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about 1 to 2c. Manitoba remains unchanged. Barley also is the same. Oats are 1c. or more higher, and there is some excitement in the market, owing to Imperial enquiries, through the Agricultural Department, and to a demand from New York. Peas are 1 to 2c. higher. Rye has gone up 1c. Corn and buckwheat are unchanged. There is a good demand for wheat for local milling. Receipts from the country are increasing a little.

Hardware.—Trade has fallen off a little the last few days, but this is to be expected about this season of the year. Prices, as a rule, remain firm, especially for holiday goods, for which there is a fair demand. A good Christmas trade is being looked forward to with keen anticipation. Saw setts (Canadian), have been reduced to \$4.75 per dozen, while sad irons have gone up a little. Rope continues very firm. Prices of heavy metals are very steady, and a good business is being transacted. Pig tin is a little dearer, as are also tin plates.

Hides and Skins.—The only change in prices is in lambs and shearings, which are now worth 65 to 70c. In other lines, the poor quality seems likely to affect prices. Offerings are liberal. Lots of sheepskins are coming forward, but the demand is a little slack. Deer skins are firm at 12½c. The demand for tallow is good. In Chicago, a quiet but steady market is reported for packer hides. Offerings are light, packers having no stocks of importance on hand, and they are indifferent sellers, holding for full values. Prices quoted are 13¼ to 14c. for native steers, 13½c. for Texas, 12½c. for butt brands, 12¼c., for Colorados, 12c., for heavy native cows, 10½c. for light do., and 10 to 10¼c. for branded do. Country hides are steady. It is reported that within a few days sales will be made of about 45,000 buff hides for forward delivery at 9c. for No. 1.

Leather.—The leather belting manufacturers have decided to increase their prices by 20 per cent., owing to the high prices of hides. Prices in this line were advanced across the border some little time ago. Business in ordinary lines is a trifle slack just now, though a keener demand is anticipated as soon as the sleighing season opens.

Provisions.—Butter remains in about the same situation as reported last week. Receipts are plentiful. The market for hogs is advancing stiffly, and packers are now paying \$7.75 to \$8. As a consequence, hog products are very firm. Poultry has been in large supply. Prices range from 7 to 8c. for turkeys, and 5 to 6c. for geese. The quality, however, has hardly been up to the mark. Offerings of new laid eggs are light, and the market is firm.

Wool.—The woolen market remains in the same position as that which it has held for so long. That is there is nothing doing. Following are the particulars of the latest London wool sales, which took place on the 2nd: The offerings at the wool auction sales numbered 14,109 bales, including a good selection of New Zealand which was in good demand at firm prices. Slipes were flat. Cape of Good Hope and Natal was taken freely, fine greasy selling at firm rates. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales—2,500 bales; scoured, 5¼d. to 1s. 4¼d.; greasy, 4¼d. to 10d. Queensland—2,800 bales; scoured, 9½d. to 1s. 7d.; greasy, 4d. to 8½d. Victoria—400 bales; scoured, 7d. to 1s. 6½d.; greasy, 4½ to 10½d. Tasmania—300 bales; scoured, 5d. to 6¼d.; greasy, 3d. to 7¼d. New Zealand—6,900 bales; scoured, 4d. to 1s. 3½d.; greasy, 2¾d. to 9d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal—1,100 bales; scoured, 7d. to 1s. 5d.; greasy, 4½ to 7½d.

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