

lower. Advices from the Maritime Provinces lead us to expect a small pack of lobsters this season.

HARDWARE AND METAL GOODS.—The general hardware trade has been very quiet this week. The elections have been a disturbing factor in trade. The farmers are busy and country retailers report a weak consumptive demand. For harvest and garden tools their continues to be a moderate enquiry. Screen doors and windows and green wire cloth are moving well this season. A good demand for poultry netting exists in the trade, and jobbers have found some difficulty in getting supplies. The poultry net used in Canada is imported from England, and the demand has been so active that English factories have failed to keep pace with orders. In metals a fair trade has been done. We hear of large sales in black iron, sheet steel, ingot tin and galvanized iron. Sheathing copper is active, the price having advanced one cent per pound during the past week. The tinware and granite ware trade shows no falling off. In heavy hardware business is quiet, although wire nails and cut nails show some improvement. In barb wire and ordinary fencing wire the usual season's business has been done. Plumbers' supplies show marked improvement on country account, but the city trade is lifeless. Values are steady, and Association price lists appear to be strictly adhered to.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Trade is being conducted on a cautious basis. Tanners refuse to take chances upon an improvement in the situation, and are willing to buy hides only on a basis of

the present leather market. Calfskins are quiet and nominal. Tallow remains dull at unchanged quotations, although an improvement in American markets is reported.

PROVISIONS.—There is only a moderate movement in provision and produce circles. The export demand for butter is almost nil, while the local jobbing trade is confined within narrow limits. The result has been an accumulation of stock in country points. It would appear that holders have carried their stock too long; they might have sold out some weeks ago, but failing to do so, with a falling off in demand, the chances are that on account of poor storage facilities, there will be a glut of inferior butter in the market. We quote:—Dairy, tubs, 10 to 12c.; pound prints, 12 to 13c.; creamery, tubs, 15 to 16c.; pound prints, 16 to 17c. per lb. The local cheese trade is quiet. Exporters are taking cheese, but the export demand has fallen off. Considerable stock, in consequence, is going into stock. In hog products there is a steady movement in general staples. The demand for long clear bacon has increased. The egg picklers have now finished the season's operations at nearly all points. Holders are forcing stocks into the centres of consumption, and with a weak demand prices have fallen to 9c. per dozen.

SEEDS.—As usual at this season of the year trade is very quiet, with prices nominal. Messrs. John Shaw & Sons, seed merchants, of Great Maze Pond Borough, London, S.E., write that the seed market has lately been thinly attended, with but little business passing.

Meantime as regards red and white clover, trefoil and grass seeds, a quiet, but substantial enhancement of values has been taking place. French trifolium is held for much higher prices. For mustard and rapeseed there is rather more inquiry. A few small orders drop in for spring tares. Haricot beans are in improved request. There is also a good sale for Wisconsin green boiling peas. Canary seed is depressed. There is no change in hempseed.

WOOL.—The situation in the local market remains without change; merchants are receiving large consignments of wool from country points for which they pay unchanged prices. In Manitoba the extreme price paid for a few choice lots of unwashed fleece has been 9½ to 9¾c., but the bulk of purchases have been made at 8½ to 9c., and for dirty and chaffy wool from 7 to 8c. Heavy shrinking territories, 5 to 6c. Affairs in the United States have not as yet improved and prices are dull.

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, June 25, 1930 p. m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring	5	1
Red, Winter	5	4
No. 1 Cal	5	4
Corn	3½	0
Peas	4	7½
Lard	22	0
Pork	45	0
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Tallow	17	0
Cheese, new white	36	0
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