

little changing hands; prices continue to rule heavy, and are quoted at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{3}{8}$ c. lower. The finest Western is being offered freely at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $7\frac{3}{4}$ c. per lb.; the finest French at 7 to  $7\frac{1}{2}$ c., but lower prices would have to be accepted by holders in order to induce buyers to take hold of any large quantity. Foreign advices report the English market very depressed, and sufficient old cheese offering at extremely low rates to keep all present requirements supplied. In sympathy with the extreme dull markets ruling for butter and cheese, the feeling with eggs is decidedly weak, and buyers consider ruling rates too high, therefore are only taking hold in limited quantities to supply immediate requirements. Then again the glut of fruit on the market interferes very much with the consumption, and it makes the demand much lighter than it otherwise would be. Prices have made a further decline during the week at from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1c. per doz. Strictly fresh new eggs are being quoted at  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c., but mixed stock are offering largely from 10 to  $10\frac{1}{2}$ c., and a slow dragging sale.

**DRY GOODS.**—The city trade continues quiet as it was last week, but suburban thus far this month is ahead of this time last year, and altogether there is a fair amount of business doing. Collections still a little slack, but no serious complaints regarding payments, and very few failures reported. The good reports from North-West are confirmed, and all round there is better feeling, and the trade express confidence in the present outlook. Prices are tending to a higher market, but no striking advances have taken place as yet. Wholesale houses have been busy these two weeks executing early fall orders.

**GROCERIES.**—We can report no change in the sugar situation, and prices same as last reported, though a little firmer, and more business passing. Factory quotations are  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c. for standard granulated; yellows,  $3\frac{1}{4}$  to  $3\frac{3}{4}$ c. In New York granulated is still quoted at 4 7-16c. Molasses continues firm. Porto Rico held in lots at 34 and 35c. per gal. in a jobbing way. Barbadoes, 35 to  $35\frac{1}{2}$ c. in lots, and 37c. in single puncheon. Prices for canned goods are unchanged from those of two weeks ago. The prices of teas are unchanged here, but firm, and quite a business is being done in Japan. A cable from Japan, received to-day, says: "Cannot buy at last week's prices for round lots, and offer declined." China and Ceylon teas are also said to have advanced a little in the London, Eng., market, and a slight advance is anticipated here in all lines before long.

**HIDES.**—Business continues quiet, and as the market is pretty well cleaned out, prices are firm. Dealers are still paying  $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb. for green No. 1, and are selling to tanners at  $9\frac{1}{2}$  to 10c. for cured. Calfskins are quoted at 8c. and lambskins at 35c. each. An American buyer has bought two car lots of calfskins, but at what figures remains unknown.

**LEATHER.**—There is a little more trade doing; manufacturers are looking round and picking up some stock. Hides are rather firmer in all markets and stocks do not accumulate. Prices of black leathers have advanced in England, and there is more enquiry for buff, splits and glove leather. Some good sized parcels of buff and splits have been sold for that market. Quotations here are unchanged. There has been a good export movement since 1st August from Boston and New York on both sole and black leather. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 1, 26 to 27c.; do. No. 2 to B.A., 25c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 24 to 25c.; No. 2, 22 to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28 to 30c.; No. 2 do., 26 to 27c.; common, 22c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 35 to 40c.; do. heavy, 33 to 36c.; grained, 38 to 40c.; Scotch grained, 38 to 40c.; western splits, 26 to 28c.; Quebec do., 20 to 22c.; juniors, 16 to 19c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 30c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 15 to 16c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 25 to 32c.; buffed cow, 13 to 16c.; extra heavy buff, 17c.; pebbled cow, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 15c.; polished buff, 12 to 14c.; glove grain, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 14c.; rough, 22 to 25c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—In these departments transactions have been confined to small parcels, but values are firm all round, and English cable reports increased firmness in copper and tin, but lead a trifle lower, the advance to £11 7s. 6d. having been too quick. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none

here; Calder, No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$19.00 to 20.00; Eglinton, \$18.00 to 18.50; Gartsherrie, none here; Carnbroe, \$18 to 18.50; Shotts, \$18.75 to arrive; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17.00; Niagara, No. 2, \$18.00; Siemens, pig, No. 1, \$17.00 to 17.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to 17.00; machinery scrap, \$14.75 to 15.00; common do., \$12.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.10, 52 sheets to box, 60 sheets \$2.15 to \$2.20, 75 sheets \$2.25 to \$2.30; all polished Canadas, \$2.50 to 3.00; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.50 to 5.75. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.10; No. 26, \$2.00; No. 24, \$1.90 to 1.95; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5 to 5.50; charcoal I.C., \$3.25; P. D. Crown, \$3.75; do. I.X., \$4.50; Coke I.C., \$2.75 to 2.85; coke wasters, \$2.50; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to  $4\frac{3}{4}$ c.; No. 26, 4c.; No. 24,  $3\frac{3}{4}$ c., in case lots; Morewood,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $5\frac{3}{4}$ c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.85; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2.15. Steel boiler plate,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and upwards, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; American steel plates, \$1.90; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; common tank iron, \$1.50; tank steel, \$1.70; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.00; Russian sheet iron,  $9\frac{1}{2}$  to 10c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3.25; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast

steel, 9 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; tire and sleigh shoe, \$1.85 to 1.90; round machinery steel, \$2.50; ingot tin, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 17c. for best; Straits 16 to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; bar tin, 18c.; ingot copper, 11 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50 to 4.75; Silesian spelter, \$4.25; American do., \$4 to 4.25. Antimony 9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 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 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, 3c. for Quebec province, for Ontario \$2.80 to 2.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Coil chain,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, 5c.;  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 7-16 in.  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.;  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  to 4c.;  $\frac{3}{8}$  in.,  $4\frac{1}{2}$ c.;  $\frac{1}{4}$  in.,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ c.,  $\frac{3}{8}$  in., and upwards.

**OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.**—Business in these different lines continues a little quiet, but is picking up, and seems fair in volume for the season of the year. Prices remain about the same as last week, but there is a tendency to an advance on window glass; the Belgium market is very firm, and prices here will probably go to \$1.20 this fall. We quote:—Turpentine 45c. per gallon for single brls.; two to four barrels, 44c.; 5 brls. and over 43c. Linseed oil, raw, 59c. per gallon; boiled, 62c.; 5-barrel lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6c.; single cases,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{3}{4}$ c.; tins, 7c.; Nfd. cod, 38 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 38c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 38 to 40c. per gal. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only),

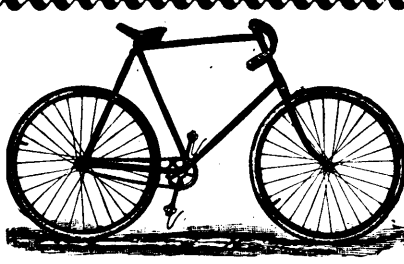
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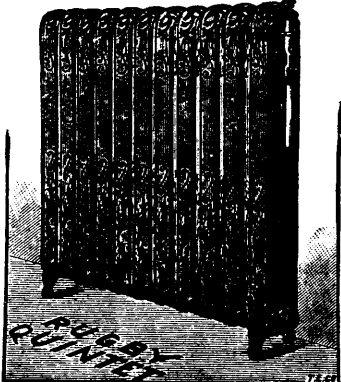
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