

the entries of coffee at Rio and Santos, the Brazil coffee crop for the season of 1898-99 was 8,771,000 bags, of which 3,192,000 bags were Rio and 5,579,000 bags were Santos. Dried fruits are steady, and the movement has been affected by the heavy arrivals of green fruits. We quote: Prunes, 90-100 50-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c.; 90-100, 25-lb. boxes, per lb., 5¾c.; 70-80, 50-lb. boxes, per lb., 7c.; 70-80, 25-lb. boxes, per lb., 7¼c.; 50-60, 25-lb. boxes, per lb., 9c. Canned goods are also affected by the movement in fresh vegetables and fruit.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is nothing special to report of the local hide market. For green cow hides 8¼c. is being paid, while last sales of cured were made at 9c. per lb. Merchants hope to repeat these transactions. Pelts and lambskins are 5c. dearer, and are quoted 30c. each. Calfskins are quiet and without change.

LEATHER.—The usual season's trade is being done by tanners and wholesale leather men. Values are steady and without change. Tanners have two complaints, (1) that hides remain abnormally dearer, and (2) shoe manufacturers this year are cutting more than a usual quantity of Dongola. There is a good export demand for sole leather, and recent sales are reported to have netted ½c. per pound more than transactions previously made. Collections are said to be quite satisfactory.

PROVISIONS.—Trade in hog products is active, and prices are firm, and in some lines higher. Supplies are being rapidly distributed, and packers appear quite satisfied that by the time the season is closed stocks will be well cleared up.

WOOL.—The new fleece is coming forward in large quantities. Dealers are only paying 14c. per pound for their purchases. Pulled wools are in fair demand, and prices are steady, although ruling very low. A prominent Ontario mill owner is reported to be building a large extension with the idea of making worsteds on an extensive scale. At the London wool auctions, which opened on the 27th ult., and which are scheduled to continue for about three weeks; merino wools are 7½ per cent. up, while braid wools are 5 per cent. lower than at the close of the last sales (the first report quoted braid wools 5 per cent. higher, which was an error in transmission).

CONGENIAL.

"Mike," said Plodding Pete, "did yer hear 'bout Alaska?"

"Lots. Are yer t'inkin of de trip?"

"I dunno. I'm told dat daylight lasts twenty-four hours at a stretch. Ef I could git a job in dat locality as night watchman, I dunno but I'd be willin' to work."

—Washington Star.

—The finance committee of Woodstock town council has decided to recommend as a final offer that the proposed street railway be granted a fifty years' franchise, and that they be exempt from taxation for the first ten years, that they be called upon to pay nothing for the first twenty years, and after that time, that they pay \$500 a year rent for the third ten years, \$750 a year for the fourth ten years, and \$1,000 a year for the fifth ten years.

—The name of McDonald seems to be the most numerous of any in our province. A glance over the Nova Scotia directory will show a good list in every county. Cape Breton takes the lead with 1,049 McDonalds in the directory. Inverness comes next with 791. Pictou has 748, and Antigonish 694. Fraser is a popular name in Pictou county, there being 637 named.—Kentville, N.S. Advertiser.

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Liverpool, June 30, 12.30 p.m.

Wheat, Spring	s. d.
Red Winter	6 1
No. 1 Cal	6 0
Corn old	6 3
" new	3 5½
Peas	3 4½
Lard	5 11
Pork	96 6
Bacon, heavy	42
Bacon, light	29 6
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Cheese new colored	42 0
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