

would have been saved hundreds, and even thousands of dollars, which they have lost by the mixing done during the last season. If this had been done I think our association would have gained the confidence of every miller in this country, but as long as we allow our members to be robbed in this way, we will never have the prosperity which the association should enjoy.

### Leather Going Up.

The advance in leather during September amounted to 3 or 4 per cent on harness and skirting leather, 7 per cent on sole leather, and about 25 per cent on grain leather. These advances are absurdly disproportionate to the rapid rise in hides. Harness leather is only 4 per cent higher as compared with a bound of 3 1/2-2 per cent in native steer hides. Branded hides have jumped from 20 to 28 per cent, according to the selection, while slaughter soe leather and union sole leather have managed to score an advance of 7 1/2-2 per cent. Upper cut's were relatively lower than the buff hides from which they were made when the quotations began to change, but the highest prices obtained only show a rise of 25 per cent on the leather, again a boom of 47 1/2-2 per cent in upper leather hides.—Chicago Shoe and Leather Trade Review.

### Hides, Wool, etc.

A Chicago report says of the hide market: "The buying movement has not been very active this week, but the packers are so closely sold up that their sales serve to keep them firm in the price of value. Several selections have brought higher prices and there really seems a hope for the tanners, except in the direction of raising the quotations for leather."

The Toronto Globe says the market is more active for hides owing to speculative buying. Some U. S. buyers from the eastern and western markets and from O. I. have been in the market making considerable purchases of all kinds, and prices are firmer. The receipts are fair and are being offered at a taken a good price. Local dealers quote 6 1/2-2c for No. 1 green and ears of No. 1 cured at 7c. Sheepskins are in good demand at 55 to 60c. Country lots are quoted at 5c to 45c. Tallow is a cent higher, the quotation being 3 3/4c for prime lots.

Sales of wool have been made at Trenton for export to the United States and prices were 1 to 2c higher, at 20 to 20 1/2c for washed fleece, at which prices several car lots were sold for the States.

The Montreal Gazette of Oct. 2 says: "A shipment of two car loads of beef hides was made to the United States last week but no returns have been received yet. The demand from Quebec tanners has been good and stocks on spot have in consequence been reduced considerably, but dealers state that owing to the dullness of leather the market for hides does not warrant any further advance in prices at present. Dealers are still paying 6c for No. 1, 5c for No. 2, and 4c for No. 3. In lambskins prices have advanced 5c to 45c each. Calfskins are dull at 6c for No. 1, and 4c for No. 2.

Bradstreet says of United States wool markets: "The market holds firm with a fairly good business in progress. Buyers are free purchasers at last week's values, but the tendency of holders is to ask

more, and this checks sales. Concessions of 1-4 to 1-2c would have doubled the week's sales. Territory would meet with more attention and on the basis of 30s secured for fine medium and fine

### Montreal Grocery Market.

There seems to be no let up to the steady downward tendency of the refined sugar market and prices have scored another decline since this day week of 1-16c per pound for granulated and low grade yellows. The demand has also fallen in considerable owing to the fact that buyers have evidently filled their wants for the present and refiners in consequence report business flat and a contrast for this season of the year. Granulated in round lots has sold at 3 7/8-8c and small quantities at 3 5/16-14c. Yellows range from 2 7/8-3 3/4c as to quality at the factory. Private cables received today reported the beet market dull and lower at 8 9/1 for October and November. This is the lowest figure beet has sold at this year and the impression is that it is now below cost of production.

The demand for syrups does not improve any, and the market rules quiet and about steady at 1 1/2-2c to 2 3/4c per lb. as to quality at the factory.

There has been a better demand for molasses during the last week, and a fairly active trade is reported in small lots, in consequence of which a firm feeling has prevailed and prices have advanced 1-2c per gallon, recent sales of Barbadoes having been made at 2 1/2-28 1/2-2c, and in some cases as high as 29c was realized for really choice stock.

The rice market is without any new features. A fair business continues to be done at fair prices. We quote: Crystalline Japan, \$4.75 to \$5; standard B., \$3.4; Patna 4.25 to \$5; Carolina, \$6.50 to \$7.50; choice Bermuda, \$3.7, and Java kinds \$4.00.

