

with the higher prices ruling in the terminal market the common grades of Congou fetched full rates at auction. Other grades were steady. Green teas were again well competed for, although the assortment was not up to much, consisting of Pingsueys and common country kinds only. Scenteds and Oolongs also went fairly well. Indian teas have shown little change, the common grades still continuing very cheap, but Ceylons make a further advance in value, the light supplies being apparently unable to satisfy the continually good demand for these growths. In the private market, business was chiefly transacted in N. S. Foochow Congous, among which Saryunes secured the largest share, though most other sorts were also in fair request. In the terminal market a marked advance in prices for near deliveries has taken place. The belief that September and October deliveries have been sold and remain uncovered has brought these two months into special request, and most of the business done was confined to them."

HIDES AND SKINS.—Trading in hides has been fairly active during the week, with car lots of cured reported sold at 5½c. The price of sheepskins has advanced 5c., and now stands at 75c., at which figure, although regarded as high, all offerings are readily taken. We hear of no transactions in calfskins, the price of which remains purely nominal. Tallow, which was scarce, is now more plentiful and values are weaker, say 5½ to 5¾c. for rendered. Rough unchanged from 2c.

HARDWARE.—We hear of nothing of moment having transpired since our last and all the leading lines appear to maintain their former position without features of importance. Values throughout are steady and unchanged. In their September circular, Messrs. Henderson & Glass, of Liverpool, say: Cash terms for finished iron, copper, lead, zinc sheets, oil, &c., 2½% discount. Tin plates and Canada plates 3%. English tin 1½%. The demand for iron still continues good, and manufacturers are exceedingly strong. The advance in prices is being firmly maintained. Scotch iron has

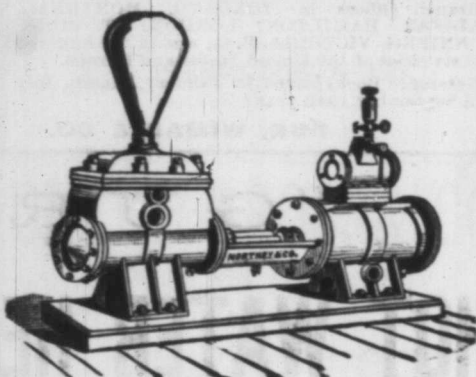
advanced 5/- per ton this week. Our report of last month has been fully confirmed. There is not much change to report in tin, though, if anything, the tendency is downward. Tin plates maintain their position, though some sellers are willing to sacrifice a little to effect sales. Copper is steady, and pig lead a shade easier.

PROVISIONS.—Choice fresh made butter is in good request at 16 to 17c. Medium and inferior qualities are neglected. Some sales of common grades are reported as low as 10c. In hog products there is an active business in long clear at unchanged prices. Mess pork

has sold more freely at 14c. The demand for smoked meats is somewhat less urgent. Lard is dull at last quoted figures. Eggs are firmer, say 17 to 18c. Cheese is also firm at 10 to 10½c. Holders of dried apples ask 6c., but only a few small transactions have resulted. Evaporated are worth 7½ to 8c.

WOOL.—Business in this department is very quiet at present. There is but little doing in fleece wool. Prices are steady and last week's still rule. There is only a fair demand for pulled at 23 to 24c. for super, and 28 to 29c. for extra. Old Country markets are void of any interesting or important features.

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1868	\$ 855,035	\$ 434,570	\$ 408,620	\$1,698,225	\$10,415,300
1869	953,063	621,723	802,232	2,437,018	13,237,478
1870	1,183,379	1,538,459	746,307	3,528,175	14,816,782
1871	1,186,714	1,906,189	704,124	3,797,031	16,193,384
1872	1,346,969	1,967,502	1,062,621	3,766,492	17,608,185
1873	1,572,936	1,727,751	621,826	3,922,513	18,940,579
1874	1,322,621	2,087,889	893,872	3,894,382	20,439,664
1875	1,538,479	1,315,545	599,570	3,453,594	21,822,322
1876	1,620,424	1,106,421	626,790	3,353,636	23,194,533
1877	1,739,558	1,118,438	560,895	3,418,891	24,630,378
1878	1,710,559	716,980	622,978	2,950,517	25,508,996
1879	2,155,713	306,152	513,068	3,034,933	26,508,196
1880	1,907,923	284,009	507,086	2,699,018	26,403,441
1881	1,955,745	224,119	600,533	2,679,479	26,986,536
1882	1,730,429	224,267	501,274	2,455,970	27,017,936
1883	1,954,422	305,177	522,229	2,781,828	29,682,935
1884	2,117,627	313,066	530,615	2,960,728	30,400,506
1885	2,272,975	299,808	547,289	3,119,472	31,403,988
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1883	8,255,843	85,040,335	2,719,350	14,366,409	575,994	188,906
1884	6,675,761	84,663,591	2,668,320	14,833,319	578,760	206,003
1885	9,437,641	87,791,343	2,845,491	15,816,335	632,445	222,760
1886	11,163,504	92,262,969	3,030,012	17,004,590	658,819	236,728
1887	12,126,992	97,372,314	3,201,345	17,837,214	719,285	262,667
1888	13,531,609	102,043,303	3,405,965	18,248,768	706,639	344,840

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