

stocks at the prices of a few months ago. Teas have found a fairly good movement; values in Indian Pekoes are said to be better now than they ever were before.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Trade has been quiet during the week, and orders are being placed very cautiously. Values in some metals are lower. The bar iron association has as yet not come together again, and goods are being sold at lower values. Cooper's hoops and bands at \$2.50 to 2.60 are lower, as is imitation Russian sheet at 6 to 6½c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Stocks of hides are somewhat large in the face of heavy importations from the United States. We understand that sales of cured have been made at 4c., which is probably the lowest price paid in the history of this market. As yet, the price of green hides is maintained at 3½c., but a movement to reduce this price ¼c. is now in progress. At present low prices, the demand is far from active. Calfskins are nominal. Sheepskins remain unchanged at 75 to 80c., the latter price being paid only for the best skins. Tallow finds good demand with ready sales at 6½c.; dealers are paying 6c. per lb.

LEATHER.—The demand from the eastern factories for sole leather is now picking up, and during the last few days has shown considerable improvement. But little trade, however, with western factories is, in the presence of labor difficulties, being done. Stocks are not excessive, but are considered ample. The movement of slaughter is rather slow, but the situation is expected to improve with the advancing season. The demand for colored stock is good, and a considerable movement is taking place.

PROVISIONS.—Trade in this department is quiet. Receipts of butter continue free, and as a result prices are easy, with large rolls quoted at 18 to 19c., and choice tubs at 19 to 20c. per lb. The local cheese market is quiet and steady. There is no special movement in dried and evaporated apples reported, but we understand that some enquiries for these goods for export have been made which will probably lead to business. In hog products the feeling is weak, with some prices lower; dressed hogs are quoted at \$6 to 6.25 per 100 lbs. Eggs, too, are weak. We quote: held fresh 15c.; limered, 12½c.; strictly new laid, 20c. per doz.

SEEDS.—As the season for alsike draws near its close values have a downward tendency. The feeling in red clover has eased off somewhat in American markets, and unless more support is received from abroad, dealers say

LIVERPOOL PRICES.

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	s. d.
Wheat, Spring	5 2
Red, Winter	5 2½
No. 1 Cal.	5 ½
Corn	4 ½
Peas	4 11
Lard	41 0
Pork	75 0
Bacon, heavy	35 c
Bacon, light	39 0
Tallow	28 0
Cheese, new white	57 0
Cheese, new colored	57 0

that prices here must go lower. However, quotations remain unaltered as compared with those given last week.

WOOL.—During the last few weeks the market has been void of any special features. In fleece there continues to be little or no movement. While in pulled wools only comparatively light demands are being made upon stocks, and no considerable transactions are reported. The situation in foreign wools has developed nothing new.

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