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case; Spanish onions, 70c. per case; Liverpool advices still report active British demand for apples. Baldwins and spies are quoted at 16s. to 20s.; Russets, 18 to 22s.; seconds, 6s. less.

Groceries .- The volume of trade in general groceries is by no means heavy. Sugars still move slowly. Prices went up on Wednesday 10c. on all grades. There is a somewhat better demand for molasses. Teas are strong, and a London advice notes that while this time two years ago there reigned the lowest price on record for Pekoe Souchong. viz., 3d. per pound, the price is now exactly double. It thinks the present healthier situation may continue for some time to come, owing to the past experiences of the tea planters as to over-production. Dried fruits are steady as also are canned goods.

Hardware.-The wholesale merchants may be said to be almost surprised at the long-continued extra briskness in business. All seasonable goods are moving out rapidly, and orders are coming in in satisfactory volume. Glass is taking on a firmer tone owing to reports from Europe. Prices in Germany and Belgium have already gone up considerably, and if it were not for the fact that jobbers here have already taken most of their orders ahead for some time, and that they have large stocks on hand, this course would likely be followed here.

Hides and Skins .- There is an accumulation of hides in stock here, and the demand being weak, prices have fallen. For sheepskins and calfskins a steady market prevails. Tallow 15 firm.

Live Stock .- Demand was not of a brisk order at the cattle market this week, but as the offerings were rather small, all were sold without difficulty. Most of the export cattle sold at \$4 to \$4.50, though some of higher quality went at \$4.65. Butchers' cattle sold readily. There is a very good demand for high-grade milch cows, but such are not forthcoming in any number. Sheep and lambs sold with considerable readiness.

Provisions .- Both dairy and creamery butter is fairly plentiful, though the quality of most of the pound rolls is inferior. The demand for cheese is light, but prices still keep up well. New laid eggs are meeting with somewhat firmer conditions. Hardly any poultry is coming into the market. Little is doing in hops, but prices are, if anything,



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a little higher, and this no doubt prevents sales. The demand for hog products is brisker. Lard, especially, is much firmer.

Wool .- Fleece wool is in such light supply that, though the demand is good, hardly any business is passing. Prices are nominally the same. Pulled wools remain at steady prices.



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