

on this market. Merchants say that Canadian refineries cannot supply the trade with anything like their requirements. Notwithstanding this fact, the Government has thought it wise to place a considerable duty upon the importation of syrups, and this tax is generally considered an injustice. Sugars have not undergone any changes in value this week; the market is steady and but fairly active. Teas are in fair seasonable demand. Merchants at the time of writing are looking forward to the first shipments of May pickings of Japan teas; these have been delayed by the very serious floods in British Columbia. In the canned goods' market there is a scarcity at present of good sound corn. No one is holding any surplus stock. Some packers, however, are pushing corn, but they are not members of the association, and the quality of some of the offerings is very inferior. Stocks of tomatoes are now almost exhausted; for the quantity yet held 90c. is being asked. Some merchants are inclined to take a bullish aspect of the situation, and say that we may expect values to reach \$1 to 1.10 before the new pack is received.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—In sympathy with other lines of trade business has not shown any special activity. Trade in ingot tin is keeping up fairly well, although no large lots are passing; values remain unchanged, but in the case of any large lots passing prices are usually shaded a fraction. Ingot copper is quiet, and we hear of only a very few fairly large transactions being made this week. Trade in pig lead has fallen off to a considerable extent, although prices remain unaltered. Zinc sheet and antimony are flat and the market very quiet. For solder there is good demand; prices are being well maintained. In hoop and band iron the volume of trade is increasing, although stocks still remain abundant for all requirements. It is somewhat difficult to obtain supplies of bar iron owing to the shortage of coal due to the American strike; however, trade requirements are not large. There exists a good demand for galvanized iron, both as regards shipments from stocks and import orders. An exceedingly active demand now exists for fencing wires, and the supply is scarcely up to requirements. In some instances customers have been waiting three and four days for ordered goods. Cut and wire nails show fair activity, and more especially the latter; some difficulty is also found here in supplying all the sizes called for. But little is doing in horse shoes and also in horse shoe nails, although merchants expect trade to show improvement within a few weeks' time. Shipments of Canada plate from stock are reasonably small, but orders for import are being freely booked for delivery in August and September. Prices of Canada plate at \$2.45 to 2.55 are lower as a result of tariff alterations. The movement of tin plate is fairly good, and will it is thought compare very favorably with that of the same time a year ago. Shipments of window glass from stock are small; most of the retail merchants are now receiving lots booked at the latter part of last year or at the beginning of the present year. Trade in rope has fallen off considerably of late.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—In hides everything is dull; the market, which has now for a long time been very depressed, appears to gather

no strength with the course of time. Offerings of green continue grubby, and choice selections are hard to make. Buyers can now do much as they like with the price lists, and it is difficult to give quotations representative of market transactions. The week has developed nothing new in calfskins. Sheepskins remain slow of movement and without interesting features. There is a fair amount of tallow jobbing at unaltered quotations.

**LEATHER.**—We should like to think that trade was picking up, but the closest scrutiny fails to show any improvement. In Spanish and slaughter sole the only trade doing is a local one, and this is very limited. Harness leather is slow; heavy weights are jobbing at 20 to 24c. per lb. In upper leather only moderate transactions are reported; quotations stand: No. 1, heavy, 20 to 25c.; light and medium, 23 to 30c. Splits are quoted: large, 12 to 15c.; small, 12 to 20c. Word comes from Quebec that one of the large shoe firms is having some difficulties with labor, but it is generally thought that the trouble will not be protracted. English advices are not favorable for an export trade of Canadian leather.

**PROVISIONS.**—The deliveries of butter continue to be rather large; but the demand, on the other hand, is slack. For large rolls and choice tubs, 13 to 14c. is a fair quotation; pound rolls bring from 15 to 16c., while creamery, at 18 to 19c., is rather slow of sale. On the local market, cheese is somewhat weaker, and is jobbing at 10 to 10½c. per lb. The country markets are selling at 9c., and English cables continue to report falling values. In hog products, the market has altered but little during the week; lard is easy at 8 to 9c. according to package. The receipts of dressed hogs have been light, while the demand from butchers is fairly good; quotations vary from \$6.25 to 6.60 per cwt. For eggs there is but a weak market; they are jobbing at 9c., with large lots selling at 8½ to 8¾c. per doz. In New York prices are not such to admit of export trade, standing at 11½ to 14c. per doz., the latter quotation only being paid for very choice quality. In dried and evaporated apples only a very limited trade is doing. Mail advices indicate that recent rains have injured the hop crop somewhat.

**WOOL.**—The wet weather has been long continued, and as a consequence much of the new clip is arriving in poor condition. For good washed fleece dealers are paying 17c., and for fine Southdown 19c. is given. Unwashed fleece wool is being bought at 9½c., and the feeling is not so strong as a week ago. Merchants report that the mills are buying very cautiously, and from all appearances are not actively engaged.

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Liverpool, June 7, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring .....	nominal	
Red, Winter .....	4	5½
No. 1 Cal. ....	4	9
Corn .....	3	8
Peas .....	4	10
Lard .....	35	1
Pork .....	67	6
Bacon, heavy .....	31	6
Bacon, light .....	32	5½
Tallow .....	25	0
Cheese, new white .....	49	0
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