

the eve of winter. In metals *Pig Copper* is steady at 21 to 22c., but little doing; *Block Tin* unchanged at 22 to 23c.; *Pig Iron* has undergone a still further advance, the season being late; Summerlee we quote 22 to 23c., and Eglington 21 to 21.50; round lots would, however, be done at probably lower figures than these, the stock in Montreal being considerable. In American there are two grades in market, not much selling however. Bar iron is moving fairly at our quotations. Hoop and band maintain their price. *Canada Plates* are perhaps in greater request than other lines, and move freely at \$4 to 4.25. *Arrow* we quote \$4 to 4.25. *Horse nails*—None of Guests or Griffins in market. *Galvanized bar*—Nos. 22 and 24 are held at 8c.; No. 26 we quote 3c. higher. Iron wire, \$2.30 to 2.40 for No. 6. *Powder* in limited supply at prices. *Tin plates*, IC coke we quote \$6.40 to 6.50. *Charcoal* is quoted 25c. higher all grades, up to \$11.25 for IXX.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides* are in good demand, and there is no accumulation of stock. Prices remain at 6½ and 5c. for Nos. 1 and 2. *Sheepskins*, 90c. for best green.

LEATHER.—*Spanish sole* is firm, and the demand steady. In No. 2 there is not much offering below 20c. In *Slaughter* there is nothing new to report. *Upper* shows some signs of being easier, more is coming forward, and although there is no marked change it is scarcely so firmly held. Heavy is worth 30 to 34c., with 33 to 36c. for light. *Canada Calf* not much doing, light is worth 50 to 60c. There is a steady small movement in *Splits*. *French Calf* is somewhat easier at present and we quote \$1.12½ to 1.35 as a range. *Buff* is selling freely at quotations. *Pebble* in fair demand. *Materials* are unchanged but firm in price. *Oils*.—Cod is firm at 70c., which might be shaded somewhat for a very large lot. *Straits* 55 to 60c. Business is not particularly brisk and payments hardly so satisfactory, but sales in all lines are steady and indicate a safe and staple trade.

PETROLEUM.—Prices have not varied from our last quotations; the demand is brisk, and there is some difficulty in obtaining prompt supplies. *Refined* we quote at 39 to 40c.

PROVISIONS.—The market does not show any great animation. *Butter* is held at 18½c for choice, although 19c is paid for selections. There is not much in market. *Cheese*—September and October good sells at 11½ to 12c. July can be bought at 9 to 10½c. *Mess Pork* is lower in Chicago, and this market has declined to, say \$19.00 to 19.50. For lots of 50 to 100 brls. the quotation is as low as 18.50; but little is doing in long clear, or in indeed in any *Bacon*. Smoked *Hams* have fallen to 13½ to 14c, because of new stock coming in. There are no canvassed in market. *Lard* is firm at 12 to 13c, and there is not enough in hand for consumption; tierces of old can be obtained at 11½. *Hops*—Choice new held at 30c, a lot sold yesterday at 28c. 1875 crop can be had at 12 to 15c. *Tallow* is worth 7½ to 8c, and is scarce. *Dried Apples*.—A good many are coming in, new crop we quote 6½ to 6¾c.; green \$1.65 to 1.75 per brl. for car lots of winter fruit.

—At the Pork packers Convention at Indianapolis last week the Committee on Business recommended that no change be made in the standards of the cut and cure of provision, but to adopt and continue in force the rules made by the association last year.

SALT.—Coars: Liverpool, a car load sold at 80c, the price on wharf is 75c. A good deal is held here, and prices are firmer on account of storage for winter holding.

WOOL.—Not much changing hands, lots are few and far between. 30 to 31c is paid for a good merchantable article of *Fleace*. We quote *Pulled* at 24 to 28.

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