

cause the stir at the opening of navigation came last week instead of this. Teas continue to move with moderate steadiness. British grown, especially Ceylons, have advanced in England about a half penny the pound; in other sorts there is no change of price. India and Ceylon kinds are gradually crowding out Japan and China teas. The coffee market is in a firm and sound position, the statistical position being stronger now than it was, say, six weeks ago. Of sugar, it is difficult to say anything definite. The Canadian market is largely affected by the United States Trust people, who manipulate the price of refined to suit their purposes, and our refiners appear timid about maintaining or advancing their prices for fear of the Trust. There is no present activity in any branch of canned goods; a stir has been created by some corn being thrown on the market at lowered figures, by reason, no doubt, of the heavy stocks put up last year. Tomatoes are firming up, and run as high as 85c.; peas from \$1 upward as to quality, sifted peas bringing \$1.50. As we elsewhere show, there is great firmness in dried fruits, the main moving cause being the frost of April 15th to 20th, which played havoc with Santa Clara, Visalia, and other raisin and prune districts.

LUMBER.—The market for pine lumber is still dull, though a good many enquiries are coming in from the States. At the same time no settled improvement or real activity can be expected from that quarter until the American election is over. We make some alterations in quotations; mill culls and shipping culls are lower, inch clear and pickings higher. Shingles and lath are plentiful and

lower in price; XXX shingles are now selling at \$2.00 to 2.30, and XX at \$1.00 to 1.30; lath are quoted at \$1.60 for No. 1 and \$1.10 to 1.30 for No. 2. Hemlock is a drug, selling at \$8.00 to 9.00 per M for 16-foot lumber. Among hardwoods, oak, red plain, should quote at \$26.00 to 28.00, while 1 to 2-inch white ash is worth \$24.00 to 26.00 per thousand.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Houses in this line are busy and working nights. After a tedious cold period, when nothing was doing in the country, the warm weather came and aroused everyone. Orders are now coming in for fence wire and barb wire, and telegrams on top of them; chain, rope, cut nails, wire nails—all are in active demand, and there is a steady request for a general line of shelf goods. There is not so much briskness in heavy goods; pig iron is quiet, no Summerlee in market; quotations for soft Southern are, at the moment, uncertain and nominal; next week we may make them more definite, perhaps higher. Band and hoop iron should be quoted lower; we hear of sales at \$2.20, and even \$2.10. Pig lead is worth 3½c. per lb. In other articles no change.

PROVISIONS.—Not much doing in any direction, and the market generally is in poor shape. In dairy produce the receipts of butter have been large and the market is easy at 12½ to 13c. per lb. for good fresh rolls; farmers' dairy rolls, 15 to 16c.; creamery blocks, 18c. Cheese—news beginning to offer and is jobbing at 8 to 8½c.; old is in abundant supply and slow. Mess beef fairly active at \$11 to 12 00. In hog products the market is easy, long clear bacon sell-

ing at 5½ to 6c. Grant, of Ingersoll, has depressed the market; hams, 9 to 9½c.; rolls, 6½ to 7½c.; mess pork, \$13 to 13.50, and dull. Eggs are plentiful at 10 to 10½c.; dried apples, dull at 4c.; evaporated, 5 to 6c.; beans, 75c. to 1.00. Liverpool salt, 65 to 70c.

SEEDS.—Last week the markets were particularly active in grass and clover seeds, but in many sections where the farmers have finished seeding, the demand has slackened this week. Timothy is unchanged in price; the recent advance therein and in red clover is maintained. Alsike continues about steady; there has been no perceptible change in value for some time. Foreign buyers appear to be willing to take the seed if they can get it here at a low figure, and as a consequence prices are based upon export values. Nothing is doing in flaxseed. The season for Hungarian millet will soon open; its values are governed by markets in the west where it is low.

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	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring .....	5	7
Red, Winter .....	5	8
No. 1 Cal .....	5	8
Corn .....	3	0½
Peas .....	4	8
Lard .....	24	9
Pork .....	50	0
Bacon, heavy .....	24	0
Bacon, light .....	26	0
Tallow .....	19	0
Cheese, new white .....	45	0
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