

London advices report an advancing market for Ceylons. Some moderate lots of new Valencia raisins are to hand via London and Liverpool, and show good quality; sales of fine off stalk are reported to the jobbing trade at 5½c.; for layers 7½c. is asked in lots. The "Avlona," the first direct fruit steamer, has been delayed, and is not now expected for some 10 or 12 days. Nearly all lines of California dried fruits have been advanced; peaches are up half a cent, apricots from half a cent to a cent, four crown muscatel raisins a quarter of a cent, and quotations for the larger sorts of prunes, 40's and 50's, have been withdrawn. Some few early consignments of California muscatels to New York are reported to have sold at from ½ to ¾c. above the original quotations for first half of October deliveries. Canned goods are firmer, and it is reported 70c. is being now asked by some packers for tomatoes. Sales of 4,800 cases of salmon are reported at \$4.25 on coast; for lobsters prices are higher, packers now quoting \$8.50 to 9.00 for talls, and \$9.50 to 10.50 for flats.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Further fair sales of hides are reported at last week's prices, and the accumulation of stock in warehouse noted several weeks ago, is now somewhat reduced, but there is yet some moderate quantity of summer hides yet to move. Dealers are still buying on the basis of 6c. for No. 1, and quote 7c. to tanners. The American market is still active and excited, with No. 1 buff hides quoted at 8c., and steers at 9½c., but the local market does not respond to these figures, and there are some local authorities who do not profess to see any real basis for the rise there. Sheepskins were advanced to 45c. last week as noted. Tallow still dull, but a few moderate late sales are reported at 3½c. for rendered, and butchers get 1½ to 2c. for rough.

HOPS.—The market is rather firmer, the reported advance of 5 shillings in Germans having stiffened things a little. Quotations for best new crop are 10 to 10½c.; yearlings, 5 to 6c. Receipts are not very liberal.

LEATHER.—Merchants report it hard to get the shoemen to buy, in spite of the strong tone of the hide market—buff hides being reported now up to 8c. in Chicago, which would point to the possibility of some advance in leather. A couple of large sales of St. Hyacinthe and Quebec splits are reported to a leading shoe house, by a firm who wished to close out their long-held stock in these lines, at 14 and 12c. respectively, also a line of glazed cow at 8½c., but these figures cannot be taken as regular quotations. Sole leather and splits may be called firmer, but this is mainly due to the good English demand in these lines, and there is no general tendency to increased firmness in prices yet apparent. Recent letters from England to dealers here urge consignments of splits, stating the market shows further activity. Some dealers quote 23½c. for No. 1 slaughter in small lots. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do. No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2, 18c.; No. 1 slaughter, 21 to 23½c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 20c.; 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, 16 to 20c.; Quebec do., 12 to 14c.; juniors, 13 to 16c.; 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, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 12c.; polished buff, 10 to 12c.; glove grain, 10 to 11c.; rough, 20 to 22c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The demand is better, but for small lots only, and no heavy buying is reported. There is an attempt at getting better prices, but not generally successful. Several late moderate sales of No. 1 Hamilton iron are reported at quotations, aggregating about 200 tons, but there is not much doing in other lines, especially Scotch. Some moderate lots of Canada plates are near at hand, but not sufficient to relieve the scarcity, and quotations are very firmly held. 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, \$18.00; No. 2, ditto, \$17.50; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do., \$12.00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$11.50;

British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.15, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.20; 75 sheets \$2.25; all polished Canadas, \$2.25; 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, \$5.50; charcoal, I. C., Alloway, \$3 to 3.10; do., I.X., \$3.75; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.50 to 3.60; do., I.X., \$4.50 Coke I.C., \$2.70 to \$2.80; coke,

wasters, \$2.50; 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

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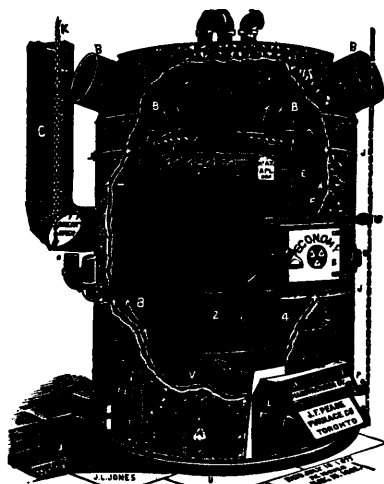
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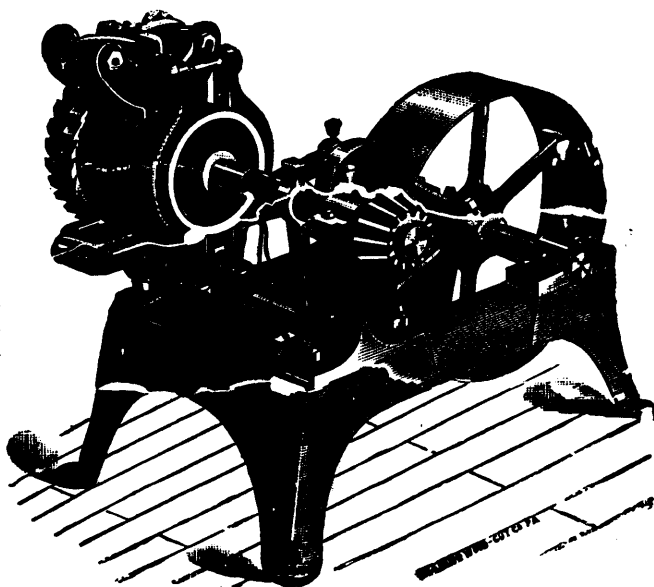
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