

ROUGH.

The drooping prices of curried stock has lessened the inquiry, and the amount put on the market during the past year has been considerably less, and would have been insignificant but for an occasional demand from belting manufacturers.

HARNESSES.

Prices in the early months of the year ruled comparatively high, and considerable quantities in excess of the demand were thrown on the market, which had the effect of lowering figures, and at the close of the season sales were readily made at fully 2c. per lb. reduction, with the prospect of still lower prices. This was owing to the well-known fact of there being large stocks in the hands of tanners.

WAXED UPPER.

In the early part of the season large sales were effected at 42c. and 43c. in anticipation of an advance which was not realized, as the demand fell off so soon as it was known that the country was well stocked with the goods manufactured from this article. This resulted in forced sales at gradually receding prices, particularly of heavy stock, which has become more and more unsaleable, and at the close of the year prices touched as low as 35c, proving a considerable loss to tanners.

BUFF

Owing to a comparative scarcity of strictly first-class stock at the beginning of the year, holders succeeded in establishing an advance for a limited period of 1c per foot, and sales were effected as high as 18c, but these figures were obtained with difficulty. In the early summer, prices fell off and for the remainder of the year ruled steady at 17c for No. 1, while inferior grades were placed, when possible, at fully 2c less, with considerable stock in the market to carry over.

PEEBLE.

The early demand was light, and stocks gradually accumulated, but holders generally felt the necessity of maintaining prices in the interest of tanners, as any abatement would have resulted in positive loss; but as this class of stock is injuriously affected, more or less, during the heat of sum-

mer, sales of round lots were made at a shade off, and throughout the fall prime makes were placed more freely at previous figures. At the close of the season there was but little in the hands of dealers.

PATENT AND ENAMELLED.

Throughout the year these stocks were held at about the opening rates, little or no variation having taken place.

CALF SKINS.

Imported French having receded to prices current before the war, the domestic article has during the past year been nearly altogether neglected, and in consequence remunerative figures have not been obtained. Sales have been light, under a very limited demand, and an advance can hardly be expected the coming season.

SPLITS.

The market was literally glutted the past year, and, as a natural consequence, prices declined, without resulting in sales to an extent sufficient to reduce the accumulation materially. Resort was also had to exportation, but the returns did not warrant a continuance of shipments, and holders were obliged to carry the surplus till such time as diminished production would effect a remedy. The bulk of the stock thus carried consisted mainly of heavy, which has become almost unsaleable at any price.

SHEEP SKINS.

Russets were scarce during the year, and gradually advanced until they touched unprecedentedly high prices. Still the supply was at no time equal to the demand. Colours were found in stock sufficient for the wants of the trade, and rates were steady throughout the season.

HIDES.

For the first six or eight months of the year there was an active demand, and large supplies were imported, principally from Chicago, prices ruling high. In the latter part of the season the demand largely diminished, and while after the Boston fire, Western advanced, native receded in price sufficient to warrant the exportation of more or less at a profit. The season closed with a dull market and limited inquiry.