

but holders were making a show of firmness at full former rates, as per Monday's *Bulletin*. Wool imports into New York were, of foreign, Jan. 1st to December 3rd 110,047 bales against only 56,332 bales in same time 1879; receipts of domestic, Jan. 1st to Dec. 4th 101,090 bales, against 119,964 bales some period of 1879. Prices continue to be well maintained and no weakness expected, rather the contrary according to Boston advices this week. The silk trade in France is in a dull condition, exports from Lyons for November being much reduced compared with former months; values in silks at New York are easier. Staple dress goods in that market are changing hands in small lots, and values rule steady, with fair call for specialties. The growth of the imports of raw jute into the U. S. is shown by the following figures:

	Tons.	Raw Jute.	Jute Mfrs.
1877-78	40,997	\$2,438,000	\$1,666,000
1878-79	69,500	3,781,000	1,776,350
1879-80	82,471	5,853,000	2,854,000

FLOUR.—Stocks in store 4,400 bbls. against 3,600 bbls last week and 11,650 bbls. on like date last year. The market is dull with prices lower by ten to fifteen cents than last week. Transactions are trifling. *Oatmeal* is quiet and weaker. *Bran.*—We quote \$13.50 per ton, and decidedly scarce at that.

GROCERIES.—The condition of affairs in this trade is such as to warrant hopes of a continuation of tolerably active and satisfactory business. Payments are generally prompt and the tone of traders' letters hopeful. At the same time, profits are cut fine and money making is but a slow process. The *sugar* market is steady and demand well kept up. We quote: *Paris lumps*, 10½ to 11c; *Demerara*, we quote, 7½c—*we hear* of none so low as 7½c. *Rice* is in fair but not ample supply, 4½c is a low quotation, except in round lots of 20 to 50 between wholesale dealers which are made at 4½c. In *fruit*, the demand has been more brisk in view of Christmas demand; *Sultanas*, which have been scarce and this season of poor quality, are not to be had under 10c. The *tea* market shows no exceptional feature; values are steady; the principal movement is in medium and low-priced *Young Hysons*.

GRAIN.—*Wheat.*—Fall. Stocks in store 45,621 bush. against 40,852 bush last week and 34,092 bush on like date last year. English as well as American markets are lower this week, and prices here have nominally declined. There is very little doing and the quotation for No. 1 fall is \$1.14. *Wheat.*—Spring. Stocks in store 60,189 bush. against 92,912 bush. on like date last year. *Oats* are scarce and wanted. Stocks in store are 2,100 bush. same as last week. *Barley.*—Stocks in store 355,110 bush. We have no movement to report, prices have sustained another fall, being now 96c. for No. 1, 92c. for No. 2 choice, 88c. for No. 2, 82c. for No. 3 extra, and 72c. for No. 3. *Peas.*—Stocks in store 29,694 bush. against 21,185 bush. last week. Market weaker if anything at 70 and 69c.

HARDWARE.—The feature demanding notice is an advance in the price of *pig iron*; we quote, *Carnbroe*, \$22; *Eglinton*, No. 1, \$21.50; *Nova Scotia*, \$23 to 24. The rise here has a hardening effect in other departments of the trade.

HIDES & SKINS.—Nothing new in this line. *Green hides* continue to offer freely, and are taken at usual prices. *Sheepskins* are plentiful, both dry and green; the latter command \$1.40, or even more.

PROVISIONS.—The trade is still characterised by dullness, stocks as yet as very light. Car loads of dressed hogs have brought from \$6.15 to 6.20 here even higher has been paid, but few packers have any confidence in operating at prices of hog products which are steady as at last reference. *Butter* is dull and dropping, there is a total absence of shipping demand and

the city trade is unable to absorb receipts, really choice is hard to find the bulk is ordinary large rolls sell at 17c to 18c. *Cheese* is unchanged in price, no large stocks are held here because of the high price. *Poultry* is firmer for fine stock, if quality is right, geese will bring 5c and turkeys 8c. *Dried Apples* are dull and unchanged. *White beans* offering more freely and are worth from \$1. to 1.20 according to quality. In *hops*, buyers and sellers are apart, yearlings sell at 9 to 11c, and new held from 17c to 25c the difference in quality being marked eastern commanding the higher price, but the poorer are more plentiful.

SALT.—There is a fair supply on hand. *Liverpool coarse* is held at 75c in cars, with 80 to 85c for smaller lots. *Stoved*, from \$1.25 to 1.60 according to bag. Canadian steady.

WOOL.—The feeling here is somewhat stronger some parcels of pulled super bringing 31c, while extra has sold at 35 and 35c, higher prices are asked for *fleece* and small lots have changed hands at 30c even more being paid for one. The Boston market, according to advices of the 5th displays a very strong tone, the demand from manufacturers being good and the speculative feeling lessened. *Walter Brown & Co.'s* circular looks for a steady trade for some months to come, and a further hardening of values during the next 60 days. The movement of domestic wool for last week says the *Boston Journal of Commerce*, is about 2,000,000 lbs, being just equal to the previous week; prices are well maintained, but without any particular change; pulled wools are in good request from manufacturers, in New York yesterday, according to the *Bulletin*, the feeling was cheerful and confident. At *Liverpool* on 24th ult, the market was quiet but firm, and at *Bradford* there was some flatness in prices and a lull in trade.

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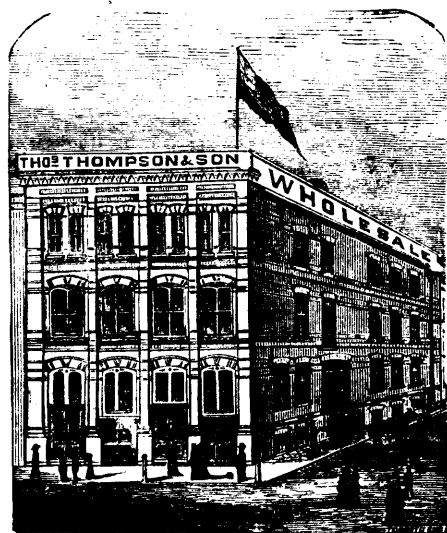
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