

the latter part of the week, when it seemed to be waiting on outside quotations. Since then, however, it would appear to have become satisfied that the upward tendency outside is a reality, and made up its mind to follow whenever it may have the chance. There has, however, been very little opportunity to do so, as offerings of everything in this line have been small and stocks have again turned to decreasing, those in store on Monday morning standing as follows:—Flour nil; fall wheat, 7,600 bush.; spring wheat, 42,928 bush.; oats, 6,300 bush.; barley, 61,580 bush., and peas, 1,750 bushels. The quantity of wheat in sight has gone on increasing and has grown 907,000 bushels during the week. States exports of wheat and flour, however, have decreased fifty per cent. in the period from July 1st to Aug. 24th as compared with those in the like period last year. The local trade in other markets has generally been satisfactory at firm prices, but waiting two or three weeks for fall business, with some lines beginning to think of the exhibition week.

APPLES.—There have been a few small rail lots offered and taken at \$1.50 to 1.75, which prices would have been repeated; and cars of the right sort could have found buyers had they been available.

DRUGS.—There is a better trade movement this week than lately, and it will compare favorably with this time last year. Prices are becoming firmer. Quinine is more settled but not lower, and the same may be said of opium. Cuttlefish bone is rather scarce. German ergot is depressed; but the tendency in all drugs is for a rise.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The demand for flour has been active at advancing prices nearly all week, but there has been scarcely any guaranteed offering. Some sales of lots by sample were made in the latter part of last week on p. t., but admittedly at advancing prices. Uninspected, thought to be close on extra, sold at equal to \$4.00, but guaranteed extra has since brought equal to \$4.15, and straight rollers wanted at \$4.45 to 4.50, which prices were obtainable at the close with none offered; patents inactive at unsettled prices. Bran is inactive, but would have found buyers at \$15.00 at the close. Oatmeal is nominally unchanged, awaiting the conclusion of the combination's term.

FISH.—The local trade has been quiet this week, but the outside demand continues very good. Owing to stormy weather the supply has been short. British Columbia salmon is rather scarce. Lake Erie herrings are commencing, and are now quoted at \$1.75 per hundred. Pickerel can still be had at 5¢, bass at 8¢, and British Columbia salmon at 15 and 16¢ per pound. Other quotations are unchanged.

GRAIN.—There has been an advancing tendency in wheat all through the week, but the rise can be said to have been definitely established only within the last couple of days. No. 2 fall and No. 2 red winter were wanted in the latter part of last week at 99¢, but this was refused, and on Tuesday buyers took the former grade at \$1.02 and 1.03 on track. No. 2 spring was wanted last week at 93¢ and no sales reported; but large quantities of goose changed hands on Saturday at 82¢ f.o.c. and equal to that price here. No. 1 northern changed hands in large quantities on Tuesday on p.t. At the close on Wednesday a round lot of Manitoba hard brought \$1.10 and round lots of No. 2 hard sold on p.t., but admitted to be about \$1.05. No. 2 fall probably worth \$1.03 and No. 2 spring 95 to 96¢, but none offered. Oats unsettled and declining; Manitoba sold last week at 42 and 41¢ on track, and new Ontario at 39¢; at the close new Ontario sold at 36¢ on track with more offered at 35¢; Manitoba nominal. Barley is still inactive; both holders and buyers afraid to move and will probably wait until the States' markets have begun to quote, so that they may know the best to be done by shipment before they begin to move here. On Wednesday the first load of new sold on the street at 60¢, quality about No. 3 extra. Nothing doing in peas and prices purely nominal. Imported feeding corn sold at the close for 60¢ on the track.

GROCERIES.—As might be expected just now, dulness marks all lines of groceries. There is a fair amount of activity in tea at firmer prices; tobacco is also moving well; syrups have shaken off the stagnation that has held them so long and are in much better demand,

the supply is light; sugars are quiet and unchanged in prices and the indications point to a strong market in September. We have a larger demand for rice and tapioca; all dried fruits are quiet just now, currants and Valencias especially so because buyers are waiting the arrival of the new fruits, which are on the way. Coffee is just moving, that is all. In canned goods salmon is firm at \$1.75, and is rather inclined to be held. Payments are spoken of as being much better, and the prospects of the trade all round are very satisfactory indeed.

