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a year ago. There have been shipments via Portland, however, of 121,304 boxes.

Dry Goods.—Travellers are all out on their routes again, with good results, and night work is reported necessary in some of the wholesale warehouses to keep up with the requisite despatch of orders. The celebrations now in progress have been helpful to business in this line, and sales of bunting, bright colored cottons and other inexpensive fabrics for decorative purposes have been immense. Collections are reported to be well up to the record of last year at this date.

Groceries.—The reduction in low grade yellow sugars by one refinery, noted last week, was shortly after adopted by the second local company, and the quotations are now \$4.40 for standard granulated, with yellows ranging from \$3.55 to \$4.30. The demand has been good, refinery stocks of refined now being low, and selling agents have been instructed not to book any orders for futures for the present. Some moderate lots of new Valencia raisins are due, via Liverpool, in course of a week or so, and fine off-stalk are quoted at about 7c. in a jobbing way; the same goods by direct steamer, will sell at 5½ to 6c., and Filiatra and Provincial currants at 5½ to 6¼c., according to package and quality. In teas nothing new is reported. New "Clover Leaf" salmon is quoted at \$1.47½ for talls, and \$1.62½ for flats, ordinary brands, \$1.40.

Hides.—Since last writing lambskins have again been advanced 5c., making the present quotation 40c. each. Beef hides are coming in more freely, but the demand from tanners is reported about equal to the supply, and no accumulation is reported. For these dealers are still paying 7½c. per lb. for No. 1, and calfskins are unchanged at 9 and 7c. for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively.

Leather.—There is no stir in the local trade yet, but spring boot and shoe samples are now in the hands of travellers, and manufacturers say that indications are favorable to good orders, which leads leather men to look for better local demand in the near future. Export business continues excellent, frequent cable orders being reported. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 25 to 26c.; No. 2, B.A., 24 to 25c.; No. 3, B.A., 23 to 24c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 25c.; No. 2, 23 to 24c.; No. 1 slaughter, 28c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 20 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, 20 to 22c.; Quebec ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 16c.; 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, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 10 to 12c.; glove-grain, 10 to 12c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

Metals and Hardware.—For pig iron there is no specially active demand, only moderate business being reported at \$19.50 to \$20 for Summerlee, and from \$18.50 to \$19.50 for domestic brands, but in general hardware and most heavy metals satisfactory business is reported. No material changes are reported in values since a week ago. Canadian bars are firm at \$1.85 to \$1.90. Black sheets \$2.80 for 28 gauge; Canada plates, \$2.75, and galvanized ditto, at \$4.40 to \$4.50; ternes, \$8; coke, ton, \$4.40 to \$4.50 for full weights; galvanized sheets, 4½ to 4¾c. Copper holds the old figure of 17½ to 17¾c., steadily; lead, \$3.35; ingot tin, 30 to 31c.; antimony, 9½ to 10c.; spelter 4½c.

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