been some easing off from the very high below the cost of importation, owing to figures prevailing about New Year's, but the competition between the two local all other nuts are held very firmly, and mills. We quote: Summerlee pig filberts have actually advanced a little.

LEATHER.—Shoe men keep busy, and are reporting already some fair sorting orders. Makers of dongolas and fancy leathers tell us the demand keeps up very fairly, and say there is some scarcity of the heavier lines of dongolas; prices in these lines keep firm, and raw goatskins show, if anything, a tendency to advance. show, if anything, a tendency to advance. In sole and black goods nothing new. We quote: Spanish sole, B.A., No. 1, 24c.; No. 2, 22 to 22½c.; No. 1 ordinary Spanish, 23 to 24c.; No. 2, 20 to 21c.; No. 1 slaughter, 26 to 28c.; No. 2, do., 24 to 25c.; common, 20 to 21c.; waxed upper light and medium, 30 to 35c.; do., heavy, 27 to 30c.; grained, 32 to 35c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 35c.; Western splits, 21 to 24c.; Quebec do., 16 to 18c.; juniors, 16 to 17c.; calf-splits, 30 to 35c.; calfskins, (35 to 40 lbs.), 60 to 65c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; colored calf, American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; rus-American, 25 to 28c.; Canadian, 20 to 24c.; colored pebble cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskins linings, 30 to 40c.; colored, 6 to 7½c.; harness, 24 to 27c.; buffed cow, 13 to 15c.; extra heavy buff, 15c.; pebble cow, 11½ to 13c.; polished buff, 12 to 13c.; glove-grain, 12 to 12½c.; rough, 22 to 23c.; russet and bridle, 35 to 45c. to 45c.

METALS AND HARDWARE. - Further METALS AND HARDWARE.— ruttner tendency to advances in several lines is reported. Pig iron is very firm, and the only holder of Summerlee iron here is reported to be asking as high as \$21.50 for car lots. Late sales of Canada plates in fair constitutions are several at \$25 for of car lots. Late sales of Canada plates in fair quantity are reported at \$2.25 for 52 sheets, and it is said they would cost more to lay down, while good demand is libely to work between new and new is likely to exist between now and new arrivals. Transactions in tin plates are reported on the basis of \$3.25 for coke, I.C., and in tinned sheets at 6c. for No. 24. Black sheets, \$2.10 for the heavy gauges, and steel sheets, \$2.40. Quotations for crucible steel are reported as withdrawn. Bolts and nuts are dearer, the discounts from list being reduced 10 per cent. Iron pipe can still be bought

