

Camphor easier, owing to large stocks of crude coming forward and competition between English and continental refiners. The duty on lime juice has been increased from ten per cent. to twenty per cent. We quote:—Salsoda, 90c. to \$1; bicarb soda, \$2.50 to 2.70; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$2; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs., \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 8 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 16 to 18c.; do. ground, 18 to 20c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 30 to 35c.; do. powder, 32 to 37c.; citric acid, 55 to 60c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.50 to 2.75; sugar of lead, 10 to 11c.; bleaching powder, \$2.75 to 3.25; alum, \$1.75 to 2.00; copperas, per 100 lbs., 95c. to \$1.10; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$1.75 to 2.00; roll sulphur, \$1.75 to 2.00; sulphate of copper, \$4.25 to 4.75; epsom salts, \$1.40 to 1.60; saltpetre, \$8.00 to 8.50; American quinine, 35 to 38c.; German quinine, 35 to 38c.; Howard's quinine, 40 to 42c.; opium, \$4.75 to 5.25; morphia, \$2.00 to 2.20; gum arabic, sorts, 18 to 30c.; white, 40c. to 60c.; carbolic acid crystals, 30 to 45c. per lb.; crude 90c. to \$1 per gallon; iodide potassium, \$3.90 to \$4.25 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$4.75 to 5.00; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$1.90 to 2.50; oil bergamot, \$3.50 to 4.00; orange, \$3.20 to 3.50; oil peppermint, \$3.75 to 5.00; glycerine, 18 to 20c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 58 to 60c.; American do., 55 to 60c.; insect powder, 25 to 35c.

GROCERIES.—In this line of trade there have been further tinkering with the tariff, which, however, do not seem to afford general satisfaction; especially is this true with regard to teas. The Government has decided to reimpose the duty on cleaned rice, but apparently intends to allow the proposed duty on paddy to remain, which is not satisfactory to the milling company, who as yet refrain from making quotations to customers for the coming season. On whole nuts the duty is reduced from three cents to two cents. In prices generally there is very little change to note. Sugars are perhaps a shade easier, and though 4½c. is the quotation for granulated at the factory, a sixteenth less would bring a fair lot; yellows range from 3½ to 3¾c. Molasses is jobbed at 32c. per gal. the single puncheon, car lots 31c. As yet a comparatively limited supply has been bought at the island for this market. In teas some fair orders are reported at usual prices. In canned vegetables and fruits there is only a light movement; tinned lobsters in fair request at from \$1.65 to \$2 per dozen as to brand. Dried fruits are moving only in limited lots at former quotations.

HIDES.—There is not a great deal doing in hides at the moment. Calfskins are very flat in the American market, and are down to 5c. per lb. here. No. 1 green hides are still being bought at 3½c. per lb., though no more can be got from tanners; lambskins have not got beyond 10 to 15c. each yet.

LEATHER.—Boot and shoe manufacturers are light buyers of leather just now. Some are preparing fall samples, while others are getting ready for stock-taking, so that they are not open for transactions at the moment. Trade in England is also reported quiet, and prices there do not improve, but some fair shipments of buff and splits will go forward by first outgoing steamships. Prices are without notable change. Slaughter sole is in a little fuller supply than heretofore, and might be bought to a little better advantage. We quote:—Spanish sole B. A. No. 1, 19 to 21c.; do. No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 18c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 18 to 19c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, slaughter, 18 to 20c.; No. 2 do., 17 to 18c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, none here; waxed upper, light and medium, 24 to 26c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 24c., grained, 24 to 26c.; Sootch grained, 25 to 27c.; splits, large, 13 to 15c.; do., small, 10 to 12½c.; calf-splits, 27 to 30c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 23 to 27c.; Canadian, 19 to 21c.; colored pebbled cow, 12½ to 13½c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 18 to 25c.; buffed cow, 9 to 11c.; extra heavy buff, 12½c.; pebbled cow, 8 to 12c.; polished buff, 9 to 11c.; glove grain, 9 to 11c.; rough, 16 to 18c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—In pig iron business is dull, no transactions of any note being reported. From \$19 to 19.50 per ton is being asked for Summerlee to arrive. Warrants

are cabled easier at 42s. 8d. The cutting of prices on domestic bars has not been abated, and though \$1.75 is the nominal figure, it is said car lots have been placed at \$1.65. Coke tins continue very weak, and round lots of Canada plates can doubtless be bought at \$2.30. In lead, tin and copper there is no change. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, \$20; Calder, No. 1, \$19.00; Calder, No. 3, \$18.00; Summerlee, \$19.50; Eglington, \$18.25; Gartsherrie, \$19.00; Langloan, \$20; Carnbroe, \$18.00; Shotts, none here; Middlesboro, No. 3, none here; Siemens' pig No. 1, \$16.50 to 17.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to \$17.00; machinery scrap, \$14.00 to 15.00; common do., \$8 to \$11; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.75; British, \$2.25; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.25; Canada Plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.40 to \$2.45; all polished Canadas, \$3; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$7 to 7.25. Black sheet iron No. 28, \$2.40; No. 26, \$2.30; No. 24, \$2.25; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.25 to 5.50; charcoal I. C., \$3.50 to 3.75; P.D. Crown, \$4; do. I.X., \$1.75 to 5; coke I. C., \$3.00 to 3.25; coke wasters, \$3.00; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4½ to 4¾c.; Morewood, 5½ to 6c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6 to 6½c.; No. 26, 6½ to 6¾c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Hoops and bands, per 100 lbs., \$2.30 to 2.35. Steel boiler plate, 1-quarter inch and upwards, \$2.00; ditto, 3-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; common tank iron, \$1.65 to \$1.85; heads, \$3.00 to 3.25; Russian sheet iron, 10½ to 11c.; lead per 100 lbs., pig, \$2.75; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; spring, \$2.50; tire, \$2.50 to 2.75; sleigh shoe, \$2.40; round machinery steel, \$3; ingot tin, 18 to 20c.; bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 9½ to 10½c.; sheet zinc, \$5.00 to \$5.25; spelter, \$4.50 to \$4.75; American do., \$4.50 to \$4.75. Antimony 10½ to 12c.; bright iron wires Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$5.35; the trade discount on wire is 20 per cent. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ in.,

4½c.; 7-16 in., 4½c.; ½ in., 3½ to 4c.; ¾ in., 4c.; ¾ in. 3½c.; ¾ in., and upwards, 3c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Houses in this line of trade are busy despatching goods by first boats east and west, and seem satisfied with the business doing. Turpentine took something of a drop since last writing, but has recovered some, and prices are up 1½c. in

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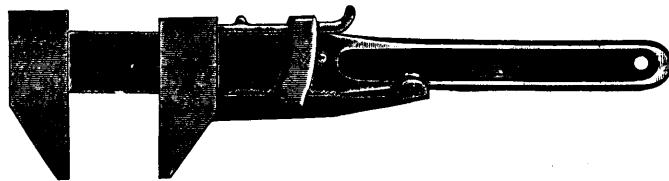
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