province, though it is said goods have been sold in Ontario at 28c., though laid down cost of new stock is figured at 27½c. Importers and brokers continue to report an inactive tea market, but jobbers appear to be doing a fair amount of business with the country. Cable advices are to hand with regard to the opening of the market for new crop of Japans, most of them agreeing that prices are about the same as last year, though one firm's report quotes them as a little lower. Dried fruits are very dull, but rather a better feeling is said to exist in New York and California with regard to prunes. The mill price for rice is steady, though some cutting is reported, in sales, west. Reports with regard to canned goods vary somewhat, but local holders are firm in their views, and report some recent enquiry from local jobbers, which, they claim, indicates that stocks are not so large as some would seem to believe.

HIDES.—The American hide market is said to be showing some signs of strength, but local dealers have not advanced quotations, and are still buying on the basis of 6½c. for No. 1. Business in calfskins continues active, at 10 and 8c. for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively; lambskins, 10c.; and sheepskins, 90c.

LEATHER.—The American hide market is reported firmer, with some considerable recent deals in leather in Boston, and other Eastern centres, and local leather men are not inclined to concede on quotations. The shoe trade is quiet here, but some of the Quebec men, who manufacture for jobbers, are reporting very good orders for fall goods. steady We quote: Spanish, sole, B.A., No. 1, 24½ to 25½c.; No. 2, B.A., 23½ to 24c.; No. 3, B.A., 22c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 24c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 27 to 28c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 29 to 30c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 18 to 22c.; Quebec, ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 26c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored sheepskins, 6½ to 7½c.; black, ditto, 6 to 6½c.; black Indias, 7 to 8c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 12 to 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11 to 13c.; glove-grain, 11 to 12c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The rush of shipments by boat is not yet over, and houses in these lines generally report themselves as very busy. Stocks of most lines of sheets are comparatively small in most hands, but some liberal supplies are arriving, one vessel last week bringing some 1,600 tons of these goods, it is said. Some houses are still quoting Terne plates at $7.75, but fair lots can be got at 50 cents less; for black sheets, quotations vary from $2.75 to $2.85 for 28-gauge; Canadas, $2.50 for 52 sheets; galvanized sheets, 4¼c. for standard brands, 28 gauge, in case lots; boiler plates, $2.10, for quarter-inch and thicker. Pig iron quotations are same as last week; domestic bars, $1.70 to $1.75. Pig lead has gained 7s. 6d. a ton at home, and local prices are firmer at $3.55 to $3.65; ingot tin, 30c. for Straits; 31c. for L. & F.; copper, steady, at 17½ to 17¾c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Linseed oil rules very firm, being strong at late advances, and a further rise is deemed not improbable; the London market is cabled up to £30. Turpentine is unchanged. Cod oil is said to be very scarce, and values firm. Short shipments of glass are looked for this spring, as the labor troubles in Belgium are yet unsettled. If linseed oil keeps on advancing, some revision of prices of mixed paints and