

marked upward tendency having prevailed for several weeks; they are still firm here, but appear weak in outside markets, although the statistical position is decidedly strong, both beet and the Cuba stock being reported short. Syrups, however, have not advanced a bit. As to teas, the present time is "between seasons" and until the new teas arrive there will not be much business; a cable received this week from Japan states that the market still keeps \$3.00 higher than last year, which just about equals the difference in exchange. Some new Japans are reported by one of our importing houses as on the way. There is a good market for India and Ceylon teas at from 11d. upward, but low grades are scarce. Rice, which has been weaker, this week shows signs of stiffening; a low grade has been put upon the market by the Mount Royal Milling Co., to compete with the imported; this can be had as low as 3½ cts. per pound.

HAY AND STRAW.—For some weeks past there has been plenty hay in market as a rule, but since seeding began it has been perceptibly more scarce; the price of timothy has ranged from \$11 to \$13.50 for the week, according to quality, and for clover from \$9 to \$10; straw in bundles sells at \$8 to \$9, and loose at from \$4 to \$4.50.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The supply of hides is light, but apparently suffices for present wants, and sales of cured go on in a moderate way at quotations; the feeling in calfskins is decidedly weaker; dealers are still paying 9c. here per pound, but a decline is looked for very soon; prices of calf show a decline in the States; but few sheepskins are coming into market, and the price paid for them varies from \$1.25 to \$1.50 each; tallow appears to have settled at last to a basis of about 5½c. per pound to buyers, while dealers here will sell at 6c. for rendered; rough has dropped from 2½c. to 2c. per pound.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is a good demand for heavy goods, such as steel boiler-plate, also fair for tank-plate; not much request for iron pipe, but cut nails, wire nails and spikes are wanted. Shelf hardware is in demand all over the list, while garden tools and field tools find ready sale. The prices of what are called "combination" goods, i.e., articles of hardware of domestic make on which the manufacturers have a combination to keep up prices—and these now-a-days form a goodly proportion of the whole—have been steady for some months. We have no changes in price to make, but note that "Ferrona" pig iron from Nova Scotia is now sold in this market at \$19.50 per ton for No. 1 and \$19 for No. 2; Siemens is held at 50 cents higher.

PROVISIONS.—A moderate movement only can be reported. The market for hog products is firm and an ordinary consumptive demand is felt. Long clear bacon is held at 10½ to 11c. per pound; rolls, 10½ to 10¾c., and hams 13 to

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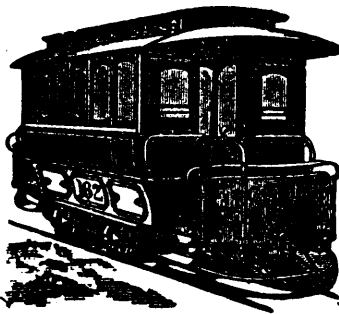
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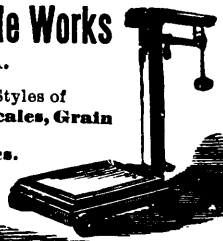
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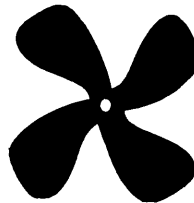
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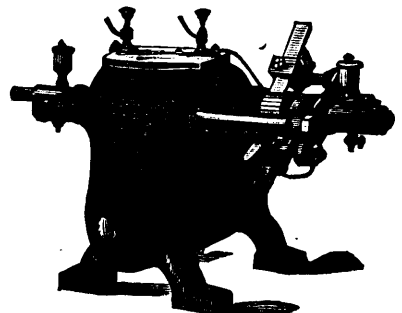
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