

doubtfully send prices back again. Malaga fruit is quiet but firm, London layers being quoted at \$3.25 to \$3.50, and Muscatels at \$2.90. Sultanias, 6½c to 7c, and Eleme, 7½c to 8c. Currants quiet and steady at 4½c to 5½c, with an advance reported in England of 2s per cwt. In figs, pound boxes are quoted at 11½ to 12c, 10 lbs at 10½ to 11c, and mats at 4c to 4½c. Choice bags of Eleme, 7c. Prunes quiet at 4½c. In nuts the only change during the week has been an advance of ¼c per lb. in Tarragona almonds, which have sold at 13½c. Coffee and spices are unchanged. The tea market holds steady in sympathy with stronger advices from New York and Chicago, values having advanced 2c to 3c per lb. in the latter market, with a firmer feeling in the former. Here a very fair country and city distribution has taken place during the week, and prices of Japans are quoted as follows: Low grades, 14c to 16c, medium to good, 20c to 25c; fine, 26c to 29c; and finest, 31c to 35c. Rice is dull at \$3.50 per bag.

HIDES, ETC.—There is still a moderately active demand for No. 1 Montreal inspected hides at 9½c per lb. Green city hides also meet with

fair enquiry at 8½c, 7½c and 6½c for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Toronto hides are quiet, at 9½c for No. 1 and at 9c for No. 2. Hamilton, 9½c No. 1, and 8½c No. 2. Bull hides, 8c, No. 1 Western bull, 9½c, Manitoba dry flint hides, 15½c to 16c. Chicago calfskins, 13½c to 14c, and sheepskins at 80c.

Hops.—Supplies continue to accumulate, and prices have still an easy tendency. A lot of 5 bales of choice was sold to a brewer at 12c, which may be considered an outside figure. Quotations are 11c to 12c for good to choice, and 6c to 9c for common. The New York and English markets likewise manifest great weakness, with lower rates in prospective.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The pig iron market continues to rule dull, as is its wont during the holiday season, the only sale reported being that of a lot of Summerlee for February delivery at a point West of Toronto on p.t. Prices here quoted as follows: Simens \$18 to \$18.50; Coltness, \$20 to \$20.50; Langloan, \$20 to \$19.50; Calder, Gartsherrie and Summerlee, \$18, \$18.50 to \$19; Dalmellington \$17 to

\$17.50; and Eglinton \$16.50 to \$17. Finished iron quiet, bars \$1.70 to \$1.75; sheets \$2.40 to \$2.60; plates, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Tin plates, I. C. charcoal \$4.40 to \$4.50, and I. C. coke \$4. Ingot tin 20c to 21c; copper 15c; lead dull at 3½c. The general hardware trade is rather dull, although two houses report a few more orders within the past few days. Remittances are fair.

LEATHER.—A very limited trade has transpired on spot, although a large outside sale was made by a tanner of 5,000 sides of No. 1 B.A. sole at 22½c six months. Another round lot of No. 2 B.A. sole took place at 21c. In black leather the movement has been light, both on local and export account. The whole market favors the buying interest.

NAVAL STORES.—The enquiry for spirits of turpentine is slow, with prices quoted nominally at 40c to 51c per gallon. Rosins are quiet, but prices are steady at \$2.50 for common up to \$4.25 to \$4.50 for fine pale. There is no change in other stores.



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