HAY.—Pressed has continued in good demand, but with increased market supplies rather easy; some poor has sold at \$13.50 and 14.00, and good timothy at \$15.00 for cars on track.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There has been a steady demand, for green hides as they are now of fairly good quality; cured have been in demand, but seemed to be held rather over tanners' views with only small sales at 6¢. Calfskins have remained unchanged; green taken as before, and cured nominal. Offerings of sheepskins have been small, but prices steady at 50¢ for green, with dry sometimes going down to 25¢. Tallow is scarce, firm, and in good demand at 5¢ for rendered and 1½ to 2¢ for rough; but there would appear to have been very little offered and scarcely any in stock.

LEATHER.—The improvement we reported last week has continued with an activity almost unprecedented in our business. Orders for both sole and jobbing leather exceed the supply, and when the present orders are filled stocks all round will be reduced to a very low ebb. An advance of from one cent to a cent and a half has occurred in Spanish sole and harness leather. Some very large transactions in these lines have been effected at the rise. It is expected that good plump leather will sell at a much higher price by, if not before, October; being now very scarce it is bought up as soon as possible. The grades we have indicated above are the only ones in which prices have as yet increased, but all other descriptions are much firmer, while generally the prospects are considered very good indeed.

LIVE STOCK.—Notwithstanding our market being overcrowded with stock for several weeks in succession trade has kept up very well, though prices for the inferior kinds have been very low. The Montreal market is more steady and this reacts on Toronto immediately. Cables from Liverpool on Wednesday gave a much more cheerful account of the demand in England, and an advance of quite one half-penny and sometimes as much as one penny a pound for Canadian produce. Locally, prices at the Western yard have been very good all along for exports of prime quality, but unfortunately the quality has been absent lately, while for butchers' cattle the prices fetched (though often very low) have been quite what it was worth, and the remark has been general week after week among the butchers that they wanted better stuff and that the offerings were too poor for many of them to handle.

PROVISIONS.—Fairly active at steady prices generally. There would seem to have been rather an increased supply of butter available, but this none too much when of good quality. Trade-lots have changed hands at 15¢ for good store with white out; at 16 and 16½¢ for mixed lots of good store and fair dairy with white thrown out; at 17¢ for medium dairy, and at 15½¢ for one lot of poor salty dairy, with choice selections on the spot still taken at 18 to 19¢, and box-lots of rolls worth 17 to 19¢ for good but scarcely any offered; common tubs seem held above buyers' views. The demand has continued to be for local consumption only, with no movement in shipping lots. Cheese is decidedly dull; choice still sold at 10¢ for small lots, but some inferior has changed hands by sample at from 6 to 8¢ according to quantity and quality, with more offered at the close. Eggs.—Prices have advanced a cent, cases going at 16¢ and trade-lots for 15¢ at the close, and supplies rather small with all wanted, as some seem to have been buying for the Exhibition week. Pork has continued to sell readily as before at \$18.00 to 18.50 for small lots. Old long-clear bacon has continued to move at 11¢ with stocks increasingly small and held very firmly; new Cumberland has moved to a small extent at 12¢ for light sides; the little new rolls and bellies selling has been steady at 12½¢ for rolls and 14¢ for bellies. Good new hams have usually sold at 13 to 13½¢, but some seem inclined to ask more, and some poor old have been available at 12½¢. Lard is firmer in sympathy with outside markets, at 11½¢ for tins, at 11½¢ for tinnets, and 12½¢ for pails, with a disposition at the close to go still higher. Hogs are scarce and firmer at \$8.50 to 9.00, with all offered wanted. The very few dried apples selling have gone at 6½ to 7¢, with trade-lots nominal; evaporated sold at 9¢ for a lot of 50 boxes, and 9 to 9½¢ in smaller lots. White beans are almost nominal at \$2.15 to 2.25 for hand-picked in small lots. Liverpool coarse salt has arrived and been offered by car-lot at 62½¢ on track, but no sales reported; lots of not under 100 bags 65¢, and smaller lots up to 75¢ per bag, but very little doing; Canadian coarse sold last week by car at 57 and 60¢ on track, with small lots as before and quiet.

WOOL.—The feeling rather easier, with sales of round-lots at 19¢ for merchantable and 20¢ for selected, with the latter going in lots of 1,000 to 3,000 lbs. at 19½¢, and rejected usually taken at 16¢. Southdown offered very sparingly, and apparently unchanged at about 23¢ for the little offered. Pulled inactive and nominal.

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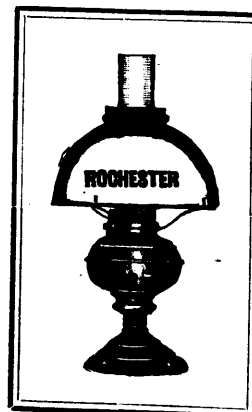
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