

and holders continue very firm in their ideas; there is undoubted scarcity of both lower and higher grade Japans. A firm market for all kinds is cabled from London, with a further advance of a halfpenny in common Young Hysons. The "Bellona," the second direct fruit steamer, is just in port, with a full cargo of Mediterranean goods, including 53,344 boxes of Valencia raisins, and 8,000 smaller packages of the same; of currants, she has 795 barrels, 5,053 cases, 5,170 half cases, and 330 quarter cases; 7,100 boxes, 110 half boxes, and 3,925 quarter boxes Malaga raisins; 2,050 sacks of almonds, and 3,060 boxes shelled almonds, besides a considerable miscellaneous cargo. Prices of all sorts of dried fruits continue firm at the advance. About the lowest jobbing figure for ordinary Valencia raisins is 5c.; fine, off stalk, 5½c.; selected, 6½c. California 4-crown Muscatels are scarce and firm at 8c.; 3-crown, 7 to 7½c.; Sultanias, to arrive, 8 to 9c. for ordinary fair grade. Nothing in ordinary currants is available below 4c. Filiatras, 4½ to 4¾c.; Patras, 4½ to 5c., and fine Vostizzas, 6 to 6½c. First arrivals of new dates are only due about end of November, and Grenoble walnuts in about two weeks. New shelled Valencia almonds are quoted at 20c. For new Malaga raisins, the following are the jobbing figures: London layers, \$1.50; connoisseur clusters, \$1.85; extra dessert, \$2.20; Royal Buckingham, \$4.; and Russian clusters, \$5.50. New candied orange peel is quoted 11 to 16c. as to make; lemon, 10 to 16c.; citron, 16 to 22c. per pound.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—In beef hides the local market is without change, dealers buying from the butchers at 7, 6 and 5c. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 respectively, and quoting to tanners on the basis of 7½c. for No. 1. For the few calfskins coming in the old prices continue, namely, 6c. for No. 1, and 4c. for No. 2. Lambskins have been advanced to 60 cents. Butchers are getting a little better prices for their rough tallow, being paid 2½c. in some cases, as the result of some competition among buyers, but rendered does not seem to get much above 3 to 3½c.

HOPS.—There is rather more stir in this line, and we hear of a shipment to England of a lot of 250 bales, sold there at very fair prices. Receipts of really choice hops are comparatively small, and for these prices are firmer at 12½ to 18c.; good yearlings are steady at 5½ to 6½c., and some fair lots of good British Columbia have brought 15 to 16c.

LEATHER.—Since last writing sales of several thousand sides of No. 2 B.A. are reported to Quebec at 21c., and the combine has hardly been able to establish 22c. as a regular quotation yet. Locally there is hardly as much doing, and some of the larger shoe men say they will not be very heavy buyers till after stock-taking, for which preparations will soon be in order. Neither are tanners very much disposed to contract ahead, and a waiting policy is more or less evident on both sides. In the meantime, however, prices are generally firm. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 22 to 23c.; do. No. 2, 21c. to 22c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 21c.; No. 2, 19 to 20c.; No. 1 slaughter, 22 to 24c.; No. 2 do., 19 to 21c.; common, 17 to 18c.; waxed upper light and medium, 26 to 29c.; do. heavy, 24 to 27c.; grained, 25 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 30c.; western splits, 18 to 22c.; Quebec do., 14 to 16c.; juniors, 13 to 15c.; 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, 18 to 14c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebbled cow, 11 to 13c.; polished buff, 11 to 13c.; glove grain, 11 to 12c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The demand for goods is fairly maintained at the level of the last few weeks. There is hardly so much doing in Canada plates, but the rise in tinplates has stimulated enquiry for these goods, and sales of round lots of cokes are reported at \$2.80; wasters are held at \$2.70. Zinc has recovered from the decline of last week, and is quoted at \$4.75 to \$5.00. Domestic bars have been sold at \$1.40 in car lots. Quotations for barbed wire have been reduced to 3c. for Quebec and \$2.85 for Ontario, staples the same. We quote:—Summerlee pig iron, \$20 to 21.00, ex-store; Carron, \$19.50; Ayrshire, \$18.50; Shotts, \$18.25 to 18.50; Carn-

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