

down a cent. and is dull at the decline.

Fruit.—Enormous quantities of fruit have been coming into the city this week and in some cases its sale has dragged, especially plums, which have had to go at 15 to 25c. per basket. Peaches and apples too are quite plentiful. White peaches sell for 20 to 30c., yellow at 30 to 60c. Pears are 15 to 40c. per basket. Grapes are beginning to arrive and sell at 25 to 50c. Cantaloupes are plentiful at 25 to 35c. per basket. The price of bananas is unsettled owing to the recent disastrous storm in Jamaica. Those now coming from that island show poor quality, though prices keep up well, Cubans are expected in increasing numbers. Other fruits may be quoted as follows: Cocoanuts per sack, \$3.70 to \$5; oranges, late Valencias, \$4.50 to \$5; lemons, Sorrentos, \$3.50 per case; new crop Malagas, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per case; bananas, 8s., \$1.40 to \$1.75; 1sts, \$1.75 to

\$2; extras, \$2 to \$2.50; oranges, California Valencias, \$4.50 to \$5 per case; sweet potatoes, \$4.50 per barrel; tomatoes, 15 to 25c. per basket; corn 7 to 8c. per dozen; celery, 35 to 40c. per dozen; cucumbers, 12½ to 15c. per basket.

Groceries.—Trade in general groceries is fairly good, being up to the average for this time of the year. In sugar the movement is not particularly brisk; there has been no change in prices. Some interest is being taken in dried fruits, but up to the present not much business has been transacted, the prices still being on an unsettled basis. In canned vegetables the same holds good, the only line with which anything to speak of has been done yet being peas. In tea, Ceylon, the prices hold very firm but little actual trade is being done.

Live Stock—Cattle for the export trade at this week's market were few in number,

and trade was very dull, the prices realized being about the same as last week. Butchers' cattle, however, showed a marked improvement, though receipts were on the plentiful side. Prices inclined a little higher. Select lots sold at \$4.50 to 4.70, ordinary \$4.20 to 4.40. For stockers and feeders there was not an over brisk demand. Milch cows kept pretty steady at \$35 to 48. The demand for calves was brisk, with not many offerings.

Provisions.—In spite of heavy receipts of butter, really choice dairy rolls and creamery prints are both somewhat scarce. Cheese is a little easier and sells around 10¼c.—Eggs are coming in in fairly large quantities but prices keep steady. The market for ham and other smoked meats is quite active and is expected to become even more during the rush of exhibition visitors.

Wool.—Though better prices seem to be expected before long, by holders of wool, little business is being done either for export or otherwise.

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