

raisins are in small compass, dealers quoting 6½c. per lb. New crop rice is on the market and prices are off ½c.; dealers quote: B, 3½c.; e.c., 3½c.; crystal Japan, 4½c.; Grand Duke, 5½c.; Fancy Patna, 5½c.; Royal Patna, 4½c.; Imperial Seeta, 5c. Sugar is weak. In New York refined sugar declined ½c. on June 2nd, while prices on the local market are easier, as our Prices Current indicate. Refiners' agents say they have confidence in the market, and are not anxious to push sales. The sale of canned fruits is dropping off, as is usual at this season of the year. Canned vegetables are quiet. The cheapest salmon on the coast is quoted at \$4.65, with 65c. for freight.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is little change in the situation. Dealers continue to pay 5c. to butchers, while the last reported sales of cured hides were made at 5½c. The quality of offerings is constantly improving with the advancement of the season. To the depression in leather must be attributed the weakness in hides, for even at the present low prices of hides tanners cannot make much profit out of their product. Calfskins are quiet with prices unchanged. Tallow is dull and values weak.

LEATHER.—The spirit of trade shows improvement. Although prices are low there is an active request for leather which brings the movement up to satisfactory proportions. Boot and shoe manufacturers and wholesale jobbers report a good request for supplies, and evidently the retail trade had allowed their stocks to run low before entering the market. The expectations of tanners are that the autumn trade will give good results. Splits

light, are selling, 18c. to 20c.; heavy, 15c. to 17c.; glove grain is quoted 10c. to 11c. There is some call for splits from England and export shipments recently made yielded a working profit.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Although values are somewhat depressed the movement in general staples is of a satisfactory character. White lead and prepared paints are very active. There is nothing new to report of dry colors. Whiting is quoted 50c. per 100 lbs. There are a number of enquiries coming in for Paris green, but the consumptive demand has not yet fully opened. Dealers expect that prices will advance so soon as the demand begins to assert itself. Large shipments of window glass are arriving; prices remain very firm. Linseed oil is easier, but quotations are unaltered in local markets. Turpentine is quoted at 40c. in Toronto; prices in primary markets are the lowest in a number of years.

PROVISIONS.—Only a moderate trade is being done in Toronto provision circles. Supplies of butter are large and will, in view of the dull cheese markets, probably continue excessive. Dealers quote:—Dairy tubs, 10 to 12c.; pound prints, 11 to 13c.; creamery tubs, 15 to 16c.; pound prints, 16 to 17c. per lb. In the local cheese market, trade is dull. Many retailers are apparently buying supplies of new cheese direct from the factories. The indications are that low prices will prevail throughout the season; the large buyers losing on last year's operations are not entering the present season with any great confidence in the trade. In hog

products, a fairly good trade is reported, especially in smoked meats. Hams, breakfast bacon and rolls are in good request. Lard is easier and trade slow. The Chicago "slump" in pork has not seriously affected our market. Receipts of eggs are liberal, while the quality, owing to the cool weather, remains good; dealers quote 9 to 9½c. per doz.

WOOL.—There is no competition of buyers to secure wool. Purchases are being made with the idea that affairs will improve later in the season. A number of growers also have opinions about the future of wool and prefer to hold their clip until the autumn; others in need of money are selling at market quotations. Dealers quote best fleece 18c., rejects 15c., and unwashed 11c. per lb. There is practically no enquiry in this market from American buyers. A large number of mills in the United States are running on short time, and buyers are naturally cautious as to the season's operations.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, June 4, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	1½
Red, Winter	5	5½
No. 1 Cal.	5	4
Corn	3	11½
Peas	4	7½
Lard	22	6
Pork	47	6
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