GROCERIES.—A better feeling prevails in the sugar market. There is a little improvement in the demand, and the outside markets are all firmer: in the raw beet market there has been a daily advance of 1½d. per hundred for the past three days, and German granulated is cabled up 3d. per cental. There has been no revision of local prices as quoted last week, but some little advance is deemed not improbable if the situation holds. The St. Lawrence refinery is working, but the Canada is shut down temporarily. The stiffness in molasses has at last taken definite shape, and the jobbing figure for single puncheons of Barbadoes has been advanced to 32c. The three months' slackness in teas is as yet unrelieved, but brokers and importers report rather more nibbling in the way of enquiries, and some briskness of demand is expected to develop in course of the next few weeks. A cable was received from Colombo a few days ago, advising an advance in Ceylons, and a cable offer since made to London, based on last mail quotations, has been declined. A good export demand is reported for gallon apples, and packers are reported to be asking $2.25. Evaporated and dried apples are also scarce and high, 6c. being asked for latter in quantity.

HIDES.—Local prices have been subject to no change. Receipts of hides are still light, and the demand absorbs the supply. The quality is beginning to show deterioration from the grub, but dealers are still buying on the basis of 9c. for No. 1. Calfskins are beginning to come in slowly, and are bought at 9 and 7c.; lambskins, 70c.

LEATHER.—The demand is improving, and fair sales are reported, also some good business in dongolas and colored leather. The tendency of the market is towards firmness, and the American trust has advanced sole one cent. The annual meeting of the Canadian Sole Leather Manufacturers' Association is to be held here to-morrow, when the question of prices will doubtless be discussed, and some profess to believe that prices may undergo some revision at this time. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c.; No. 2, 21½ to 22½c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 21c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 25c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do., heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 21 to 24c.; Quebec do., 16 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 12½c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Country stocks are apparently in narrow compass, and orders are coming in quite freely. As regards value there is nothing specially new: the recent several strong advances in turpentine have checked the demand, and an easier market is reported in Savannah, but local quotations hold. We quote: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 50 and 53c. per gal.; two to four barrels, 49 and 52c.; 5 to 9 barrels, 48 and 51c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 65c.; five to nine barrels, 64c., net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 37½ to 40c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8½ to 9c. in quantity, tins, 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), $5.62½; No. 1, $5.25; No. 2, $4.92½; No. 3, $4.50; No. 4, $4.12½; dry white lead, 5c.; genuine red do., 4¾ to 5c.; No. 1 red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., $1.65; kegs, $1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., $1.80; smaller quantities, $1.95; 25-lb. tins, $2.05; 12½-lb. tins, $2.30. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris, white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, $1.50 to $1.75; yellow ochre, $1.25 to $1.50; spruce ochre, $1.75 to $2. Window glass, $1.80 per 50 feet for first break; $1.90 for second break.

WOOL.—The strong advance shown at the London sales now in progress, has stiffened up the local market, on which stocks are quite small, and some fair business is reported at higher prices. The lowest in Capes is 15c., with a range up to 17½c., while Natals are held at 18½ to 19c., and B.A. scoured, at 34 to 37c. A cargo lot of Cape has been bought for this market, but will hardly arrive before six weeks.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, January 26th, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d
Wheat, Spring	6	1
Red Winter	6	3
No. 1 Cal	6	11
Corn	3	11½
Peas	5	10½
Lard	29	3
Pork	50	0
Bacon, heavy	27	0
Bacon, light	26	6
Tallow	22	6
Cheese, new white	49	0
Cheese new colored	49	0