

points out that while the visible supply was 24,800 tons a year ago, the prices for Straits tin were £69 10s. per ton in London, and about 15½c. per pound in New York, whereas the visible supply is now about 20,000 tons and prices over £119 per ton in London, and over 26c. per pound in New York. In other words, the supply has decreased less than 4 per cent. in twelve months, while prices have advanced about 70 per cent. in the same time. Copper has been very steady in price, although the feeling has tended easier. Pig iron is very strong. American markets have been sensationally bullish, and all sorts of reports are in circulation as to the shortage of supplies. Black sheets have been advanced in the local market; we quote: 18 to 20 gauge, \$2.60; 22 to 24 gauge, \$2.70; 26 gauge, \$2.80; 28 gauge, \$3.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is a quiet market in hides. Dealers continue to pay 8½c. per lb. for city green hides, while cured are quoted at 9c. per lb. Tanners are at a loss to account for the long maintained high prices of hides, and complain that they have very hard work to get values out of the vats. Lambskins and shearlings are not in as large receipt this week; the standard quotation is 25c. each. Calfskins show no change, and are steady at 9c. for No. 1 quality. Tallow is quiet and comparatively little trade is being done. Chicago, June 27th. —A fairly firm tone dominated the market. There was a fairly good enquiry from tanners, they being ready buyers on the basis of prices last paid. Packers' stocks, however, were not particularly large, and they had confidence in the situation, declining to sell unless they obtained full quoted values, closing at 11¼ to 12c. for native steers, 12¼c. for Texas, 11¼ to 11½c. for butt brands, 10¾ to 11c. for Colorados, and 11c. for native cows.

LIVE STOCK.—The total amount of cattle, sheep and hogs received at the Western Cattle Market for the week ending June 24th was: Cattle, 3,591; sheep and yearlings, 2,762; hogs, 5,594 and calves, 171. The supply of export cattle is about equal to the demand, with prices ranging \$4.60 to \$5.25 per cwt. Choice butchers' cattle brought good prices, viz., \$4 to \$4.40 per cwt., but poor stock—with which the market was glutted—was in poor request, and found sale at from \$3 to \$3.75 per cwt. Sheep were steady in price, and the feeling in the market was slightly firmer. The supply in the market was not excessive. Sales were made at \$3 to \$3.60 per cwt. Lambs brought \$3 to \$4.25 each. Hogs were unchanged and steady, with quotations for choice bacon hogs, \$5, and light bacon hogs, \$4.37½, while heavy fat hogs brought \$4.25 per cwt.

PROVISIONS.—All smoked meats are in good demand, and the wholesale houses are distributing large quantities throughout the country. Prices continue firm and should allow a fair margin to packers. Lard remains steady and in moderate demand.

WOOL.—The new fleece season is now in activity, and supplies are coming forward briskly from primary hands. Merchants are offering 14c. per lb. for new fleece, and growers are asking about 15c. per lb. Pulled wools are quiet and steady. The fourth series of the wool sales in London opened on the 27th inst., with a large attendance. The bidding for cross-breeds was brisk, with the home trade showing an unusually strong desire for this grade. A small selection of merino greasies showed animation and sold 5½ to 6 per cent. higher, with the continent securing the bulk. A small supply of Cape of Good Hope and Natal met with a strong demand, and greasy snow whites improved 5 per cent. The series is scheduled to close July 18th.

LIVERPOOL PRICES

Liverpool, June 30, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	6	11
Red Winter	5	11
No. 1 Cal	6	3
Corn old	3	3
" new	3	4
Peas	5	11
Lard	26	0
Pork	42	5
Bacon, heavy	29	0
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Tallow	25	6
Cheese, new white	42	0
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