

PAINTS.—Leads have remained without material alteration during the year. White genuine ground was sold at 52s 6d @ 57s 6d; do. dry at 47s 6d @ 52s 6d; No. 1 dry, 37s 6d @ 40s. Venetian red has been scarce during the season, and brought 12s 6d @ 15s. Putty in bladders commanded 18s 9d @ 20s. Spirits of turpentine have been uniformly sold throughout the season at 3s 3d.

COALS.—The market has been abundantly supplied during the season both with English and American kinds. Steam hard coals sold during the season at \$6 @ \$7, per chaldron—several lots having been sold at a lower price at auction. Best Newcastle, for smiths, \$8 @ \$8½ per chaldron; house coals \$8 @ \$9 per chaldron. At present stocks are large. The consumption of American coal in this market has increased very considerably during the past few years. During the season, Leigh was sold at \$8 @ \$9½ per ton of 2240 lbs.—the present price bel. \$10 per ton of 2,000 lbs.

RAW FURS.—The export trade in raw furs during 1857 was large. Owing to the active demand in Europe for all kinds, prices advanced to a ratio hitherto unknown. A just estimate of the extent of this trade cannot be correctly ascertained, as a very large quantity is retained in the country for home manufacture. Annexed is a list of the prices, during the past year, for the principal kinds of prime skins—from which, however, most kinds, like other merchandize in a commercial pressure, have experienced a great decline:—Beaver skins \$6; mink \$3 50; martin \$2; otter \$5; beaver, per lb, \$2; racoon skin 50c.; muskrat 25c.; silver fox \$50; cross do. \$6; red do. \$2-25 fisher do. \$5.

LEATHER.—In the early part of the season, the quotation for Sole Leather was 1s 9d @ 1s 10d per lb. In September the price fell off to 1s 8d, and may now be quoted at 1s 3d @ 1s 4d per lb. Harness has given way from 1s 10d in the Spring to 1s 4d @ 1s 6d per lb. French Calf Skins have receded 3d @ 4d per lb when compared with the opening prices in the Spring.—Canada Calf, early in the season, brought 4s @ 4s 6d, but receded to 3s 6d @ 3s 9d, at the close of the year.

UPPER LEATHER has advanced during the season from 10s @ 12s 6d per side to 12s 6d @ 15s. Kips, early in the season, were worth \$10 @ \$12

per doz.; our closing quotation is 12 @ \$15 per doz., showing a considerable advance in this description of Leather.

HIDES.—The quotation for Buenos Ayres and Montevideo, in the New York market, in Spring, was 24 @ 25 cents per lb.; the present quotation is 19 @ 22 cents per lb.

The following are the latest quotations of Leather in this market:

LEATHER.—Duty: 15 per cent. Dry Hides, Green Slaughter, and Undressed Skins, Free.
Sole, per lb. 1s 3d @ 1s 4d
Split, do 2s 9d @ 0s 0d
Calf, (Canadian) per lb. 3s 9d @ 4s 0d
Calf, (French) do 4s 9d @ 5s 0d
Green Slaughter, per 100 lbs. 30s 0d @ 00s 0d
Upper, per side 12s 6d @ 16s 3d
Harness, per lb. 1s 5d @ 1s 8d
Sheep Skins, per lb. 1s 0d @ 1s 2d
Buff Leather, per foot. 0s 8d @ 0s 9d

DRUGS, &c.

The Drug Trade has not escaped the general expression. In the early part of the year both the British and American markets were well stocked, and price ruled high; but as the season advanced the demand fell off, and lower rates for most of the leading articles had to be submitted to. Most of the manufacturers of Chemicals in England having had large orders on hand for the United States, prices for this class were longer maintained, but they, too, have had to succumb.

OPIMUM.—Owing to a speculative demand, has kept up, reaching at one time 18s 6d sterling in the London market, and \$4,50 in New York. It can now be bought here for 28s 9d @ 30s.

The great bulk of **CASTOR OIL** being furnished by India, it was supposed that this important Drug must run up. Holders kept back their stock for higher figures, but owing to the large quantity on the way, buyers held back. After fluctuating a good deal, it can now be had for 9½d to 10d, after having reached 1s to 1s 1b per lb.

QUININE has been much depressed. The demand from the *Ague* regions having been very light, and rather heavy stocks on hand, to effect sales, low rates had to be submitted to. Some large lots were sold at auction as low as 7s 6d per ounce.

CAMPOR, being a Chinese production, it was thought must rise in value, but the reverse has been the case, it being now lower than for months past.