, 35 to 40c; morphia sul., \$1.90 to 2.25; Opium, \$4.50 to 5.00; oil, olive, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, U. S. salad, \$1.25 to 1.40; oil, lemon, super, \$2.75 to 3.30; oil, peppermint, \$4.00 to 4.50; oxalic acid, 13 to 16c; potash iodide, \$4.25 to 4.50; saltpetre, 10 to 12c; sal rochelle, 30 to 35c; shellac, 45 to 50c; sulphur flowers, 35 to 5c; sulphur roll, per keg, 3½ to 5c; soda bicarb., per keg of 112 lbs, \$3.75 to 4.25; sal soda, \$2.00 to 3.00; tartaric acid, per lb, 45 to 55c.

DRY GOODS—The expected revision of the tariff is perhaps the most interesting feature in the trade, particularly for the cotton and woolen manufacturers. It is said that the cotton manufacturers have been given to understand that there will be a revision of the duty upon cottons, and that considerable reductions will be made. No doubt the manufacturers have a pretty close idea of what will be done, as they have been to Ottawa looking after their interests. The woolen manufacturers have also been at Ottawa, conferring with the Government as to tariff changes. The woolen men, of course, claim they cannot stand a reduction of the duty, and that they will have to close up if the duty is materially lowered. Altogether, the uncertainty regarding the tariff is having an injurious effect upon the trade, and both manufacturers and importers are at a loss to know just what to do. Buying will therefore be confined as far as possible to actual immediate requirements, until the uncertainty is over. At this season of the year, however, more or less buying has to be done. Imported and domestic goods for the spring trade are coming to hand, as the season is drawing near when they will have to be in the hands of retailers. Any tariff changes will therefore not affect prices for spring delivery, orders for which were mostly in some time ago. Despite the talk of the cotton men about slow business and closing mills, it has been reported that the mills have all they can do to keep up with orders.

LEATHER—Trade is quiet in this branch as usual at this time of year and there has been no further change in prices. Quotations are:—Spanish sole, best No. 1, per lb, 28 to 30c; Spanish sole, No. 1, per lb, 26 to 28c; Spanish sole, No. 2, 24c; slaughter sole, heavy, 30c; slaughter sole, light, 27c; harness, heavy, best, 28 to 30c; harness, light, best, 23 to 30c; harness, No. 1, 26 to 28c; upper, heavy, best, 35 to 45c; upper, light, 50, kip skins, French, \$1 to 1 10; kip skins, domestic, 75 to 85c; calf skins, French, premier choice, \$1.25 to 1 50; calf skins, domestic, 75 to 85c; splits, senior, 25 to 35c; splits, junior, 30; cowhide, 35 to 45c; cordovan, per foot, 17 to 21c; pebble, cow, 17 to 21c; buff, 17 to 21c; russets, saddlers, per doz., \$12.50; linings, colored, per foot, 12c.

FISH—Fresh cod is offering considerably lower. Fresh Lake Winnipeg fish continue plentiful. Pike, perch, mullet, etc., are offering abundantly at 2 to 3c per pound, pickerel at 4c and sturgeon at 5c lb; White fish, 5 to 6c; Lake Superior trout, 9c per lb, and lake herrings 30c per doz.; B.C. salmon 15c; B.C. herring 12½c; halibut, 14 to 15c; smelts, 10c; haddock, 10c; cod, 7c; tony cod, 5. Smoked finnan haddies are quoted at 9c and smoked salmon at 12½c per lb. Pickled salmon, 9, to 10c lb; salt herrings, \$4.50 per ½ barrel. Oysters, \$1.90 for standards up to \$2.25 for ordinary selects. Shell oysters, \$7 per barrel.

CANNED MEATS:—

Corned Beef	..... 1 lb tins, per case of 1 dozen	\$2 65
Roast Beef	..... 1 " " "	2 90
Brawn	..... 1 " " "	2 65
Pigs Feet	..... 1 " " "	2 90
Lunch Tongue	..... 1 " " "	7 00
Ox Tongue	..... 1 " " "	7 60
Chipped Dried Beef	..... 1 " " "	5 00
Compressed Ham	..... 1 " " "	6 50

FLUID BEER, ETC.—Following are prices of the goods put up by the Johnston Fluid Beef Company of Montreal:—Johnston's Fluid Beef—No. 1, 2-oz. tins, per dozen, \$2.70; No. 2, 4 oz., \$4.50; No. 3 8-oz., \$7.85; No. 4, 1 lb., \$12.85; No. 5, 2 lb., \$24.30. Staminial—2 oz. bottles, per dozen, \$2.55; do., 4 oz., \$5.10; do., 8 oz., \$7.65; do., 16 oz., \$12.75. Fluid Beef Cordial—20 oz. bottles, \$10. Milk Granules—In cases of 4 dozen, \$5.10. Milk Granules with Cereals—In cases of 4 dozen, \$4.25.

GROCERIES—We referred last week to the decline in tobaccos. Following gives the price for some brands:—Dark, Prince of Wales, 50c; laurel, 3, 52c; briar, 7, 52c; brunette solace, 12, 48c; index double thick, 7, 48c; honey-suckle, 8, 58c; British consuls, 4, 62. Sugars have been firmer, the quick recovery tending to prove the assertion that the recent sharp decline at New York was "worked" for stock-jobbing purposes, in order to allow certain speculators to make a fortune from the fluctuation in prices of the sugar trust stocks. Both raw and refined advanced ½c this week at New York. Canadian refiners followed the advance, putting up prices ½c on granulated and yellows, making the price 4½c for granulated and 3½ to 4c for yellows, at the refineries.

