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GROCERIES.—There are a few more goods being sold to the country, but there is no marked gain in activity. Sugar refiners report a rather slack demand, jobbers having loaded up pretty well with stock before the late advances. Prices remain unchanged at 4½ to 4¾c. for standard granulated, as to lot, at factory; yellows from 3½ to 4½c. There is a backwardness in placing import orders for molasses, as there is a questioning of the high prices quoted, and people prefer to wait for more definite advice. Rice prices for the coming year are as yet unfixed, the representative of the milling company not having returned from his purchasing trip; ideas are conflicting as to probable changes. Teas are not showing much activity at the moment. Dried fruits dull, with firmness, however, in all lines of California goods. Bosnian prunes are scarce, but French goods, Dufour brand, are in good supply, and are quoted in round lots to jobbers at 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. Wholesalers are getting more and more dissatisfied with the way the canned goods trade is being done, charging that packers go direct to the retail trade, after having booked their wholesale orders. A good many of them state their intention to give up handling the goods altogether. Tomatoes and peas are very scarce, and the sale of 1,500 cases of tomatoes is reported by a local grocery house to a western packer.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The demand for hides is not very active, but some few moderate lots have been sold to Quebec tanners at 7c. for No. 1. Dealers have been talking of reducing prices, but as yet have made no change, buying on the basis of 6c. per lb. for No. 1. Receipts of beef hides are small, as not much killing is going on. Calfskins are coming in more freely, and are bought at 7c. per lb. for No. 1 and 5c. for No. 2. Sheepskins, 75 to 80c. each. Tallow moves but slowly at 5 to 5½c. per lb.

LEATHER.—A sale of about 5,000 sides of common Spanish sole, classed as about No. 2, is reported to have been made since last writing; the price is reported at 17c., less 10 per cent., but this is not positive. In a general way trade has continued quiet on spot, but liberal shipments of sole are going forward to Britain, where there is evidently a very fair market. Prices remain nominally the same. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 22 to 24c.; do. No. 2, 19 to 21c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 19 to 21c.; No. 2, 18 to 19c.; No. 1 slaughter, 21 to 24c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 20c.; common, 17 to 19c.; waxed upper light and medium, 27 to 30c.; do. heavy, 25 to 28c.; grained, 25 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 30c.; western splits, 18 to 21c.; Quebec do., 18 to 16c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; 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, 14 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 25 to 32c.; buffed cow, 12 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14c.; pebbled cow, 10 to 13c.; polished buff, 10 to 12c.; glove grain, 11 to 12c.; rough, 20 to 22c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—A few moderate transactions in Shotts pig iron are reported at quotations. Domestic has been offered at \$16.75 per ton in fair lots. Sales of bars have transpired at \$1.55 per cwt. Copper a little easier, and we hear of a sale of a ton lot at 11½c. per lb. Antimony, too, can be bought lower, and some fair sales have been reported as low as 8c. In other lines we hear of nothing new, and the general demand has not yet undergone much improvement. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none here; Calder, No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$20.00 to 21.00; Eglinton, \$18.00 to 18.50; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$18.50 to 19.00; Shotts, \$19.50 ex-yard; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17.00; Niagara, No. 2, \$21.00; Siemens pig, No. 1, \$16.75 to 17.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.75 to 17.00; machinery scrap, \$14 to 15.00; common do., \$12 to 13.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.50 to \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.15, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets \$2.20; 75 sheets \$2.25; all polished Canadas, \$2.30 to 2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.50; No. 26, \$2.40; No. 24, \$2.30; Nos. 17 to 20, \$2.25; No. 16 and heavier, \$2.50; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6.50; charcoal, I. C., Alloway, \$3.15; do. I.X., \$3.90; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$3.75; do. I.X., \$4.75; Coke I.C., \$2.75 to \$2.80; coke-wasters, \$2.65; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordi-

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