\$12 to 13; 1 in. strips, common, \$12 to 13. The demand for shingles has been large and good shipments have been made to American markets. Prices have advanced; we quote: XXX shingles, 16 in., \$2.50 to 2.60; XX shingles, 16 in., \$1.50 to 1.60.

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Provisions.—Receipts of butter have been large and; quotations are lower; 13 to 13½c. per. lb. is a fair quotation, but 14c. is asked for choice. Cheese is steady but quiet, with quotations at 10½ to 10½c. for new, and 11c. for choice autumn make. Hog products show fair activity, with 10½ to 11c. asked for long-clear; 13 to 13½c. for hams; 13 to 13½c. for bellies, and 10 to 10½c. per lb. for rolls. Eggs are steady and quotations at 11½ to 12c. per doz. unaltered.

Wool.—A little unwashed new wool is offering, for which dealers are paying 10c. per lb.; it is thought that 17 to 18c. will be the outside prices for marketable fleece combing. At presented the control of the control prices for marketable fleece combing. At present there is no demand from the United States and the financial situation there tends to make the prospect anything but encouraging. In several American markets prices are much lower than at this time last year, while the Western mills complain of lack of orders. Thus dealers here look for a slow marketing of this year's clip, and do not consider the business outlook satisfactory.

TEA LETTER.

We condense as under Messrs. J. Lewenz & Hauser Bros.' London Tea Letter, dated London, 19th May: There was this week just enough pressure to sell, privately and at auc-tion—though public sales were again comparation—though public sales were again compara-tively moderate—to thoroughly depress the market, which was in no mood to relieve hold-ers of much tea just before the Whitsuntide holidays. The consequence was that easier prices had to be accepted in nearly all cases. China blackleaf Congous, which were chiefly in evidence, sold down to 62d for teas that would have made 72d two or three weeks ago. Scented and green teas were also weaker, and Indian teas all round had to be sold at unsatis-factory prices. The same was the case with factory prices. The same was the case with Ceylons, which, besides, have lately been rather disappointing in quality; Javas alone remain fairly steady.

At Hankow the business transacted in new

At Hankow the business transacted in new teas continues small, for the heavy arrivals have made buyers timid. We said in our last letter that an export of 55 million pounds to London (including continental transhipments) would appear to be about all that is wanted from China this season, if we get as much as 115 millions from India, 75 millions from Ceylon, and 5 millions from Java; for, as we also stated, our deliveries for the season 1893-4 might be put down as (at least) 245 million pounds (including transhipments). With 55 million pounds from China, the supplies would thus even be 5 millions in excess of deliveries. At Calcutta the first public sale of the season,

At Calcutta the first public sale of the season, embracing some 8,000 chests, was held yesterday, and prices obtained show an advance of one anna for inferior, but a decline of one anna for better class teas as compared with opening

prices last year.
We hear that shipments of Ceylon tea from Colombo will this month probably be 8 million pounds, or 1 million larger than previously expected, as all the Australian purchases lately made will be sent here, owing to the temporary non-negotiability of drafts on Australia.

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