

HIDES AND SKINS.—Green hides have been in fair supply, at unaltered prices; cured have been repeatedly asked for and there have been some sales of car lots at 5c. per lb.; calfskins are dull; sheepskins are in light supply, but prices steady or somewhat firmer.

LEATHER.—After a long depression there are some signs of improvement; not that orders are large or demand active in any line, but the feeling is more hopeful. Upper of all grades is in fair supply; splits are plentiful and the demand dull; pebble and buff are not very active, the supply being quite equal to the demand; nothing new or striking can be said about sole; harness is in fair supply at our quotations, but tanners declare it is too low, and cannot be produced for the money; prime russets are scarce and in good request; degrass we quote 4½ to 5c. per lb.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—A very decided improvement in shelf goods orders is noticeable for these two weeks past, both by letter and from travellers. This confirms the view of wholesale dealers that the retail trade must be bare of stock in many cases, they have been ordering from hand to mouth for so long. There is no particular feature in the orders, they are general. Of course the Spring orders for bulky goods are not in yet, they are looked for about April; but an unusual deal of chain and goods for logging purposes has been ordered for lumbering purposes. Most of the staple articles of domestic manufacture have been at last settled in price; bolts are an exception; the makers of them are now in session for the purpose of fixing prices. Advices from the Old Country show an unsettled market; if the present strike continues prices of iron must go higher. We note that some large purchases of copper have been made in the New York market, but the price does not appear much affected.

PROVISIONS.—The conditions are much the same as those described in last week's report. Trade in hog products is very quiet, and prices are without change. Long clear bacon is jobbing at 7½ to 8c. per pound, and pure lard is in demand at 10c. Supplies of butter have been fair, principally of rolls. We quote choice 14 to 19c. Cheese continues quiet and steady at 11½ to 12c. per pound. Eggs are selling to-day as high as 13½ to 14c. per dozen. The market will decline again we think as soon as the weather turns warmer. Dried apples are very dull at 4½ to 4¾c. per pound; evaporated almost nominal at 7½ to 8c. per pound.

WOOL.—The market is dull; domestic wools have been in low supply, and fleece only nominal; some little pulled has come forward and been taken at 22c. for super and 25c. for extra; there have been one or two sales to manufacturers at 26 to 27c. for extra.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine's wood circular, dated Liverpool, 1st March, says: Busi-

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ness generally during the past month has been quiet; the deliveries have been fair, but values for some articles are lower. Stocks generally are quite sufficient. Among Canadian woods both square and waney yellow pine have moved off slowly; the stock is moderate, and prices steady. For red pine there is a little more enquiry, and market is now bare of stock. Oak in the log has not been imported: there has been more enquiry, and several stored parcels have recently changed hands; prices are fairly steady; the consumption is small, and stock sufficient. Elm has been in fair demand; the stock is moderate, and prices firm. Ash has been in limited request; the stock is light. Pine deals: The import has consisted of a small consignment via Boston; the demand has been unsatisfactory, and stocks are still too large; values are unchanged, and contracting for the coming season has so far been on a very limited scale.

Of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce deals the import has been moderate, and as the deliveries have been fair, the stock, although sufficient, is in a more moderate compass; values are unchanged, but sales have been made on contract for the coming season at lower rates.

Biroh, in the log, has been imported moderately; there is fair enquiry, and stocks of both logs and planks are moderate; prices are steady.

There has been rather more enquiry for British Columbia pine, but chiefly for extra sizes, which can with difficulty be obtained from other sources; there is a moderate quantity in stock.

United States staves have arrived freely, but the demand for the better qualities keeps good, though prices are somewhat easier; stocks of these are moderate, but of the commoner qualities there are more than sufficient.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

March 17, 12.30 p. m.

	p. d.
Wheat, Spring	8 0
Red, Winter	7 10½
No. 1 Cal	8 1
Corn	4 7½
Peas	6 2
Lard	33 9
Pork	56 3
Bacon, heavy	34 0
Bacon, light	34 0
Tallow	25 0
Cheese	57 0

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INCREASES MADE LAST YEAR

In Income,	-	-	\$55,168 00
In Assets,	-	-	\$417,141 00
In Cash Surplus,	-	-	\$68,648 00
In New Business,	-	-	\$706,967 00
In Business in Force,	-	-	\$1,600,376 00

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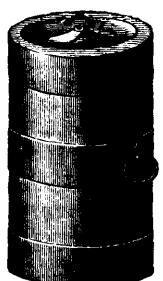
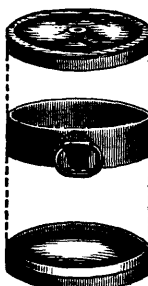
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