

rather a complete revision of the changes in values due to the tariff, and so have but little to add. The price of Canada plate is lower at \$2.55 to 2.60. Import orders for galvanized iron and Canada plate continue to be placed.

HIDES AND SKINS.—If anything a slight improvement has taken place in hides; this cannot, however, be considered in any way as a marked change for the better, and prices remain unaltered. Car lots of cured hides have been sold at 3½ to 3¾c. per lb. Seepskins remain unaltered. Reports received from the country continue to indicate that there remains a large accumulation of skins in the province. Importations from the United States have all but ceased, and merchants say that import transactions cannot be made with profit. The supply of calfskins is increasing, but there is not sufficient demand to stimulate values, and they will probably continue upon a low basis. Six cents is the best price paid for No. 1 trimmed veals, while deacons bring but 25c. each. The market for tallow continues quiet and values are unchanged.

LEATHER.—A slightly better trade has been done this week by sole leather merchants, both on local and eastern account. One of the Ontario shoe factories is at present idle in consequence of a strike, but it is thought a settlement will soon be arrived at, and that the leather market will receive but slight injury from this source. A fairly good demand is reported for colored leathers. For harness there are moderate enquiries, but prices are such that any trade done gives but meagre profits to producers and merchants.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts of butter have been fairly large, and if anything, the market feeling is a shade easier. The local cheese market is quiet; some new cheese is offering and is jobbing at 11½c. per lb. But little change has taken place in dried and evaporated apples; stocks are light, and the trade done is necessarily upon a limited basis. Only a quiet movement is taking place in hog products; prices have undergone no alterations. Offerings of dressed hogs are limited, the demand from the local butchers being fairly good; however prices have not declined. Receipts of eggs about equal the demand, and the market is steady at 11c. per dozen. The 45th annual statement of pork packing in the Western States issued by the Cincinnati Price Current shows the following. Total number of hogs packed in the West the past winter 4,884,000, an increase of 250,000 compared with last year; average weight of each

hog 248 pounds, an increase of 20½ pounds; yield of lard 36 pounds, an increase of 4½ pounds. Quantity of mess pork made 149,000 barrels, increase 38,000 barrels; other pork 129,000 barrels, increase 55,000 barrels; lard made 533,000 tierces, increase 89,000 tierces. The aggregate packing in the West for twelve months ending March 1st was 11,605,000 hogs, a decrease of 785,000 as compared with that of last year.

WOOL.—Trade continues slow of movement. Reports from the mills indicate that many are closing down this month for repairs; some of the mills, however, are in active operation, but from the limited demands made upon the stocks held by merchants, we would gather that they are carrying good supplies of wool. During the last week we have not heard of any considerable importations from the United States.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Gillespie & Co.'s prices current, dated Liverpool, April 6th, 1894, say: Sugar, raw, very dull. Refined easier, at about 16s to 17s 6d per cwt. for fair yellow to white. Chemicals, etc.—There is no improvement to note in the general demand, and prices show very small variations. Oils—Castor rather easier at 2½d to 2¾d per lb. Olive in limited request at £30 to £34 per tun, according to quality. Palm dull and drooping at £20 to £21 10s per ton for Bonny and Lagos respectively. Freights, by direct steamers commencing on 14th inst., are likely to rule as follows: Halifax, N.S., 12s 6d to 15s; St. John, N.B., 17s 6d to 20s.

	Montreal.	Hamilton or London.
Groceries.....	10/ to 12/6	20/ to 22/6
Chemicals	7/6 to 15/	20/ to 25/
Oils	15/ to 17/6	22/6 to 25/

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 19, 12.30 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	2
Red, Winter	5	3
No. 1 Cal.	5	2
Corn	3	11
Peas	4	11
Lard	40	0
Pork	70	0
Bacon, heavy.....	33	0
Bacon, light	34	0
Tallow	26	0
Cheese, new white	19	6
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