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berries, Cape Cod, fancy, are \$3.25 per box; Canadian onions, 85c. per bag.

HARDWARE.—The volume of business in shelf hardware continues very fair, but there are some indications of a tendency to taper out in the near future. Several repeat orders, however, are coming in for fall goods. In heavy metals, in spite of a few slight fluctuations, no appreciable changes have taken place, and the conditions remain very little altered. A fair business is being done, on the whole, and bookings for forward delivery are being made somewhat more freely. Considerable briskness characterizes the American market, and orders for steel rails are especially large and numerous. Latest reports from Glasgow tell of a firmer market for Scotch pig iron warrants, and though requirements are chiefly for prompt delivery, yet business during the last few days has been distinctly more active.

HIDES AND SKINS.—All grades of hides and skins have advanced this week in response to the increased demand, and prospects are bright. Tallow also is firm at advanced rates. In Chicago, the market for hides has shown a little less tone, though no changes have been made so far in prices.

PROVISIONS.—The supply of butter of choice quality is somewhat inadequate to retailers' requirements, and fine packages are selling for as high as 19c. Large rolls fetch 18 to 19c. Cheese remains quiet at prices very little changed. For dressed hogs, the demand is very firm, \$6.50 to \$6.75 being offered for car lots, delivered here. The deliveries are by no means large at present, which no doubt is the cause of their present firm position in the market. Lard is very firm at 10¼ to 10½c. Eggs, good stock, are bringing 18c., while new laid are fetching 20 to 21c. per dozen.

WOOL.—To speak of the conditions prevailing in the local wool trade is but a recapitulation of what we have said for some weeks past. The market is extremely dull; with practically nothing doing. Across the line, however, greater activity is beginning to become visible, perhaps an indirect consequence of the result of the elections.

A MISNAMED TRAIN.

He had driven from a backwoods hamlet to the railroad station, and after making an enquiry of the conductor, boarded the train for Philadelphia. When well on the way, he stopped the blue coated official and asked, in all seriousness:

"I'm sorter hungry. Will ye just tell me where the eatin' car is?"

"There is none on this train," was the answer. "Its short run does not require it."

"Huh!" grunted the questioner. "Which of yer keers is the one that ye jest loll around in an turn an twist yer cheer any way ye please? Don't ye imagine that becuz I've never went railroadin' afore, I don't know all about these things."

"You probably mean the Pullman. We haven't any attached."

"Well, bu'stin squashes! where's yer cigar stand, so's I kin be buyin' a weed an' lightin' up?"

"We don't have such a thing, mar."

"An' ye've no place fer me ter git my shoes shined, ter be sure?"

"No, sir."

"Course I'd be crazy ter think ye might have a barber lad abroad?"

"We haven't any."

The rural gentleman subjected the conductor to a menacing scrutiny from head to foot and back again; then he

drawled out in an angry, disappointed tone of voice:

"Well, sufferin' cornmeal! I thought ye said this wuz an accommodation train!"

AUSTRALIAN MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Municipal Australia seems to be waking up. Following on the heels of the Commonwealth, we are likely to see a Greater Melbourne, a Greater Sydney, and a Greater Adelaide. There are movements alike in Victoria, in New South Wales, and South Australia to bring about this desired consummation. The colonies have noted how successful has been the work of the London County Council, and they seem eager to follow in the footsteps of the Mother Country in regard to municipal government. Greater London, in fact, is an object lesson, not only to Australia, but to other parts of the British Empire. The ratepayers have been freely taxed and the money has been freely spent, but on every side there is something to show for the expenditure. As in England, so in Australia; in the future there will be quite as great a desire to take part in municipal affairs as there is to-day in Parliamentary Government. Lord Beauchamp has gone so far as to say that for his own part he would sooner be Mayor of Sydney than Premier of the colony of New South Wales, because he felt he could accomplish more practical good than as Prime Minister. Whether the Governor had in view his own qualifications as a Minister and as an Alderman I know not, but certain it is that municipal life in the near future in Australia will have attractions for the highest in the land.—*British-Australasian*, November 8th.

TIT FOR TAT.

Said a young and tactless husband

To his inexperienced wife:

"If you should give up leading

Such a fashionable life,

And devote more time to cooking—

How to mix, and when to bake—

Then, perhaps, you might make pastry

Such as mother used to make."

And the wife, resenting, answered

(For the worm will turn, you know):

"If you would give up horses

And a score of clubs or so,

To devote more time to business—

When to buy and what to stake—

Then, perhaps, you might make money,

Such as father used to make."

—*Boston Journal*.

—"The development of the use of electricity during the past few years has created a demand for mica as an insulating material," says Electricity. "Much of the small-sized mica, formerly of little value, if not altogether unsalable, now finds a market among electrical manufacturers. Part of this small mica is reported in the sheet-mica products, and as it sells for much less than the larger sizes, which are used in the manufacture of heating-stoves, lamp-chimneys, etc., it has the effect of making an apparent decline in values. On the other hand, part of the small-sized sheet-mica used for electrical purposes is reported as scraps, and in this case causes an augmented value."

—A man from Buffalo went to the White House during Lincoln's incumbency, and said, as he shook the President's hand, "We in Buffalo put our trust in God and Abraham Lincoln." "Well, my friend," said the second in the partnership, as he passed his visitor on, "you are more than half right."