

grade Japans held here by the branch of a Yokohama house. Reports from Japan regarding the prospects for the season of 1895 are rather conflicting. One circular just to hand speaks of a probable heavy advance on last season's prices, another speaks of the prospects of a full crop, and apparently anticipates no material advance. In raisins and currants the demand is confined to a few odd boxes and brls., and there is nothing new in prices. Some large sales of gallon apples are reported to jobbers at about \$2.10. Canned peas are scarce and firm at 92½ to 95c. There is a fair demand for evaporated fruit; dried apples 5½ to 6½c., evaporated ditto 6½ to 7½c., evaporated peaches 12 to 15c., apricots 14 to 18c., pears 11 to 12c.

HIDES.—The firmness is well maintained. Slaughter hides are reported to be selling at 7c. in the United States, and some local dealers are said to be asking 6½ to 7c. for No. 1 light hides. There has been some American enquiry in this market, but supplies here are hardly sufficient for home wants. Dealers' prices are for No. 1 light hides 5c., heavies 5½c., calfskins 5c., lamb-skins 10c.

LEATHER.—The increasing firmness in the hide market is causing some shoe men to be a little more anxious about buying stock, and more enquiry is to be noted. The American sole leather trust has advanced prices half a cent. In the local market glove grain has been advanced a cent to 11c., and for best western splits 18c. is being asked. We quote:—Spanish sole B.A. No. 1, 18 to 20c.; do. No. 2 to B.A., 17 to 18c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 17 to 18c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1 slaughter, 19 to 21c.; No. 2 do., 17 to 18c.; common, 15 to 16c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 24 to 26c.; do. heavy, 20 to 24c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 25 to 27c.; western splits, 16 to 18c.; Quebec do., 13c.; juniors, 11 to 13c.; 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 pebble cow, 12½ to 13½c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 18 to 23c.; buffed cow, 10 to 12c.; extra heavy buff, 12½c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 12c.; polished buff, 9 to 11c.; glove grain, 10 to 11c.; rough, 16 to 17c.; russet and bridle, 40 to 50c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Trade shows no signs of picking up as yet, and values show depression in many lines. Stocks are larger than usual at the season, and consequently few orders are being placed for spring import. No transactions of any consequence are reported in pig iron, and prices remain about as before. Summerlee is quoted at \$21.00 in car lots; there is a moderate lot of No. 2 Langlois in store here for which \$17.00 is quoted. Canadian bar iron is easy at \$1.55 in car lots. There is demoralization again in the cut nail trade, and sales are being freely made at \$1.90. Canada plates are dull at \$2.00. There has been no material advance in ingot tin locally, despite the higher quotations by cable. We quote:—Coltless pig iron, none here; Calder, No. 1, none here; Calder, No. 3, none here; Summerlee, \$21.00 to 21.50; Eglinton, \$19.50; Gartsherrie, none here; Langlois, No. 2, \$17.00; Carnbroe, \$19.00 to 19.50; Shotts, none here; Middlesboro, No. 3, \$17.00; Niagara, No. 2, \$18.00 to 18.50; Siemens, pig. No. 1, \$16.75 to 17.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$16.50 to 17.00; machinery scrap, \$14.00 to 15.00; common do., \$12.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.55 to 1.60; British, \$2.00 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5.00; Canada plates—Blaina, or Garth, \$2.00; all polished Canadas, \$2.75; Terne roofing plate, 20x28, \$5.75 to 6.00. Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.20 to 2.30; No. 26, \$2.15 to 2.20; No. 24, \$2.10; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.00; charcoal I.C., \$2.90 to 3.00; P. D. Crown, \$3.25; do. I. X., \$3.85 to \$4.00; Coke I. C., \$2.60 to 2.75; coke wasters, none offering; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, 4½ to 4¾c.; No. 26, 4c.; No. 24, 3¾c., in case lots; Morewood, 5½ to 5¾c.; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 5¾c.; No. 26, 6c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.85; English ditto, \$2; hoops, \$2.10 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate, ½ inch and upwards, \$1.90 to 2.00 for Dalzell, and equal; American steel plates, \$1.90; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.60; common tank iron, \$1.65; tank steel, \$1.70; heads \$2. Russian sheet iron, 10 to 10½c.; lead, per 100 lbs., pig, \$3; sheet, \$4 to 4.25; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast steel, 10½ to 12c.; toe calk, \$2.50; spring, \$2.50 to 2.75; tire, \$2 to 2.25; sleigh shoe, \$2; round machinery steel, \$2.50; ingot tin, 15½ to 16c.

