Groceries.—In this line there is a steady, but limited, business being done. Considerable shipments are awaiting the opening of navigation, when business should improve. Collections are still slow. In dried fruits the tendency is still towards higher prices. Currants are now 5⅝ to 6¼c.; Filiatras, 5⅝ to 6¼ cents; New Patras, 6¾ to 7 cents. We note an advance of fully 25 per cent. on rice, which is now quoted at, for Arracan, 3¾ to 4c. per lb. The increase in price is due to floods in the rice districts and short crops. Sugars have receded a shade, which has been expected for some time. We quote extra granulated, 6¾ to 7c.; Redpath's Paris Lumps, 7½ to 7¾c. with no demand. Teas are unaltered with slightly duller trade. Coffees steady; no change in price. All kinds of canned goods are firm, with tendency to higher prices.

Hides.—The supply is not equal to the demand; prices steady but unchanged. A carlot of cured is reported sold at 4½c., another at 5c. In calfskins there is no movement to report, the supply so far being plentiful with few enquiries from consumers. Sheepskins—Very few coming into the market. Tallow remains quiet, buyers paying 5c., selling at 5½c.

Leather.—A perceptible improvement can be reported in this market. If black leathers have been neglected by local buyers, it has been found possible to ship to Britain both sole and black leather at a profit. Several shipments are going forward to England. Stocks are not heavy in any department. Prices are steady but unaltered, and an increased volume of business is anticipated at higher values in the near future. Although prices are not improved, from the existing demand and enquiries the present stock can be more easily disposed of than for some time, and if the improved tone continues and tanners can be restrained from over-producing, prices must go up.

Provisions.—The supplies of fresh butter are increasing, and in consequence the prices are weakening. Stocks of tub butter are being forced anywhere from 12 to 16c. per lb. for fine quality. Fresh rolls rule at 16 to 17c. There has been some buying of low grades at 5c. Cheese continues steady and unchanged. Eggs weak at 11c. per dozen, with a plentiful supply. In hog products the market continues firm; we quote long clear bacon at 8½c.; hams, 11½ to 12c.; breakfast bacon, 11½ to 12c. Lard unchanged. No change in dried or evaporated apples.

Wool.—There is a fair demand existing, chiefly for small lots, but no noticeable activity.