

ment, few large transactions passing, but values are steadily held. Dried fruits are dull. With regard to prunes, dried apricots, peaches, pears, etc., the season's business is reported as having been somewhat disappointing, attributable no doubt to the great plenty and cheapness of apples. Dried apples are a drug, and hard to sell at 2½c, while evaporated are jobbed at 4c. Canned tomatoes are good property, and quoted at 80 to 85c., and also peas, which are held at 75 to 80c.

**LEATHER.**—Trade is not active, but some dealers report more doing in sole, with some moderate lots also selling of dongolas and colored leathers, but the demand for black leathers for the staple lines of fall boots and shoes has not yet set in. The market shows all the strength lately noted. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 22 to 23c.; do. No. 2, 21c. to 22c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 21c.; No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 23 to 25c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; common, 17 to 18c.; waxed upper light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do. heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 30 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; western splits, 22 to 25c.; Quebec do., 17 to 18c.; juniors, 14 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 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 12 to 13c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The movement in these lines shows no general increase as yet, and all consumers of iron, plates, and heavy metals generally are reported to be filling immediate wants only, and buying very lightly until tariff matters are settled. The regular quarterly meeting of the rolling mill and nail men will be held in course of a few days, when some steps will likely be taken to do away with the cutting in wire nails lately referred to. We quote:—Summerlee pig iron, \$20 to 20.50, ex-store; Carron, \$19.50; Ayrshire, \$18.50; Shotts, \$19.00 to 19.50; 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, \$18.25 to 18.50; No. 2, ditto, \$18.00; machinery scrap, \$15.00; common do., \$12.00 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to 1.45; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, \$2.55 to 2.60; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.70; 75 sheets, none here; all polished Canadas, \$2.60; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$6.25; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25 to 2.40; 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, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I. C., Alloyway, \$3.25 do. I.X., \$3.90 to 4.00; P. D. Crown, I.C., \$3.60 to 3.75; do., I.X., \$4.50; Coke I.C., \$3.00 to 3.10; coke, wasters, \$2.70; 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 and upwards, \$2.45 to 2.50; Russian sheet iron 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.25 to 3.40; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel \$2.25; ingot tin, 16 to 17c. for L. & F.; Straits, 15½ to 16½c.; bar tin, 16½ to 17c.; ingot copper, 12½ to 13c.; sheet zinc, \$5 to \$5.25; Silesian spelter, \$4.65 to 4.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$4.75 to 5.00; American spelter, \$4.60 to 4.75; antimony, 8½ to 9c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.60 per 100 lbs.; annealed and oiled do., \$2.65; galvanized, \$3.15; the trade discount on wire is 25 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, \$3 per hundred for Quebec province, freight paid on half-ton lots; for Ontario points, \$2.85, freight paid up to 25c per hundred.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.** The warehouses in this line show considerable bustle in the preparation and shipment of orders booked some time ago for spring delivery. With regard to prices there is really nothing new. Leads, linseed oil, turpentine, glass, etc., all show steadiness to firmness, and in the last

named line especially, no concessions in quotations can be expected before new arrivals of stock in May. We quote: Turpentine, one to four brls., 44c.; five to nine brls., 43c., net 30 days. Linseed oil, raw, one to four brls., 44c.; five to nine brls., 43c.; boiled, one to four barrels, 47c.; five to nine brls., 46c., net 30 days; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Nfld. cod, 34 to 36c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 32 to 33c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 50c. per gallon in small lots. Castor oil, 9 to 9½c. as to quantity. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.00. No. 1, \$4.62½; No. 2, \$4.25; No. 3, \$3.87½; No. 4, \$3.50; dry white lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; genuine red do., 4 to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 3¾ to 4c.; putty, 1.60 to \$1.65 in bulk, \$1.75 to 1.80 in bladders, \$2 to 2.10 in tins; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; window glass, \$1.35 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$1.30.

## LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Mar. 18, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring .....	6	6
Red Winter .....	0	0
No. 1 Cal .....	6	3½
Corn .....	2	7
Peas .....	4	2
Lard .....	22	3
Pork .....	5	0
Bacon, heavy .....	27	0
Bacon, light .....	26	0
Tallow .....	18	9
Cheese, new white .....	57	6
Cheese, new colored .....	57	6

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