bar tin, 25c.; ingot copper, 9½ to 11c.; sheet zinc, \$4.50; Silesian spelter, \$4 to 4.25; American do., \$4 to 4.25. Antimony 10½ to 12c.; bright iron wires, Nos. 0 to 8, \$2.65 per 100 lbs.; annealed do., \$2.70; galvanized, \$3.35; the trade discount on wire is 20 per cent. Barb and twisted wire and staples, 3c. for Quebec province, for Ontario \$2.80 to 2.87½. Coil chain, ½ inch, 5c.; ¾ inch, 4¾c.; 7-16 in., 4¾c.; ½ in., 3¾ to 4c.; ¾ in., 4c.; 1 in., 4½c., ½ in., and upwards.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Orders for goods in these lines come in fairly well, and there will be quite a lively shipment of goods next week when summer freight rates come into force. Cod oil is reported scarce and dearer in the United States, and a couple of local operators have been buying up some considerable lots, presumably for shipment. Local jobbing prices have not yet been affected. Turpentine is now up to 55c. for single brls. We quote:—Turpentine 55c. per gallon for single barrels; two to four barrels, 53 to 54c. Linseed oil, raw, 56c. per gallon; boiled, 59c.; 5-barrel lots, 1c. less; olive oil, machinery, 90c.; castor, in lots, 6c.; single cases, 6¾c.; tins, 6¾c.; Nfd. cod, 38 to 40c. per gal.; Gaspe oil, 38c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 38 to 40c. per gal. in small lots. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$4.50 to 4.75; No. 1, \$4.25 to 4.50; No. 2, \$4 to 4.25; No. 3, \$3.75 to \$4; dry white lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; genuine red do., 4¾c.; No. 1 red lead, 4c.; putty, 2c. in bladders per brl.; London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.50 to 1.75; spruce ochre, \$2.25 to 2.50; Paris green, 12½ to 13c. in bulk, 14 to 14½c. in small packages; window glass, \$1.20 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.30 for second break; third break, \$2.80.

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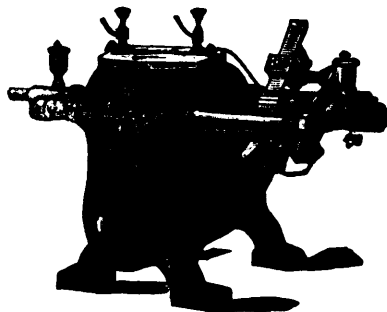
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GROCERIES.—Trade is only fairly active. Prunes are firm. Currants hold unchanged, with the outlook for higher prices. Sugars are firmer, the local market having advanced 1-16th in feeling during the week. This is due entirely to the position of raws, and upon this subject that well-known authority, the *N.Y. Journal and Bulletin of Commerce*, says: "The market for raw sugars retains all the appearance of having good natural strength, and sellers generally are in a cheerful mood. Stocks are small enough both on spot and afloat to be controlled without difficulty, and it looks as though refiners were in a humor to continue negotiations for desirable parcels so long as they come out in no greater force than of late shown. Europe without much change to-day, but private advices from Cuba estimate a reduction of 200,000 tons in the crop yield." There is a fair movement in Young Hyson teas, but at the moment apparently a lull in India and Ceylon teas. Japans of all grades are of good value. Purchases are being made only for immediate wants, and there is little tendency to speculate on the future course of the market.

GRAIN.—The wheat market is firm and Ontario millers are making active demands for stock. There is undoubtedly a scarcity in supply. Along the Northern and Midland railways there are good supplies. In the vicinity of Chatham a quantity of red winter has been stored until recently, but is now pretty well cleaned up. In nearly every other district of the province short supplies are the rule and not the exception. The barley season is now, of course, pretty well over. The market is easier

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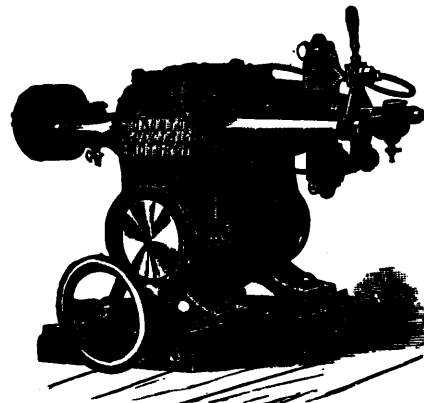


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