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nutmegs hold firmly at last advance. No change in price among tobaccos. Rice steady at mill at \$3.70, but is being sold at cut-rates by some still. Canned tomatoes have been sold in some considerable lots lately at from \$1.05 to 1.12½, but for ordinary jobbing wants more would likely have to be paid; corn, \$1.10 to 1.20 as to brand; salmon, \$1.70 to 1.75; lobsters, \$6.75.

**HIDES.**—The demand from tanners is not marked by much activity, and values show little if any change. Green hides are still being bought by dealers at 4½c. per lb. for No. 1, while tanners pay 5½c. for same. Toronto and Hamilton No. 1, 5½ to 6c.; calfskins, 5c.; lambskins rather firmer at 65 to 70c.**LUMBER.**—Business in this line is of rather a quiet character at the moment, and prices are unchanged. There has been considerable complaint among the trade of large shipments of hardwoods from the west, which have been sold at very low prices. We quote:—Pine first quality, P. M., \$85.00 to 38.00; ditto, 2nd quality, \$22.00 to 25.00; ditto, shipping culls, \$14.00 to 16.00; ditto, 4th quality deals, \$10.00 to 12.00; ditto, mill culls, \$8.00 to 10.00; spruce, \$9.00 to 12.00; hemlock, \$9.00 to 10; ash, \$13.00 to 18.00; bass, \$14.00 to 20.00; oak, dimension, \$60.00 to 90.00; oak, plank, \$20.00 to 60.00; walnut, \$60.00 to 100; cherry, \$60.00 to 80.00; butternut, \$22.00 to 40.00; birch, \$18.00 to 25.00; maple, hard, \$18.00 to 25.00; laths, \$1.45 to 1.60; shingles, \$1.50 to 3.00; ditto, cedar, \$2.00 to 3.00.**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The iron market presents no very striking features at moment of writing, but maintains all the strength noted in late reports. Warrants were off sixpence at date of last cable, being 63½d., but sale quotations are firm as ever, and there is nothing in the situation to indicate decline. Bar iron is very firm at the advance. Tin and other plates steady at quotations, and metals generally hold the strong position last noted. We quote:—Coltness, none here; Calder, No. 1, \$27.00, and none here; Calder, No. 3, \$26; Langloan, \$27.50; Summerlee, \$27.00 to 28.00; Eglington and Dalmellington, \$24 to 25.00; Gartsherrie, \$26.50; Carnbroe, \$25; Shotts, \$26 to 27.00; Middlesboro, No. 1, none here and cannot be got; No. 3, none; cast scrap, railway chairs, &c., \$22; machinery scrap, \$20; common ditto, \$14; bar iron, \$2.50 to \$2.60 for Canadian, British \$2.60; best refined, \$2.85. The products of the Londonderry Iron Company we quote as follows: Siemens' pig No. 1, \$26.50 to 27.00; Acacia bar, \$2.40; Siemens' bar, \$2.60; these figures for round lots. Canada Plates—Blaina, \$3.00 to 3.15. Tern roofing plate, 20x28, \$8 to 8.25. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$3.00. Tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.75; charcoal I.C.,**JOHN J. GARTSHORE,**

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