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\$4. The Acadia Sugar Refining Co. has been making an active bid for business in this market, and it has been freely reported this afternoon that they have a further cut of 10c. a cental on their quotations. Molasses is selling quite freely at unchanged quotations, but syrups move somewhat slowly, owing to the low price of the former article. Teas rule firm though there is not a great deal doing. Japans are in much smaller supply than this time a year ago, and the London market is stiff on Indians and Ceylons, with reported scarcity of lower grades. New stocks of almonds and filberts are just coming to hand, but new walnuts are not expected for nearly a month yet. New Malaga raisins are now in stock and are quoted in a jobbing way at \$3.25 for Buckingham clusters in boxes; quarters, 90c.; Connoisseur clusters, \$2 for boxes, and 65c. for quarters; the quality is said to be unusually fine. Sultana raisins have undergone further advance, and are quoted at 10 to 11c. for desirable bright goods. Patras advices indicate a firm market for currants.

Hides.—A comparatively quiet week is reported, receipts of beef hides having been small. Prices are entirely unchanged.

Leather.—Boot and shoe orders keep coming in well for spring footwear, and a fair proportion of sorting business is still being done. Manufacturers in this line are reported as buying a good many cotton goods for linings, and general findings, also some fair lots of dongola and kid leathers, but no large sales of sole or ordinary black leathers are noted. Export business in sole continues brisk. 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.; No. 1, slaughter, 28c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 20 to 30c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; ditto, heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits 20 to 22c.; Quebec ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 16c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; imitation French calfskins, 60 to 70c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 26c.; Canadian, 20 to 22c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored sheepskins, 6½ to 7½c.; black, ditto, 6 to 6½c.; black Indias, 7 to 8c.; harness, 31 to 33c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 10 to 12c.; glove-grain, 10 to 12c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

Metals and Hardware.—The week has been a busy one in these lines, owing to the general desire to get all goods possible forwarded before the 15th, when winter freights go into effect, and there will probably be some slackening after that date. Values generally are steady to firm, and there have been no noteworthy changes since a week ago. New York quotations for ingot tin are up three-quarters of a cent, but local prices are unaltered; ingot copper is steady at 17½c., with sheets at 23c.; lead, \$3.35; American spelter, 4¾c. Sheets are moving steadily at \$4.40 to \$4.50 for coke tins; Ternes, \$7.75 to \$8; galvanized sheets, \$4.40 for Queen's head, and \$4.25 for ordinary brands; some moderate sales of 24-gauge black sheets are reported at \$2.35, and 28-gauge is quoted at \$2.65 to \$2.70; Canadas, \$2.70 to \$2.75. Some fair business is reported in Western pig iron at \$18.50 to \$19. net 30 days, and for Summerlee the quotation is \$19.50 to \$20. Bars firm at \$1.90 to \$1.95.

Oils, Paints, and Glass.—In general lines there has been a brisk despatch of goods prior to the suspension of summer freight rates, though fish oils rule dull. As regards quotations, not a change is said to be reported this week.

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