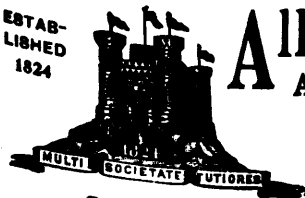


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anticipations were held of probable lower prices, but the result of the American elections is expected to give some tone to the market.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—Fair business is reported in hides at the advance of last week. We quote dealers as buying No. 1 beef hides at 9c.; of calfskins very few are now coming in, and these are bought on the basis of 8c. for No. 1; lambskins, 80c. Tallow is a little easier at 5¼ to 5½c. for rendered.

LEATHER.—In this line the situation is without a change of any kind, and the demand from boot and shoe men is of limited extent. Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24½ to 25½c.; No. 2, B.A., 23 to 24c.; No. 3, B.A., 22 to 23c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 24c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 27c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 29 to 30c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 18 to 21c.; Quebec, ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 26c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored sheepskins, 6½ to 7½c.; black, ditto, 6 to 6½c.; black Indias, 7 to 8c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11 to 13c.; glove-grain, 11½ to 13c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The elections have had some effect on business, but the improvement last noted is fairly maintained, and now that the hurly-burly of politics is about to subside, a more active movement is expected during the balance of the month. Prices generally are steady at quotations. Some sales of coke tins are reported at \$3.75 but these are supposed to be light weights, and the general quotation is \$4.10 to \$4.20. It is reported that the manufacturers of American boiler sheets have agreed to an advance of \$3 a ton, but this lacks official confirmation as yet. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$24 to \$25; Hamilton, No. 1, \$19.50 to \$20; Ferrona, No. 1, \$19 to \$20; Midland, \$19.50 to \$20.00; machinery scrap, \$18.00; common ditto, \$13 to \$14.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60; Hoops, \$1.90; bands, \$3.10; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, fifty-two sheets to the box, \$2.80 to \$2.90; 60 sheets, \$2.95; 75 sheets, \$3; all polished Canadas, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.00 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$8.35 Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.90; No. 26, \$2.85; No. 24, \$2.80; I.C., cokes, \$4.10 to \$4.20; charcoal do., \$4.60; I.X., cokes, \$5 do., charcoal, \$5.35; galvanized sheets, No. 28, Queen's Head, \$4.60; No. 26, \$4.40; No. 24, \$4.25, in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½ to 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, ¾-inch and upwards, \$2.60; ¼-inch, \$2.25; tank steel, \$2.10 for ¼-inch, three-sixteenths, \$2.20; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.50; Russian sheet iron, 10 to 10½c.; lead, per 100 pounds, \$4.60 to \$4.75; sheet, \$4.75 to \$5.00; best cast-steel, 8c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$3.10; sleigh shoe, \$2.00; tire, \$2.10; round machinery steel, \$3.25; ingot tin, 34c. for L. & F.; Straits, 33c.; bar tin, 36c.; ingot copper, 17¼c.; sheet-zinc, 6c.; Silesian spelter, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.50; American spelter, \$4.75 to \$5; antimony, 10½ to 11c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—There has been some increase of activity lately in the despatch of goods by last boats, and before winter rail freights go into effect on the 15th inst. Linseed oil and turpentine are very firm at advance of last week. In mixed paints there has been

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