buffs, it is doubtful if they will bring over 9c. The heavier selections are firm.

Leather.—Staple leathers are in good demand, and prices are firm all round. A good season is looked for.

Live Stock.-A slight improvement was visible at the cattle market this week, but this was due not so much to an increased demand but to lighter offerings. Only really choice qualities were wanted. Judging from cables from the Old Country, the demand will be easily satisfied, but in the local market a fair number of lots of export cattle were sold, because certain buyers wanted to fill vacant spaces. The market for stockers was a little firmer. Not many sheep and lambs were offered, and they were soon cleaned out. Butchers' cattle were in short sup-

Provisions.-Receipts of butter are

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about equal to the demand, the price being about 16 to 17c. Large rolls are increasing their volume of shipment. Cheese is very firm at 12c. The hog product market is bare of stock, but this will soon be remedied, as the dressed hog packers are hard at work now. The egg market is firm with light receipts. They sell at 18 to 19c. for strictly fresh, seconds and splits at 13 to 15c., and limed at 17c. Receipts of poultry are not large, but they will probably increase shortly. The demand is fair. Hops are becoming firmer. This year's Canada crop sells for 17 to 19c., last year's 6 to 7c. Oregon hops are quoted at 34c., including duty. Not much of the Washington crop now remains in growers' hands, and the feeling is very strong.

BRITISH CHEMICAL MARKET.

The export chemical trade at Manchester, England, according to the last circular of Messrs. Royce, is brisk, certain places now laying in their winter requirements and more freely than usual, prices of some articles being so tempting. In the home trade a good number of orders are being placed, but they continue disappointing in respect to weight. Consumers in general are slow in placing their contracts for 1903; they recognize that in many cases the prices are low, but would like to have some more definite indication than is at present discernible as to the trade prospects for next year. In heavy alkalies a fair volume of trade is passing for early delivery. Bleaching powder is now quoted at rather higher prices for 1903, but actually there is little business being done, most large consumers having already placed their contracts. Caustic soda is steady, both prompt and forward, but contracts are by no means being freely placed, quotations showing no temptation. Chlorates of potash and soda are attracting somewhat more notice for forward delivery, present prices being very low. Sulphate of copper has fluctuated slightly, and is now steady, with a good Continental demand for shipment during the early months of 1903. All lead salts are steady; white lead selling more freely. Salammoniac and muriate of ammonia are without change, and carbonate of ammonia is quite firm. Oxalic acid has advanced.

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