

cent. higher; mink, marten and sable, same; fisher, 10 per cent. lower; wolf, 10 per cent. higher; black bear, 10 per cent. lower, and brown bear, 25 per cent. lower; raccoon, same; skunk, 15 per cent. lower; possum, 30 per cent. higher. Salted Cape Horn seal sold at 10 per cent. advance. Spring rats sold same as last January, and winter and fall ditto., 15 per cent. higher than January.

Groceries.—The movement in this line is well sustained. The sugar market continues pretty flat. Standard granulated is still generally quoted at \$3.65, but in some cases this price is reported to have been cut for fair lots. Yellows continue to be quoted at figures ranging from \$3 upwards. There is said to be a considerable amount of Austrian refined sugar held here on consignment, which has a depressing effect on prices. There is now said to be very little molasses available at the island, where the quotation is 8c. firm, first cost. Local quotations are from 23 to 24c. for Barbadoes, the only kind here. Japan teas continue to be very firmly held, and there is rather more doing in them. China greens have opened very high, but China blacks are not so much affected. Ceylons are comparatively cheap, and some samples of new Indians, now being shown, are quoted at about same figures as last year. About one-third of the rice cargo, recently reported ashore in the Gulf, is damaged, but the milling company state they have ample stock, and prices will not be affected. Canned corn is now following the upward move which has been general in canned goods, and is quoted at 80c., firm, in a jobbing way. It is said canners are not distributing seed corn this year, and that the season's pack will be small, it being their apparent policy to allow present large stocks to become well reduced. Evaporated apples are up to 12c. for good samples, and gallon apples are held at \$3.

Hides.—The position of affairs in this line is not greatly altered. The cutting between buyers is perhaps not quite so virulent, but 9c. is still the general figure being paid for No. 1 hides, 12c. for No. 1 calfskins, 25c. for lambskins and 70c. for sheepskins.

Metals and Hardware.—Little new is reported in these lines. Some of the railway companies are reported to have placed some pretty large orders for pig iron at pretty low figures, though the actual price and brand has not transpired. Bars, nails, wire, etc., are all steady at late quotations, also iron pipe. It is said there are some prospects of a third pipe mill being established here, but nothing definite has transpired in this direction yet. Sheets of all kinds are pretty firmly held, though some buyers profess to have made some purchases of Canada plates lately at rather easier prices, and some actual business is reported in galvanized Canadas at \$4.20 to \$4.25 for round lots of 52 sheets. Lead, copper and tin do not show much change. Some large sized sales of ingot tin are

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