

tinues to improve, although demand from the building trade still remains dull. The reports from the country are, for the most part, hopeful. Watson's report for the week ending March 17th, speaks thus of the Old Country markets: "The upward movement recorded in our last has, in a measure, disappeared, the price of warrants having receded to 40/8, although it has since rallied to 41/. A very moderate business has been transacted. Mid-lesbro' warrants have been in better request at an advance in price. The demand for shipping brands, for spring shipments to the continent, has somewhat improved. Hematite continues steady in price."

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides continue to be in good demand with prices steady and unchanged; car lots of cured are reported sold at 5½c. per lb. Last week calf skins advanced 1c. per lb.; they make a similar advance this week, owing to a local disturbance of the market, and are quoted at: green No. 1, 7c.; No. 2, 9c.; cured, 9 to 10c. per lb. In sheepskins both supply and demand are falling off, while prices are unchanged. Tallow is weak; for rendered dealers here are paying 6½, and asking 7 to 7½c. according to quality; rough is unchanged at 2½ to 2¾c. per lb.

LEATHER.—Reports from wholesale houses vary; some report business as exceedingly dull, while others, and we believe the majority, claim a good steady trade. Since our last report there has been little or no change in prices. No. 2 Spanish sole is scarce with quotations firm; slaughters are selling at: heavy, 25c. to 26c. per lb.; No. 1 light, 21c. to 24c.; No. 2, 18c. to 20c. We quote harness at: heavy, 24c. to 29c.; light, 20c. to 24c.; there is a special demand for thick trace leather. Dealers are looking for an active trade as soon as the roads improve.

PROVISIONS.—All grades of butter are scarcer, with but little coming in; we now quote, pound rolls, 22 to 23c.; large rolls, 19 to 20c.; tubs, 18 to 21c.; baker's, 16 to 17c. per lb. Cheese is worth 11 to 12½c., with some summer make on the market at 10½c. per lb. A few more dried apples are offering this week; dealers are paying 5 to 5½c., and selling at 5½c. per lb.; evaporated are wanted in car lots. Hops are moving but slowly; we quote, choice, 18 to 20c.; yearling, 15 to 16c. per lb. It would appear that hog products are weakening; long clear is worth 10½ to 10¾c.; rolls, 10½ to 10¾c. per lb. Dressed hogs are quoted 7½ to 7¾c. per lb. Eggs are lower at 13 to 14c., with receipts, just now, somewhat limited. Dealers are paying \$1.35 to \$1.40 for beans and selling at \$1.50 to \$1.55.

SEEDS.—A fair jobbing trade has been done during the week in clovers and timothy, but the feeling is still somewhat nervous in sympathy with that of the United States, and it is impossible to predict the course of prices. The Steele, Briggs, Marcon Seed Co. report prices to be as follows: red clover, \$8.60 to \$9; ditto, mammoth, \$9.15 to \$9.30; alsike, \$5.50 to \$8.40 per bushel, this quotation covering low to fancy grades. A fair demand exists for timothy at unchanged quotations. There

would appear to be a moderate enquiry for ensilage, corn, millet and Hungarian seeds.

WOOL.—There is no change in the situation here, but cable reports give quotations slightly higher for fine wools. The demand from the factories is very moderate; we quote: fleece, combing, 19 to 19½c.; clothing, 21½ to 22c.; pulled, combing, 17 to 18c.; super, 21 to 22c.; extra, 25 to 27c.

BRITISH TEA MARKET.

J. Lewenz & Hauser Bros.' Tea Letter No. 37, dated London, 17th March, says: In the country, trade is reported to continue very unsatisfactory owing partly to the prolonged cotton strike in Lancashire, partly to the unrest which the Home Rule Bill has caused in Ireland, and in part again because of the usual reluctance to buy just before the Budget. Deliveries also are unsatisfactory, having so far for March fallen one million pounds behind last year's, but of this our home consumption is responsible for half a million pounds only.

The following were the offerings in public sales during the week: China teas, 13,061 pkgs., viz.: 3,088 Congou, 7,780 scented and Oolong, and 2,193 green; Indian teas, 26,364 pkgs.; Ceylon teas, 23,030; Java teas, 484.

The terminal market was at first inclined to go better, especially as last week closed with a very firm tone; but these last two days a dull feeling, in sympathy with the slack trade generally, has gained the upper hand, and quotations were mostly easier.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Mar. 30, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	6	4½
Rea, Winter	5	7
No. 1 Cal.	6	0
Corn	4	2½
Peas	5	4
Lard	57	6
Pork	93	6
Bacon, heavy	50	0
Bacon, light	50	0
Tallow	50	6
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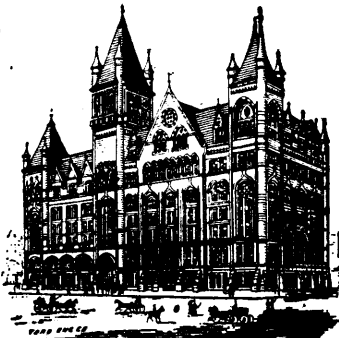
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