

few days at 6½c. The Griffin & Keely fruit-packing firm of San Francisco are putting stoned California raisins on the market; they are the finest grade of fruit, put up in pounds, wrapped in paraffined paper, and enclosed in a neat carton, 36 to the case, and should take well with most housewives, who have experienced the usual tedious sticky home process of stoning raisins for the Christmas cake, plum pudding, etc., but the price is likely to be a little against them, as they can hardly be retailed at less than 15c. per pound. Old shelled walnuts are selling at 22c.; no new here yet; new Grenobles in shell quote at 12c. California prunes are distinctly firmer, and likely to rule higher shortly; of 40's and 50's there are none available. California dried peaches, apricots and pears continue to advance. Canned vegetables are stiffer, notably tomatoes and peas, and several canners short of stock have been seeking to buy from the trade; jobbing quotations for tomatoes are now firm at 75c. for good brands; peas, 67½ to 70c.; corn, 65c.; salmon, \$1.35 to 1.40 for red; cohoes, \$1.10.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The Chicago hide market is reported to be off a little, and it is said No. 1 buff could be bought there at about 8½c. per lb. Local values are undisturbed; the combination is paying on the basis of 8c. for No. 1 beef hides, but the tanners have several buyers among the butchers, who generally go a shade above this figure. Sales of about 2,000 hides to outside points are reported since a week ago at about 9c. Lambskins are advanced this week to 75c. each. Tallow is dull at about 3½c. for rendered and 1½c. for rough per lb.

LEATHER.—The demand is expected to improve a little now that some of the shoe men have got through stock-taking, but it is hardly likely that any very active buying will be done till after New Years. There is no break in the firmness of values; hides keep high, and good prices are ruling in England. We have had communication of a letter from a Western tanner this week, in which he states he has cable offers for black leather which would net him better results than present Montreal prices. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 22 to 23c.; do. No. 2, 21c. to 22c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 21c.; No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 23 to 25c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; common, 17 to 18c.; waxed upper light and medium, 26 to 29c.; do. heavy, 24 to 27c.; grained, 25 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 30c.; western splits, 20 to 25c.; Quebec do., 15 to 17c.; juniors, 13 to 15c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calf skins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calf skins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 14c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 11 to 13c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 11 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—In these lines, as in all other lines of heavy goods, there has been the usual falling off in the movement, now that water freights are a thing of the past, and most houses are getting ready for stock-taking, and the closing up of the year's business. The week has developed no changes in values. The advance in Canada plates lately noted is firmly maintained, and the reduction in wire nails confirmed; horse shoes are reduced from \$3.50 the keg to \$3.35. We quote:—Summerlee pig iron, \$20 to 20.50 ex-store; Carron, \$19.50; Ayrshire, \$18.50; Shotts, \$18.25 to 18.50; Carnbroe, \$18.50 to 19.00, ex-store; Siemens pig No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to 16.75; Hamilton No. 1, \$18.50; No. 2, ditto, \$18.00; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do., \$12.00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to 1.45; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.40, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.50; 75 sheets \$2.60; all polished Canadas, \$2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25 to 2.30; No. 26, \$2.15 to 2.20; No. 24, \$2.05 to 2.10; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.30; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I. C., Alloway, \$3.15 to 3.25; do. I.X., \$3.80 to 3.90; P. D. Crown, I.C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do. I.X., \$4.50; Coke I.C., \$2.80 to \$3.00; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.25; No. 26, \$4.00; No. 24, \$3.75 in case lots; Morewood, \$5.00 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5½c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.75; English ditto, \$2;

hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate, ½ inch and upwards, \$1.85 to 1.90 for Dalzell, and equal; ditto three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ½ inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths do., \$2.00; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3 10 to 3.15; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel \$2.25; ingot tin, 15c. for L. & F.; Straits, 14½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 11 to 12c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00 to \$5.25; Silesian spelter, \$4.50; Veille Montagne spelter, \$4.75; American spelter, \$4.50; antimony, 8½ to 9c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled do., \$2.65; galvanized, \$3.15; the trade discount on wire is 20 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, \$3 per hundred for Quebec province,

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