

demand for the present is nil. Dried apples have weakened and are offering at 5½c. per lb., but demand is slow; evaporated apples have also declined in price and are offered at 8c. per lb.; still, dealers are slow to take hold. New hops at present have no established price, buyers and dealers keeping apart; new Canadian hops are quoted at 15 to 16c. per lb., but even at these figures sales are not large. The warm weather, the large crop, and the low

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prices in the States—13c. per lb.—have contracted market values here. Yearlings quoted at 15 to 16c. per lb., but slow of sale. In mess beef there is nothing doing, prices nominal; mess pork is a little more active at \$15 to 15.50. In hog products there is a fair trade doing, and stocks are limited; long-clear bacon is about sold out and quoted at 9c. per lb.; quotations for bacon and hams generally continue as in our prices current. Pure lard is scarce and prices are very firm at per lb. 10½ to 11½c. The quality of the dressed hogs coming to hand is so poor that the lard product is not equal to the demand, and as it will be some time before the hogs improve, prices in lard have a chance to go higher. Compound lard is in ample supply at unchanged quotations. Eggs are offering in fair quantities, and the demand being good, values have advanced a little, quoted at 13 to 13½c. per dozen.

Wool.—The wool market is without feature of any kind to note; in fleece there is at present absolutely nothing doing. In pulled wools there is a demand for small lots from the factories for present wants. Prices are steady and unchanged.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Messrs. Lewenz Bros. & Hauser's tea letter, dated London, 25th September, says: Dealings in China Congous have continued fairly brisk this week, though otherwise the private mar-

ket has remained as inanimate as before. At auction, blackleaf teas being less freely offered, were taken at full prices, but common redleaf sorts, of which offerings were more liberal, did not sell quite as well, and the better grades, notably Panyongs, although only sparsely represented, sold decidedly worse. But for the support that export orders offered, there would probably have been a distinct decline in common China Congous generally, for they are too dear by the side of better class teas, and dealers will not let themselves be influenced by the reports of impending trouble with China circulated by the news-agencies. Indian and Ceylon teas are still meeting with a fair competition among buyers at public sale, the deliveries showing that the country is relieving the trade of their purchases.

Public sales for the week past sum up as under:—China teas, 17,411 pkgs., viz., 9,685 Congou, 273 Souchong, 610 Oolong, 5,623 scented and 1,220 green tea; Indian teas, 37,494 pkgs.; Ceylon teas, 14,713 pkgs.; Java teas, 1,042 pkgs.

The Oolongs in sale were, as last week, all of this season's import, and sold at from 9½d. to 1s. 3½d., but they were of rather indifferent quality and nothing fine was among them, so that it is not surprising to hear they showed a very poor result to the importers. Scented and greens sold without any noticeable change; and among both classes there is an absence of high-class teas.

In the terminal market the disquieting news from China has made more of an impression than it did outside and "shorts" of China Congou as well as Indian tea have been covering, which has again slightly raised quotations.



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1890	489,858	1,711,686	13,710,800

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