

for refined is reported as keeping up pretty well, and with both the local refining companies prices are steadily maintained, as last revised. Molasses is in very fair demand, and there is no disposition to concede on the part of holders, Barbadoes being held at 29c. for either the single puncheon or car lots. A few parcels of new fine off-stalk Valencia raisins are to hand, and are being jobbed at 7c. Some further moderate lots of selected are expected in a few days. Quotations for new California prunes have just been made, cost being figured at from  $5\frac{1}{4}$  to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ c. for 90 to 100's; dried apricots are high at 13c.; peaches from 10c. upwards; pears, 12c. Evaporated apples have shown marked advance, old being quoted at 9c., in quantity, and for new pack, 10 to 11c. is being asked. Gallon apples are also much dearer, sales in quantity being reported at \$2.35, with \$2.50 asked. Tomatoes are stiffer, and one large Western canner has advanced quotations 5c. It is expected that prices for California loose muscatel raisins will open high, but there are a good many old goods left over here, and it is expected local orders will be small this fall, though seeded raisins in cartons will be in good demand. Nothing specially new is reported in teas; the London market for Ceylons is reported rather firmer, and some scarcity is noted of cheap gun-powders.

Leather.—Remarks of last week will still apply. Orders for spring footwear have hardly begun to come in freely yet, and boot and shoe manufacturers are light buyers, but values in all lines are said to be firmly held. 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.;

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