

As to values, little fresh can be said. Sugars are just as last noted. Some of the refineries try to get a sixteenth over 4½c. for granulated, but the latter is about the general figure; for yellows, 3½c. is lowest quotation. Bright yellows do not seem to be much wanted. Molasses has been steadily dropping on the island, and has got down to 12c.; local quotations for jobbing lots as before. Japan teas are fairly brisk, with steady quotations for the better grades; in lower lines the presence of the Magor lots in the market, still affects values somewhat. New crop rice will be \$3.62½ from the mill in thousand-bag lots, and to prevent the indiscriminate cutting indulged in by some of the French trade last year, the milling company reserves the right to cancel contracts with any house found following the above mentioned course. Dried fruits are dull, with only a slight jobbing demand for Valencia at 4½ to 5c. per lb. for desirable fruit; layer ditto, 5½ to 7c. as to quality; currants, 5½ to 5½c. for good Provincials. Canned goods, quiet; tomatoes, \$1.05 to 1.25, as to pack; corn, \$1.00 to 1.10, though a lot of inferior brand was sold the other day at 85c.

LEATHER.—General slackness marks the leather situation, as boot and shoe men are buying but sparingly. There are ample stocks here, though there is not so much cheap stuff coming forward. Recent advices from England show fair returns for splits and buff. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A. No. 1, 21 to 23c.; do., No. 2 to B. A. 16 to 17c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2, ditto, 15 to 16c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1 slaughter, 20 to 23c.; No. 2 do., 18 to 20c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 26 to 29c.; ditto, heavy, 23 to 28c.; grained, 26 to 30c.; Scotch grained, 32 to 35c.; splits, large, 16 to 21c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 26c.; buffed cow, 11 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 16c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 14c.; polished buff, 10½ to 13½c.; glove grain, 11 to 13½c.; rough, 20 to 22c.; russet and bridle. 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Not much improvement can yet be noted in the metal trade, though dealers talk a little more hopefully. The only sale of pig iron of any account since last report was a 50-ton lot of Carnbroe at \$19, which is 50c. weaker than previous sales, due, no doubt, to lower quotations to arrive. Siemens is also a shade easier. No import orders are yet being placed. Local stocks of all brands are very low, there not being 500 tons here for sale, but this fact does not help the market. Warrants are cabled at 40s. 10d.; makers' prices without change. Coke tins are weaker, and it is said could be bought in blocks at \$3.40, as new stocks are coming out at low figures. From Washington comes the news that the Committee on Ways and Means has recommended to the Government, (that from the 1st of August the duty on tin plate be reduced from 2-10c. to 1c. a pound, with the total removal of duty in the year 1894, and this should cause a strong advance in Britain if adopted. Cotton is still on the up grade, and we advance inside quotation a quarter of a cent. We quote: Coltness pig, none here; Calder, No. 1, \$22; Calder, No. 3, \$21; Summerlee, \$21.50 to \$22.00; Eglington, none here; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$19 to 19.50; Shotts, none here; Middlesboro, No. 3, none here; cast crap, railway chairs, &c., none here; machinery scrap, \$15 to 18; common do., \$13; bar iron, \$2.10 for Canadian; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.50; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$21.00; Canada Plates—Blaina, Swansea, and Garth, \$2.65 to 2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7.50 to 8.00. Merchants' roofing, 20x28, \$13.50. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.60; No. 26, \$2.50; No. 24, \$2.40; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$6; charcoal I. C., \$4 to 4.25; P.D. Crown, \$4.50; do. I.X., \$5.25 to 5.50; coke I. C., \$3.40 to 3.60; coke wasters, \$3.25; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 5 to 6c.; Morewood, 6½ to 6½c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6½c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.45. Staffordshire boiler plate, \$2.75 to 3.00; common sheet iron, \$2.50 to 2.80 according to gauge; steel boiler plate, \$3.00; heads, \$4.00;

Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.25 to 3.50; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 11 to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3.00; ingot tin, 22 to 22½c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 13½ to 14c.; sheet zinc, \$6 to 6.50; spelter, \$6; American do. \$5.50. Some cheaper grades of antimony are on the market, and we quote from 13 to 15c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 7½ per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ in., 4½c.; 1 in., 4½c.; 1½ in., 4c.; 2 in., 4c.; 2½ in., 3½c. ¾ in., and upwards, 3c.

OILS, PAINTS, &c.—The week has developed little change in these lines. First reports of the seal catch are favorable, 280,000 being the aggregate of steamer cargoes so far reported; prices of seal oil here are yet unrevised. Turpentine is again easier in the South, but stocks being low here, 60c. per gal. is still being asked for single brls. Linseed oil as before, also all other lines. We quote linseed oil, raw, 57c. per gallon; boiled, 60c.; turpentine, 59 to 60c.; olive oil, none here; castor 8½ to 9c. per lb., according to lot; Newfoundland cod, 42 to 44c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 48 to 50c. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.50 to 5.75; No. 1, \$5 to 5.25; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4 to 4.50; dry white lead, 5 to 5½c.; genuine red do., 4½ to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; London washed whiting, 50c.; Paris white, 90c. to \$1; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50. Window glass, \$1.35 to 1.40 per 50 feet for first break, \$1.50 for second break; third break, \$3.25.

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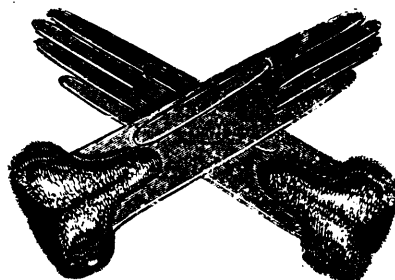
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