

From Porto Rico no stock is said to be available. Two cargoes of Antigua molasses are reported as bought for Montreal, but these goods are not suitable to the grocery trade. Sugar prices are firm at last week's advance; factory prices being \$4.60 for granulated, and \$4 to \$4.40 for yellows. No European refined sugars have reached this market for several months, and Dutch refined, which found most favor here, would cost at present quotations, about \$4.35 laid down, in bags, at which figure it could not compete with the domestic article, after allowing for the cash discount and rebate. Teas are quiet but firm; some moderate lots of new Japans are on the way for the Montreal trade, figured to cost about 27c. In other lines there is nothing fresh.

HIDES AND TALLOW.—The receipts of calfskins continue very large, and are not altogether easy to move off. Dealers claim that the prices being paid, 10c. per lb. for No. 1., and 8c. for No. 2, are too high, and much above prices in the U.S. Beef hides are still very grubby and poor in quality, but dealers' figures to butchers are unchanged at 8½c. for No. 1, per lb. Sheepskins are stronger at 85c. each, lambskins and clips, 15c. each. Tallow is showing signs of gaining strength, after a very long period of depressed prices, and one large rendering firm is reported to be asking 4½c. per lb. for their best grade.

LEATHER.—Business is not specially active, as regards local buying, but the export movement is active, and a leather man, just returned from England, reports that the English market has not been in such good shape for years. The recent advance in sole here is fully maintained, 23c. being firmly quoted for manufacturers' No. 2, and 23½ to 24c. is asked for plump jobbing No. 2. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c. to 24½c.; No. 2, 23 to 24c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 21 to 22c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 25c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do., heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 21 to 24c.; Quebec do., 10 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 13c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Values of metals all continue stiff. Further business is reported in Hamilton iron at \$19.50 to \$20 in small lots. The scarcity of Scotch iron is still unrelieved; some moderate parcels of Summerlee and Carnbroe are reported near at hand, but all to fill orders already booked. A Buffalo iron man was in the city a few days ago, and quoted \$19 for No. 2, Niagara. An unusually large order, cabled a few days ago for boiler tubes, to a German firm at late quotations, was declined, also a large order for small sizes of iron piping, which are not made by the local mills. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, none here; Hamilton No. 1, \$19 to \$20; No. 2, do., \$17.50 to \$18; Ferrona, No. 1, \$18.50 to 19; machinery scrap, \$00 to 00.00; common ditto, \$00 to 00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.50 to 1.55; British, \$2 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.25; 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.30 to 2.35; 75 sheets, \$2.40; all polished Canadas, \$2.45; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$6.25 to 6.50; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.20; No. 24, \$2.10; No. 17, \$2; No. 16, and

coal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I.C., Alloway, \$3.40 to 3.50; do., I.X., \$4; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$4 to 4.25; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$3.25; ditto, standard, \$3 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.25 to 4.50; No. 26, \$4; No. 24, \$3.75 in case lots; Morewood, \$5 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs., \$1.65 to 1.75; English hoops, \$2 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch, and upwards, \$2.75 to 2.90 for Dalzell and equal; ditto, three-sixteenths inch, \$2.75 to \$3; tank iron, ¼-inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths, do., \$2; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.40 to 2.45; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$4 to \$4.25; sheet, \$4.50 to 4.60; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel, 8 to 10c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel, \$2.25 to \$3, as to finish; ingot tin, 28½ to 29c. for L. & F. Straits, 28¼ to 28¾c.; bar tin, 30c.; ingot copper, 19 to 19½c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.50 to \$8; Silesian spelter, \$7 to \$7.25; Veille Montagne spelter, \$7.25 to \$7.50; American spelter, \$7 to \$7.25; antimony, 10½c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—New stocks of window glass are coming in, but no lower prices are looked for, as labor troubles are reported in Charleroi. Belgium turpentine is expected to be somewhat lower soon, but the quotation for single barrels remains at 66c. per gal. yet. Whiting is easier, under new supplies. Linseed oil firm, castor oil easier. We quote: Single barrels, raw and heavier, \$2.15; tin plates—Bradley char-

boiled linseed oil, respectively, 51 and 54c. per gal.; two to four barrels, 50 and 53c.; 5 to 9 barrels, 49 and 52c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 66c.; five to nine barrels, 65c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.; Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 37½ to 40c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8 to 8¼c. in quantity; tins, 9 to 9¼c.; machinery castor oil, 7 to 7¼c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.87½; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.17½; No. 3, \$4.75; No. 4, \$4.37½; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure; No. 1, ditto, 5c.; genuine red ditto, 5c.; No. 1, red lead, 4½ to 4¾c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; kegs, \$1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.80; smaller quantities, \$1.95; 25-lb. tins, \$2.05; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.30. London washed whiting, 42 to 47c.; Paris, white, 85c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to 1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to 1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.80 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.90 for second break. Paris green, 14c. in 50 and 100-lb. packages; 15c. in 25-lb. packages; pound packages, in boxes, 15½ to 16c.

WOOL.—The strong advance is even more pronounced than ever, and it is claimed the advance in London, since the March sales, is from 20 to 25 per cent. Local importers are getting a full 10 per cent advance, but are not anxious sellers, stocks being in small compass. Some Australians sold last week at 21½c., could not now be laid down, it is said, much under 25c. Some moderate sales of B.A. scouring are reported this week at 38½c., and in Capes the range is now 17 to 20c. Buying is very light at the moment.

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