

\$3 upwards. The present demand is reported excellent. Molasses continues easy at 23 to 24c. for Barbados, the only kind on the market this season. There is a pronounced scarcity of Valencia raisins, indeed the market is practically bare, and re-cleaned two years old stock is actually selling at 6½ to 7c. Canned tomatoes continue to rule high; a sale of a 250 case lot is reported, and jobbers are asking \$1.12½ for standard brands. Some of the large French-Canadian houses are reported as making heavy cuts on quotations for new pack, though some Western packers have altogether withdrawn quotations. No weakening is reported in the Japan tea market, some fair supplies of good mediums are due here in about three weeks, the price of which will hardly go under 17c. China greens, while very firm, are hardly so markedly strong as they were. The London market for low and medium grades of Ceylons and Indians has improved from a farthing to a halfpenny. White beans continue to advance, \$1.47½ being now quoted in the West.

Hides.—Business is quiet, and the market has not undergone any change during the past fortnight. For No. 1 beef hides the general quotation is 9c., though this figure is sometimes exceeded in the keen competition existing among buyers. Calfskins are now in very light supply, and bring 12 and 10c. per lb. for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. Lambskins are quoted at 40c.

Metals and Hardware.—The movement in these lines is still keeping up remarkably well for the season. The sale of the damaged plates, etc., ex steamship "Monteagle," has been completed, and prices realized are estimated at about 45% of the laid down cost. Canada plates are a little easier in Britain, but local stocks are small, and the quotation for 52 sheets is firm at \$2.65; galvanized Canadas are quoted at \$4.20 for 52 sheets, and \$4.45 for sixties. Black sheets sell at \$2.55 for 28 gauge, and galvanized sheets at \$4.35. In tinned sheets there is no change. Boiler plate is steady at \$2.10, and iron pipe firm at \$4.81 for inch, with some scarcity still reported. Ingot tin, 31½c.; lead, \$3.10; spelter very firm at \$5.10; sheet zinc, 6c.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—No change is reported in either linseed oil or turpentine. Fish oils remain very quiet, and very little new make of steam refined seal oil has yet reached here; some moderate lots of straw seal have come to hand for which 45c. is asked in a jobbing way, for steam refined 50c. is quoted for round lots, net terms, and 55c. would be about the jobbing figure. Supplies of new cod oil are also light. We quote: Single brls., raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 77 and 80c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 76 and 70c., net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, one barrel, 68c.; two to four barrels, 67c.; net 30 days Olive oil machinery, 90c.; cod oil, 35 to 40c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 55c. per gallon; straw ditto, 45 to 47c.; Castor

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