mills. We quote: Summerlee pig iron, \$21 to \$21.50; Hamilton, No. 1, \$17.50 to \$18; No. 2 do., \$16 to \$16.50; Ferrona, No. 1, \$14.50 to 15; machinery iron, \$21 to \$21.50; Hamilton, No. I, \$17.50 to \$18; No. 2 do., \$16 to \$16.50; Ferrona, No. I, \$14.50 to 15; machinery scrap, \$12 to 13; common ditto, \$11 to 12; bar iron, Canadian, \$1.40 to \$1.45; British, \$2 to 2.15; best refined, \$2.40; Low Moor, \$5; Canada plates—Pontypool or equal, \$2.25, 52 sheets to box; 60 sheets, \$2.30 to 2.35; 75 sheets, \$2.40; all polished Canadas, \$2.45; Terne roofing plate, 20 x 28, \$5.90 to 6; Black sheet iron, No. 28, \$2.25; No. 26, \$2.20, No. 24, \$2.10; No. 17, \$2; No. 16, and heavier, \$2.15; tin plates—Bradley charcoal, \$5.60 to 5.70; charcoal, I.C. Alloway, \$3.40 to \$3.50; do., I.X., \$4.00; P.D. Crown, I.C., \$4 to \$4.25; do., I.X., \$4.50; coke, I.C., \$3.25; ditto, standard, \$3 for 100 lbs.; coke, wasters, \$2.70; galvanized sheets, No. 28, ordinary brands, \$4.25 to 4.50; No. 26, \$4; No. 24, \$3.75 in case lots; Morewood, \$5 to 5.10; tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26 etc. the usual extra for large sizes. tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, tinned sheets, coke, No. 24, 6c.; No. 26, etc., the usual extra for large sizes. Canadian bands, per 100 lbs. \$1.65 to 1.75; English hoops, \$2 to 2.15. Steel boiler plate, ¼-inch, and upwards, \$2 to \$2.10 for Dalzell and equal; do., three-sixteenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ¼-inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths, do., \$2; tank steel \$1.75; heads suppressive the steel \$2.75; heads suppressive tank and teenths inch, \$2.50; tank iron, ¼-inch, \$1.50; three-sixteenths, do., \$2; tank steel, \$1.75; heads, seven-sixteenths, and upwards, \$2.40 to \$2.45; Russian sheet iron, 9c.; lead, per 100 lbs., \$4.25; sheet, \$4.50 to 4.60; shot, \$6 to 6.50; best cast-steel. 8 to 10c.: toe calk, \$2.25; spring. \$2.50; sleigh shoe, \$1.85; tire, \$1.90; round machinery steel, 2.25 to \$3, as to finish; ingot tin, 26¾c.; bar tin, 27½ to 28c.; ingot copper, 18 to 18½c.; sheet-zinc, \$7.25; Silesian spelter, \$6.50 to \$6.75; Veille Montagne spelter, \$6.75 to \$7; American spelter, \$6.50 to \$6.75; antimony, 9½ to 10c. mony, 9½ to 10c.

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—Not a change is reported in local values. Turpentine is still firmly held at the high figure of 68c., in a jobbing way, with a stiff market in the South, though the season for new crop is not far off. Lin-

seed steady. Dry leads are rather easier in Europe, but not sufficiently so to warrant any change in the recently advanced prices for leads ground in oil.

We quote: Single barrels, raw, prices for leads ground in oil. We quote: Single barrels, raw, and boiled linseed oil, respectively, 50 and 53c. per gal.; two to four barrels, 49 and 52c.; 5 to 9 barrels, 48 and 51c.; net 30 days, or 3 per cent., for 4 months' terms. Turpentine, one to four barrels, 68c.; five to nine barrels, 67c.; net 30 days. Olive oil, machinery, 90c.: Cod oil, 34 to 36c. per gal.; steam refined seal, 37½ to 40c. per gallon. Castor oil, 8½ to 9c. in quantity, tins, 9½c.; machinery castor oil, 7½ to 8c.; Leads (chemically pure and first-class brands only), \$5.87½; No. 1, \$5.50; No. 2, \$4.17½; No. 3, \$4.75; No. 4, \$4.37½; dry white lead, 5½ to 6c. for pure; No. 1, ditto. 5c.; genuine red ditto, 5c.; No. 1 red lead, 4½ to 434c.; Putty, in bulk, bbls., \$1.65; kegs, \$1.80; bladder putty, in bbls., \$1.80; smaller quantities, \$1.95; 25-lb. tins. \$2.05; 12½-lb. tins, \$2.30. London washed whiting, 40 to 45c.; Paris, white, 85 to 90c.; Venetian red, \$1.50 to \$1.75; yellow ochre, \$1.25 to \$1.50; spruce ochre, \$1.75 to \$2. Window glass, \$1.80 per 50 feet for first break; \$1.90 for second break. Paris green, 13c. in 50 and 100-lb. packages; 14c. in 25-lb. packages; pound packages, in boxes. 15c. packages, in boxes, 15c.

Wool.—The second series of London sales opened yesterday and cable advices report sales being made at the strong closing figures of last series. As regards local business, the remarks of last week apply to date.

## LIVERPOOL PRICES.

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Lard	27
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Bacon, heavy	27
Bacon, light	27
Tallow	
Chases	23
Cheese, new white	50
Cheese new colored	50

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