The feature of the spice market is the scarcity of white pepper, for which the demand is good at firm prices. Recent private cables from abroad on this article have been strong and not an advance of 3-8d per pound. The following quotations are what jobbers can buy at only:—Penang black pepper, 6c to 7 1/2-2c; white pepper, 10c to 12 1/2-2c; cloves 7 1/2-2c to 9c; cassia, 8 1/2-2c to 9 1/2-2c; nutmegs 6c to 9c, and Jamaica ginger, 15 1/2-2 to 18 1/2-2c.

In coffee business continues quiet owing to the fact that the demand is chiefly for small parcels to fill actual wants, and prices show no material change. We quote: Maracaibo at 16c to 17c; Rio, 15c to 16c; Java, 21c to 22c, and Mocha, 22c to 25c.

There has been considerable activity in the tea market since our last and the improved demand for all lines has continued, consequently the turnover has been large and now that buyers are showing more disposition to meet traders, the prospects for this business will continue active for some little time, as it is said that stocks in jobbers' hands are small, and as the importation this season to date have been considerably less than last, the firm feeling will probably be sustained. Sales of fair sized lots of old crop low grade J pans have been made at 13c, new crop a 14c to 16c, and fair to good at 17c to 20c. Gunpowders have also been in demand, and sales of 2,000 boxes are reported at prices ranging from 9c to 25c per lb. Several fair-sized lots

of blacks have also been placed here for London account at p. t.

Since our last report of the jobbing prices from 5c to 10c per dozen has been made in canned goods a reduction in made for tomatoes, corn and peas. The demand has been somewhat better owing to the fact that retailers have been laying in supplies for the coming season, consequently, the market is moderately active and some fair sized sales have been made. Tomatoes have sold at 60c to 65c per dozen, corn at 65c to 75c, and peas at 75c to 80c. In a wholesale way canned salmon has been in demand, and sales of two lots of 1,000 cases each are reported at \$4.20 and 4 25 f. o. b. coast. The inside figure shows a further decline of 1/2c per case, and the above prices are 5c to 3c below what packers were asking in the beginning of the season. The following are jobbers' prices:—Lobster, \$2.25 to \$3.00 per case, French sardines, extra brands, \$9.50 to \$10.50, ordinary brands, \$8.00 to \$9.00; Canadian brands, \$4 to 4.25, salmon, \$1.30 to \$1.40 per dozen, mackerel, \$1.15; tomatoes, 60c to 65c; corn 65c to 75c, marrow-fat peas, 75c to 80c, baked beans, 3 lbs., \$1.25 to \$1.30; peaches, \$1.90 to \$2; strawberries, \$2 to \$2.25; raspberries \$1.75 to \$2; pineapples, \$1.75 to \$2, and 3 lbs. apples, 65c to 70c.—Gazette, Oct. 2.

### Literary Notes.

The September number of The Colonist is a little late coming to hand, but the general excellence of the number makes up for the delay, which, it is explained, was caused by the new style of printing the Journal, now adopted. The Colonist is now printed by the Linotype process and the beautiful print of the paper is an example of the fine work put by this wonderful machine. The issue is called the Manitoba and Northwestern railway number, and it is devoted mainly to a description of the Beautiful Plains district, surrounding and including the towns of Neepawa, A. den and Franklin. The number is very fully illustrated and the number of floor mill, elevators, line residences, business blocks, public buildings, and progressive farm scenes shown, in fact, the splendid progress that has been made in developing that fine section of Manitoba.

Massey's Magazine for October opens with an article on the Sudan, by C. F. Shaw, who accompanied the Gordon relief expedition. In view of the present expectation, this is a timely article and will prove specially interesting. W. J. Thorold writes again of "Canadian Successes on the Stage." Prof. Wm. Claiborne contributes a condensed review of Farman's historical writings regarding Canada. William O. Phillips contributes an illustrated article on the recent international yacht race between Canada and Vencor. Thos. E. Champlin writes of "Governor-Generals Body Guard." In fiction there is considerable variety, including the following: "The Last Straw," by Ezra H. Stafford; "Father Thomas," by Edg. R. M. Smith; "Under Sentence of Death," by R. H. Hillmore; "End's Rough Hewn," by D. C. Scott; and "A Wild Ocher," by Helen E. F. Potts. There are, with some other short stories, poems, and the regular departments, complete an interesting number.

T. A. Blackwell, harness maker of Melita, has opened up a branch store at Plerson.