GREEN FRUITS—There is not much change in this branch now. The feeling is firm for choice apples, and fine fruit is held nearer outside prices. Prices here are: Apples, \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel. Florida oranges, \$4.00 to \$4.50 per box; lemons, new Messinas, \$6.00 to \$6.50. Cranberries are quoted at \$7.50 to \$8.00 per barrel. New Malaga grapes at \$9.00 to \$9.50 per keg. Sweet potatoes, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per barrel. Honey, strained, 12c per lb.

DRIED FRUITS—Prices are: New golden dates 10c lb. Dried apples, 7 to 7½c, evaporated 11 to 11½c. Valencia raisins, \$1.80 to \$1.90 per box; currants, 5½ to 6c; prunes, 7½ to 8½c; dates, old, 7 to 8c. California fruits—prunes, 11 to 12c; apricots, 16 to 18c; peaches, 24 to 27c. New layer figs at \$1 per box in 6 pound boxes and \$2.20 in 12 pound boxes.

NUTS—Fresh Ontario chestnuts, held at 14 to 15c per lb. New shelled almonds are also in. Soft shelled almonds are quoted at 17 to

18c, walnuts, 16 to 17c, peanuts, roasted, 14 to 15c, filberts, 12 to 13c, pecans, 16 to 17c, Brazils, 14 to 15c.

COAL—Prices are not changed, and are quoted at \$10.50 for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9 for western anthracite and \$3.00 per ton for Lethbridge bituminous. These are retail prices, delivered to consumers in the city. Souris coal sells at \$4.25 retail and \$3.75 on track here for the Estevan mines. Roche Perce mine Souris coal is quoted 25c higher per ton than from the Estevan mines, or \$4.50 to consumers and \$4 on track. At the mines Souris coal is quoted at \$1.50 per ton o.b. cars.

WOOD FUEL—Offerings of wood on track here continue liberal, and prices are occasionally cut pretty low. Good tamarac is held at \$4.50 per cord on track here, but alleged tamarac, consisting largely of pine and spruce, can be had at \$4. Oak can be bought at \$3.75 to \$4 as to quality. In fact about the best can be got under \$4 on track, and not much sold as high as \$4; mixed pine or spruce, with a stick or two of tamarac, about the same price. Poplar has sold at all the way from \$2.25 to \$3 on track. Only extra fine wood would bring the top quotation, while that sold at the lower price would be hardly worth hauling. \$2.75 per cord is about the price of fairly good poplar.

PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, ETC.

The lead manufacturer's association have held their meeting at Toronto, and some little contention among the members is reported, amounting almost, it is said, to the collapse of the agreements on both white lead and prepared paints. It seems that certain of the manufacturers want prepared paints, as well as white lead, to come under the control of the association. Those who oppose this are anxious to continue the fixed prices on white lead, but not on prepared paints. It was decided to allow the price of white lead to remain at 50c per pound to jobbers, but a rebate will be given on lots of five tons and over of 2½ per cent, with a further increase for larger quantities. United States refined petroleum has been reduced ½c east. Canadian has not changed, the price quoted at Petrolia being 6½ to 7c for refined in bulk and 10c in barrels f.o.b.

Business is at a low ebb. Prices are as follows: White Leads—pure, ground in oil, Association guarantee, \$6.00 per 100-lb keg; white lead, No. 1, per 100 lbs, \$5.50; white lead, No. 2, \$5.00; assorted, 1 to 5-lb tins, per pound, 10c.

PREPARED PAINTS. Pure liquid colors, per gallon, \$1.35 to \$1.40; second quality, \$1.10 to \$1.20.

DRY COLORS.—White lead, per lb, 3c; red, 7c; yellow ochre, 3c; golden ochre, 5c; Venetian red, French, 3½c; Venetian red, English, 3½c; English purple oxides, 4½c; American oxides, per lb, 4c. These prices for dry colors are for broken lots. ½c per lb less when full kegs or barrels are taken. Zanzibar vermilion, kegs, 18c; less than kegs, per lb, 20c; English vermilion, in 30 lb bags, \$1.00 per lb; less than bags, per lb, \$1.10.

VARNISHES—No. 1 furniture, per gal, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; elastic oak, \$2; No. 1, carriage, \$2; hard oil finish, \$2; brown Japan, \$1; gold size, Japan, \$1.50; No. 1, orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50. These prices are for less than barrels, and would be shaded for full barrel lots.

SUNDRIES—Glue, S.S., in sheets, per pound, 15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 20c. Stove gasoline, per case, \$3.50; benzine, per case, \$3.50 benzine and gasoline, per gallon, 50c. Axle grease, per case, \$3.75; gem axle grease, per case, \$3.20; imperial axle grease, per case, \$2.50. Coal tar, per barrel, \$3; Portland cement, per barrel, \$4.25; Michigan plaster, per barrel, \$3.25 to \$3.50; putty, in barrels per pound, 3c, less than barrels 3½c; whitening, barrels, per 100 lbs, \$1.25 to 1.35; alabastine, per case, 20 packages, \$7; asbestine, per case of 100 lbs, \$7.