

LEATHER.—Business continues good and the recent advances are very firmly sustained. Sole leather and all black leathers are moving very freely. Harness leather is not quite so active. French kips are in demand and very scarce. There are eager enquiries from English markets, but the production is not sufficient for home consumption. In England prices are going up all the time, and will yet reach higher figures, stocks not being equal to demand, and the quantity available from foreign sources will not apparently suffice for their wants. From present appearances all kinds of leather are on the rise; present advances are being freely met without comment, and many offers for future delivery at present prices are made, which houses will not entertain.

OILS AND PAINTS—In paints the fall trade has started up fairly well, orders coming in freely. Prices are firm, but as a rule unchanged. With regard to values, the same remarks are applicable to oils, and Canadian oils raw and boiled linseed made in Baden, Ont. Values in Liverpool, England, are higher, and likely to advance.

PETROLEUM.—In illuminating oils there is a general movement, shipments to the country being the order of the day, with present prices very firm. All crude oils are very firm in values.

PROVISIONS—The dairy market is in a fairly satisfactory condition, considerable transactions taking place. Butter, really choice, bringing 15s. per lb.; general price for best makes, 14c. The movement has been active during the past week, but arrivals are fully up to the demand. Inferior and medium grades are still a drug in the market; medium may be quoted at 10 to 12c., and inferior at 8c., with little or no enquiry. Cheese is firm at 9 to 9½c. per lb. Yesterday's cable was 43s. 6d. Eggs are firmer, say 16 to 17c. per dozen, owing to an active enquiry from Eastern markets in Boston and New York. In hog products there is not much change; hams are still scarce and ruling at 12½ to 13c. per lb.; long-clear bacon, 8½ to 8¾c.; breakfast bacon, 11 to 11½c. Dried apples are out of the market, and very few evaporated apples are left, the prices ruling being 11½ to 12c. per lb.

WOOL.—The situation is much the same as reported last week. Market quiet, and very limited demand from the mills. The clip is entirely in the hands of dealers, and there is little or no enquiry from the other side. We have no change in prices to note. In foreign wools, the English markets are firm in English lamb and Southdowns. The only special feature calling for note is the union labor strike of the Australian sheep shearers, which, combined with the adverse season there for a good clip, will influence prices to a higher point than already reached. The strike has spread, and the sheep-shearers' union has demanded that dock laborers will not load a pound of wool unless it is from union labor. It is a known fact that the dock laborers of Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, and other Australian ports are on strike, and they are so agreeably to the demands of the union sheep-shearers' bureau.

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