

Metals in Britain maintain their price as a rule. We quote *Eglinton Pig Iron*, £20.50; *Carnbroe*, £21.00; *Nova Scotia*, £22.00 to 23.00; *Nova Scotia Bar*, £2.30 to 2.40. In *Cut Nails* there is keen competition, and it is complained that Montreal houses are selling them below cost of production. We quote them 25c to 30c less than last week. *Iron Wire* is also lower by 20c per bbl. *Canada Plates* we reduce 15c to 25c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The ordinary number of green hides offer and are taken at unchanged prices. Cured and inspected bring 10c. for cows and 10½ for steers. Quotations for skins are as last reported.

Provisions.—Business in this line is quiet, and the supply of cut meats low. The "corner" in Chicago is keeping up meantime the price of hog products, and Canadian consumers are buying no more than they can help until the corner breaks in November. *Butter*.—Fine is scarce and in demand, outside figure would be paid for gilt edged, and some country dealers are asking that for store packed, of which 18c is considered about the value, here. The English market is firm, and prices are regarded likely to hold there for some time. *Cheese* is in small compass, and only early makes can be had at 13c. The cable denotes that price is up, 66/6 being Wednesday's figure, fine are held here at 14c and factory men are asking 13 to 13½ at factories. *Mess pork* is almost out of market, the quotation is here \$18.50 for October and \$16.00 for November. *Bacon* is in short supply, and meantime very firm, lumbermen would like to buy but are taking only from hand to mouth, knowing that it will be cheaper next month. *Hams* are not plentiful, and sales are making but slowly. *Lard* may be quoted slightly easier, say 11½ to 12½. *Eggs* are worth 17 cents in cases, as high as 18 cents is now obtained for smalls. *Salt* can be had in quantity at 75c for Liverpool coarse.

—The winter packing of hogs in the United States in winter 1879-80 showed a smaller total than the previous winter by 6,950,000 to 7,490,000, but the packing since 1st March last has exceeded that of same period of 1879, so as to more than make up the deficiency, thus:—

No. hogs packed at:	1880.	1879.
To Sept. 29—		
Chicago.....	2,570,000	1,750,000
Cincinnati.....	95,500	118,500
St. Louis.....	350,000	265,000
Indianapolis.....	348,000	200,000
Cleveland.....	257,000	272,000
Cedar Rapids.....	226,736	110,528
Atchison.....	214,831	147,193
Kansas, City.....	212,000	98,000
Milwaukee.....	100,806	31,716
Louisville.....	23,000	20,000
Detroit.....	42,760	43,000
St. Joseph, Mo.....	15,000	12,000
Other places approximately.....	160,000	133,000
Total since March 1	4,415,633	3,200,937
Winter packing.....	6,950,000	7,480,000
Total since Nov. 1	11,565,000	10,680,000

The above figures are taken from the Cincinnati hog products since 1st November 1879 as follows:

Exports since Nov. 1—		
Meats, lbs.....	804,000,000	787,600,000
Lard, lbs.....	357,500,000	311,800,000

Total product, lbs 1,161,500,000 1,099,400,000
In the opinion of that journal stocks of provisions at all American points are light, and the consumptive demand better on the average. At Chicago on 1st inst. there were 75,000 brls. pork and probably 40,000,000 lbs. cut meats on hand; at New York 30,194 brls. pork; at Cincinnati, 14,000 brls. and 5,000,000 lbs. cut meats; at St.

Louis, 5,000,000 lbs., at Indianapolis, 8,000,000 lbs.; at Kansas City 2,600,000, and at Louisville 2,000,000 lbs. of cut meats.

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