

young Hysons continue to gain strength, and some holders are talking big prices; choice Monings are also advancing in price. In canned goods the feature of the week has been a meeting of the Canadian Packers' Association to discuss prices. After Oct. 1st corn and tomatoes will be advanced 2½c. per doz. In the meantime other canned goods remain unchanged.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—The fall trade is opening out nicely and jobbers are fairly busy. Although there is an increasing demand for fall supplies, the movement is not as considerable as that at this period last year. In general hardware and tinware lines there is a good demand. Heavy hardware is moving freely. In the country plumbers' supplies are showing more life, but the city trade remains dead. Dealers are busy shipping lamp and gas fixtures. The metal trade is not so active as it has been during the past several weeks. Galvanized iron and tin plate moving in smaller quantities. No important change in values have occurred. Horseshoes have been reduced 15c. a keg. Bar iron, in round lots, is selling at 5c. a keg less than quotations in our prices current. Fair quantities of cutlery and ammunition are being called for. Reports from the country are encouraging for the fall trade.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Although the advance made on the 8th inst. in the price of hides is maintained, no further strength has been added to the situation this week. From Chicago reports are of a bull nature. The Review of the 21st says: "The packers have the market easily under control and are in a position to dictate terms, but they have such small stocks on hand, and are making hides so slowly, that they are not realizing much money out of the boom. The tanners have bought on a rising market, but the size of their purchases was reduced as the prices advanced. There have been times when the market was started upward and the packers unloaded large accumulations of hides at the top price. To-day we find values and stocks have moved in an inverse ratio. As we stated on Thursday, the receipts of cattle this year have fallen behind the entry of 1893 at East St. Louis and South Omaha, as well as at the Chicago stock yards. Kansas City, however, really shows a small increase in the kill. The actual slaughter there this year, up to Sept. 15, was 578,627 head, against 575,453 head for the same time last year." There are some, however, who cannot see how a permanent advance is to be sustained. To make an advance in the hide market permanent higher prices must be realized for leather. But the burden of the advance must be borne by the consumer. The industrial situation, although gaining strength, is not yet in a position to exact higher prices for finished leather products. Calfskins are slow and without change. Sheepskins remain at 45c., with the movement fairly good.

LEATHER.—The developments of the last seven days have not been of the most satisfactory kind, and enquiries for leather are not brisk. The western factories are not actively engaged, and although there is some show of movement in the east, operations are largely confined to low grades. The country jobbing trade is only fairly good. Some exports of Spanish sole leather are being made to England this week. Stocks are not large, and difficulty is found in filling orders for certain descriptions. Values are unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—Trade is fairly active. Choice selections of butter are not abundant and in consequence 19c. is being paid for fall packed dairy; medium and common qualities are accumulating and there is but a very weak demand. Cheese is quiet and steady among local jobbers, with the feeling if anything a shade easier. Hog products are in good demand; long-clear brings 8½c.; hams, 11½ to 12½c.; rolls, 9½c.; lard 9½ to 10c.; dressed hogs are coming to the market and stand quoted at \$6.80; this is a lower price than at the beginning of last season. Some dried apples have been received and from 6 to 6½c. is being paid. Samples of evaporated received here are not showing good quality, and merchants are holding off from the market; from 7 to 8½c. is being asked; evaporators are now commencing on fall apples, and further shipments will doubtless show improved quality. Reports received from Prince Edward county say that early picked hops were of good quality, but later pickings are wind-whipped and show discoloration. Growers are asking 10 to 15c. for new hops, according to quality, but we hear of only a few sales being made.

WOOL.—No special features characterized this week's proceedings. We do not learn of any considerable sales of fleece wool. The requirements of Canadian mills continue on a limited basis. The results of the London sales have not been up to expectations. American buyers are pursuing a waiting policy, but we cannot well see how wool can be expected to reach lower values than at present.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, Sept. 27, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	4	7½
Red, Winter	4	3
No. 1 Cal	4	9½
Corn	4	10
Peas	5	2
Lard	42	9
Pork	71	3
Bacon, heavy	41	0
Bacon, light	42	6
Tallow	23	23
Cheese, new white	61	0
Cheese, new colored	51	6

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