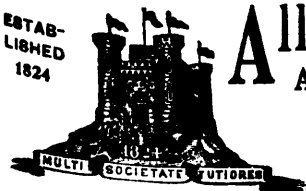


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country shoemakers, harnessmakers, etc., report a very fair fall demand. The improvement in the American market continues, and values here are steadily held. Local manufacturers of dongolas have been advised of a 5 to 10 per cent. advance in raw goat skins, but have not made any revision in quotations as yet. The following are the quotations: Spanish sole, B.A. No. 1, 24½ to 25½c.; No. 2, B.A. 23 to 24c.; No. 3, B.A. 22 to 23c.; No. 1, ordinary, Spanish, 24c.; No. 2, 22½ to 23c.; No. 1 slaughter, 27c.; No. 2, ditto, 25c.; common, 22 to 24c.; Union crop, 29 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, 18 to 21c.; Quebec, ditto, 15 to 17c.; juniors, 15 to 17c.; 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 14c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11 to 13c.; glove-grain, 11½ to 13c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Foundrymen are reported as having but light stocks of pig iron, but are not anxious buyers, evidently hoping to get lower prices, but quotations are unchanged at present. The decline in bars seems arrested, for the present at least, and rolling mill men are not disposed to make any further concessions. Canada plates seem to be held at rather firmer prices, now that the close of navigation approaches. Tank steel and boiler plates are easier. Ingot tin, lead and copper, are steady at quotations. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$24 to \$25; Hamilton No. 1, \$21 to \$22.00; Ferrona, No. 1, \$22.00; Midland, \$22.00 to \$23.00; machinery scrap, \$18.00; common ditto, \$13 to \$14.00; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.60; Hoops, \$1.90; bands, \$3.10; Canada plates—Pontypool, or equal, fifty-two sheets to the box, \$2.80 to \$2.90; 60 sheets, \$2.95; 75 sheets, \$3; all polished Canadas, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Galvanized Canada plates, \$4.60 per box of 52 sheets; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$8.50; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.90; No. 26, \$2.85; No. 24, \$2.80; I.C., cokes, \$4.25; charcoal do., \$4.60; I.X., cokes, \$5; ditto, charcoal, \$5.35; galvanized sheets, No. 28, Queen's, Head, \$4.60; No. 26, \$4.40; No. 24, \$4.25. in case lots; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6½ to 7c.; the usual extra for large sizes. Steel boiler plate, ¾-inch and upwards, \$2.60; ¼-inch, \$2.25; tank steel, \$2.10 for ¼-inch, three-sixteenths, \$2.20; heads, seven-sixteenths and upwards, \$2.50; Russian sheet iron, 10 to 10½c.; lead, per 100 pounds, \$4.60 to \$4.75; sheet, \$4.75 to \$5.00; best cast-steel, 8c.; toe calk, \$2.25; spring, \$3.10; sleigh shoe, \$2.00; tire, \$2.10; round machinery steel, \$3.25; ingot tin, 34c. for L. & F.; Straits, 33c.; bar tin, 36c.; ingot copper, 17¼c.; sheet-zinc, 6c.; Silesian spelter, \$4.75 to \$5.00; Veille Montagne spelter, \$5.50; American spelter, \$4.75 to \$5; antimony, 10½ to 11c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Buyers in these lines seem somewhat unsettled in their ideas, ordering comparatively lightly, and fall trade is hardly as good as was calculated on. Since last writing turpentine has advanced two cents a gallon; linseed oil is also firm, and has been advanced a cent in the West, making prices there now on a parity with those at Montreal. Dry white lead is firmer in Britain by ten shillings a ton. The quotations are: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively 80 and 83c. per gallon, for one to four barrel lots; 5 to 9 barrels, 70 and 83c.; net, 30 days, or 3 per cent. for four

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