

variation in quotations is looked for until after the new year. The New York market is easier, but raw beet rules pretty strong, though some little decline took place last week. The St. Lawrence Sugar Refinery shut down on the 20th for a fortnight or so. Letters from Barbados, received to-day, say that some recent rains have partially relieved the drought, but came almost too late, and a shortage in the molasses crop is still looked for, but local jobbing price still remains at 24 to 25c. There is no New Orleans or Antigua molasses here this winter. Canned goods still rule high, tomatoes being held at \$1.70 to \$1.75; corn at \$1, and peas at from 85c. to \$1.20 for finest sifted goods.

Leather.—Local boot and shoe men seem satisfied with spring orders, and Quebec manufacturers are also reported to be quite busy, so that the demand for leather on the whole is very fair, except for the ordinary kinds of blacks, which rule dull. Harness leather is selling well and is held firmly at 31 to 32c. Good export movement is still reported for sole, and quotations remain steady on the basis of 23½ to 24c. for manufacturers' No. 2. Western splits are steady at 20 to 21c.; Quebec, ditto, 16 to 17c. Buff, glove-grain, pebble, etc., are unchanged.

Metals and Hardware.—The week has been a very quiet one in these lines, and there is little to write about. The reduction in wire nails reported last week is confirmed. Ingot tin has recovered a little, and is quoted at 29c.; copper, easy at 12½c.; spelter, firm at \$5.40; lead, \$2.95. There is nothing doing in pig iron at the moment, but quotations are strong; bars firm at \$2 in a jobbing way, and iron pipe at \$4.88 for inch.

Oils, Paints and Glass.—There is practically nothing doing in these lines just now and not a change to report. Linseed oil seems gradually strengthening in Great Britain, also turpentine in the South, but no change of any kind is reported in local prices. We quote: Single barrels, raw and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 67 to 68c. and 69 to 70c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots. 5 to 9 barrels, 66 and 69c., net 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four months' terms. Turpentine, one barrel, 76c.; two to four barrels, 75c., net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; cod oil, 35 to 37½c. per gallon; steam refined seal, 50 to 53c. per gallon; straw do., 45 to 47c.; castor oil, 7½c. to 8c. for machinery, pharmaceutical ditto, 8½ to 9c. Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands), \$5.15 to \$5.25; No. 1, \$4.75 to 4.87½c.; No. 2, \$4.50; No. 3, \$4.12½; No. 4, \$3.75; dry white lead, 4½ to 5c. for pure; No. 1, do., 5c.; genuine red, do. 4¼c. to 4½c.; No. 1 red lead, 4 to 4½c.; putty in bulk, barrels, \$2; bladder putty, in barrels, \$1.90; ditto, in kegs or boxes, \$2.40; 25-lb. tins. \$2.55; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.65. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris white, 75 to 80c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2; window glass, \$2 to \$2.10 per 50 feet for first break; \$2.20 for second break.



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