

first quality, is selling at \$13, and second quality at \$12 per ton; clover hay, first quality, at \$10, second at \$8 per ton; straw, superior is bringing \$7, and inferior \$6.50 per ton.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The supply of green hides continues light. In cured hides the demand is fair, with a comparatively low stock. Prices well maintained at present quotations, but no advance to note. Sales of cured hides reported at 5c. per lb. Calfskins quiet and unchanged, supply daily increasing. Sheepskins are somewhat scarce, but in consequence of the falling off in the demand for matskins prices are easier, \$1.50 being now the top price for best skins. Tallow, rough, unchanged; for rendered dealers are paying 5c. per lb., selling at 5½c. Market quiet.

LEATHER.—The volume of business for March has not been equal to the corresponding month of last year. A good deal of leather has been distributed, it is true, but on the whole there has been much complaint and trade has been restricted. In harness leather the price has fallen and is now, for heavy 25 to 27c. per lb.; for light, 20 to 23c., which values could very probably be shaded by any buyer on the market purchasing a large quantity. Prime heavy is still in fair demand, while light is comparatively neglected. Fortunately there is no great accumulation of stocks in dealers' hands. Tanners should be advised to be cautious and not rush their output too eagerly upon the market. In other black leathers there is quite a stagnation, especially in upper leathers and splits, which are almost neglected. The price of splits has not been so low for some time as it is now. Cutters who are buying large quantities have the ball at their feet, and this condition of things is likely to continue until there is a better market abroad. We can report but a very small stock of foreign leather in the market, with rather a tendency to stiffen in price. This is principally the case in best makes of French kips. The demand has greatly increased of late for uppers, quite a large quantity in styles and make ahead of anything that be can imported is now being manufactured in our own city. To sum up, the outlook for the leather trade is fairly good, the greatest drawback being the difficulty of collections, and payments are not as satisfactory as they might be.

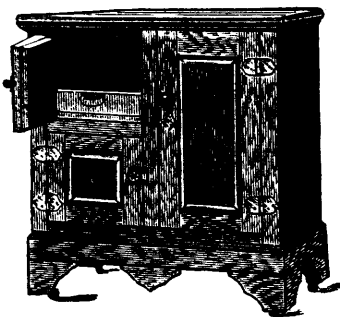
PROVISIONS.—Butter still continues to accumulate. There have been some sales of small parcels, culls, or rejections at 5c. per lb., and it seems probable that a considerable quantity may have to go at that figure. Choice is barely steady at 16 to 18c. per lb., buyers preferring new rolls when they can obtain them. In hog

products the market is somewhat unsettled, owing to the recently announced increase in duties. Dressed hogs are ruling at \$5.75 to \$6.00 per 100 lbs., but there are very few coming in as the season is about over. We quote long clear bacon at 8½ to 8¾c. per lb.; breakfast bacon, 11 to 11¼c. per lb.; hams, 11 to 11½c. per lb.; lard, 9 to 9¼c. per lb.; an advance of about one cent per lb. all round. Eggs are firmer and are now quoted at 12½ to 13c. per dozen. Dried and evaporated apples continue very dull, with little or no trade doing.

SEEDS.—Business continues to be active, with good consumptive demand and numerous

enquiries in all staples. The new tariff has been a disturbing element in timothy and red clover especially, as the Canadian supply is inadequate, and consumers have to foot the difference in increased price. Timothy per 100 lbs. is now quoted at \$3.75 to 3.90; clover alsike, \$9.50 to 11.50; red clover, \$6.50 to 6.90, an advance of about 50c. per 100 lbs.

WOOL.—There is a steady demand for various sorts from the factories, but chiefly for small lots, there being no marked activity in any particular line. Pulled super is steady at 24 to 26c. per lb., extra super at 30 to 32c. There are no pulled combings in the market.



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