

stocks in the farmers' cellars, which are held for better prices. Dealers here say they have no encouragement from English houses to buy at the prices asked for selections in this market. It was said this morning that an agent had offered 13½c for shipping lots, but he could not get what he would have taken, at the price. There are increasing fears that the large quantities of butter will depreciate in quantity, and that heavy loss will fall on the holders. The local trade is supplied with ordinary grades at 13c to 14c in tubs; and 14½c for crocks and pails.

HARDWARE.—The wholesale trade is reported pretty good for the season, but retail men say now that this summer has been a failure, as far as general lines of hardware are concerned. It is thought that the aggregate business done by the wholesale trade will not foot up so large as last year, leaving the Winnipeg trade out of the count. Prices have been remarkably steady in the face of a reduced consumption, and nearly all manufactured metals here sold at good prices. Quotations are:—Barbed fencing wire, galvanized, 34c; painted, 7c; Canada plates, Boar's head, \$3.35c; Ponty pore, \$3.35; cut nails, per keg, 10d to 60d, \$3.10; 8d and 6d, \$3.35; 6d and 7d, \$3.60; 4d and 5d, \$3.85; 3d, \$4.60. Copper, ingot, 15c to 20c; sheet, 25c to 26c; bar, 30c to 33c. Bar iron, Nova Scotia, \$2.50; ordinary, \$2 to \$2.10; hoops, coopers', \$2.50 to \$2.60; band, \$2.50. Manila rope, 13c to 13½c per lb; deep sea, 14c to 16c. Window glass is rather quiet and unchanged. Steel is steady, at prices 12c to 13c for cast, and 2½c to 2½c for sleigh shoe. Tin steady, bar, 26c to 28c; ingot, 24c to 25c.

GROCERIES.—The business keeps rather quiet at the small advantage recently reported; and it is admitted that there is no likelihood of any boom in the trade this fall. Country buyers are pursuing a very strict policy of keeping their orders small. But a somewhat better trade is certain during next month. Quote, *Coffees* quiet at 18c to 25c for Java; 10c to 11c for Rio; and 30c to 38c for Mocha. *Raisins* are improved in tone, and Valentias are steady at 6c to 7c. *Spices* quiet; allspice 17c to 20c; Cassia, whole, 18c to 20c; cloves, 25c to 40c; ginger, ground, 25c to 35c, root, 23c to 27c; nutmeg, 75c to \$1.15. *Sugars*, Porto Rico, dark to fair, 7c to 7½c; bright to choice, 7½c to 8c; Canada refined, 6½c to 8½c; Standard granulated, 8½c to 9c; Paris lump, 10c to 10½c; Scotch refined, 6½c to 7½c. *Syrups* unchanged. *Teas* steady, but promising firmness. *Tobaccos*, dark, 31½c to 32½c; Western Leaf, 31½c to 34½c; bright, 48c to 52c; choice, 70c to 75c.

LEATHER.—Trade is still rather quiet, but an improvement is looked for about the beginning of September. Any great improvement, however, is not expected. Prices are nearly stationary. Sole leather is rather firm. Spanish sole, all weights, 28c to 30c; and for No. 2, 25c to 28c; slaughter heavy, 28c to 30c, and light, 27c to 29c. Hemlock harness leather, 28c to 33c; oak harness, 45c to 50c; hemlock belting, 34c to 43c, according to quality kips, French, 75c to 95c; English, 70c to 75c; Chicago slaughter, 65c to 75c; native slaughter, 45c to 60c; splits, large, 28c to 33c; buff, 16c to 18c; pebble, 14c to 18c; russets, shoe, 40c to 50c; saddlers, \$3.50 to \$9. Hemlock calf (36 to 40 lbs. to the dozen), 75c to 90c; light, 60c to 70c; French calf, \$1.10 to \$1.40. Cod oil, 65c to 70c per gal. Straits-oil, 55c to 60c; gambier, 7c; Sumach, 4½c to 5c.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.—The market has been irregularly well supplied during the week. Prices are easier for nearly all animals. At Tuesday's market there were some 10 loads of cattle. There were about 40 head of shipping cattle; beasts ranging from 1250 to 1300 lbs., brought \$5.50, and *hag* cattle from 1350 lb, up-

wards brought \$6 per 100 lbs., live weight. Butchers' cattle are easier also, and brought for ordinary to good, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per 100 lbs.; and fine beast of 1,200 lbs. sold at \$5 per 100 lbs. live weight. There were no sheep offered, and prices are quoted at about 5c to 5½c per lb. live weight. The supply of lambs has been very fair at recent markets, up to that upon last Tuesday when there was a falling off in the supply. Prices are still fair, at \$3 to \$4 for lots; and for choice beasts, \$4.50. Calves are not in much request, and prices are almost nominal; good animals are worth 7c to 9c per lb. dressed weight.

PROVISIONS, ETC.—Trade is pretty good, meats are moving freely in ton and box lots, but the prices are disappointing, and dealers here will net a loss. *Bacon* is unchanged at 9½c to 10c for tons and cases of long clear. *Cumberland* at 9c to 9½c. *Hams* are scarce and firm; pickled sell at 12c to 12½c in tierce lots; smoked at 14c. *Lard* weak, and offered in large lots at 12c; small lots of pails at 12½c to 12¾c. One dealer is said to have a large lot of tubs which he offered to-day at 11c. *Pork* nominal at \$18. *Beef* moving at \$16 for prime and \$17 for mess. *Butter* quiet at 13c to 14c for store-packed. *Cheese* easy at 10½c to 11c for small lots. *Eggs* firm at 16c to 17c for fresh in cases; no pickled offering. *Dried Apples* very slow at 10c for common, and 15c for evaporated. *Beans* moving in small lots at \$1.60 to \$1.80 per bushel. *Potatoes* steady at \$2 per barrel. *Hops* quiet, offered at 35c, but buyers holding off for lower prices. *Fruit*, green, steady, and in only moderate supply; peaches 75c to \$1.65 per basket; pears 70c to \$1 per basket; apples \$2.20 to \$3 per barrel; plums \$1.35 to \$1.50 per basket; huckleberries \$1.35 to \$1.50 per 16 qrt. crate. *Petroleum* steady at 10c for common, and 17c for carbon safety-Canadian, and 25c for prime and 28c for water white American. *Salt* steady; coarse Liverpool in bags, 65c in car lots; fine Liverpool, 5 lbs bags, at 50c in small lots; Canadian \$1.35 per barrel in car lots; dairy salt in 3 lb bags, at \$3.75 per barrel in small lots.

WOOL.—There is no change in the way of improvement. Consignments are arriving in the city in greater quantity, and movement of stock is more general; but prices are not improving. There is still only a very unsatisfactory inquiry from the United States dealers, and prices offered do not prompt to transactions. The U. S. markets are reported moderately active, but prices are not expected to advance. Prices paid here are 19c to 19½c for selections of Leicester fleeces, and 16c to 17c for cotswold. Rejected at 12c to 14c. Southdown pure bred is worth 26c; part bred 22c to 23c according to quality. Selling to factories is still only in moderate extent. Pulled wools are selling at 25c to 26c for Supers, and 30c to 31c for extra Supers.

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