9½c. Spices and tobaccos, without change. Rice, in rather more request, and outside markets reported firmer; the mill price for car lots is \$3.70, but this figure is cut by some houses for jobbing lots; Japan, 4 to 4½c.; Patna, 4½ to 5½c. Canned lobsters remain very firm at \$6.75 to 7.00; salmon, \$1.70 to 1.75 per dozen; tomatoes, pretty well concentrated and firm at \$1.15 to 1.20.

METALS AND HARDWARE .- Business in hard-METALS AND HARDWARE.—Business in hardware and metals is very quiet this week, as is usual at this time of year. Some lines are becoming scarce, and when buying recommences after the holidays, no doubt higher prices will have to be paid. This is notably the case with coke tinplates, of which over 2,500 boxes have been moved within the last the case with coke tinplates, of which over 2,500 boxes have been moved within the last fortnight; and the reduced stock, mostly owned by one house, is held firm at \$4.25, some of the smaller holders refusing to sell under \$4.50. Owing to an advance in England on I.X. charcoals, the trade here have increased the advance on X.'s to \$1.25 per box. Scotch warrants closed 17th at 59/7, and makers' prices are firm at last week's figures for pig iron. Ingot copper is still tending upward. Sheet iron is dearer, and Canada plates are likely to be advanced soon as demand sets in. We quote:—Coltness, none here; Calder, No. 1, \$27.00, and none here; Calder, No. 3, \$26; Langloan, \$28.00; Summerlee, \$28.00; Eglington and Dalmellington \$25; Gartsherrie, \$27.50; Carnbroe, \$26; Shotts, \$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;



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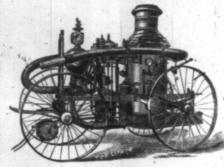
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