

The cotton movement in the States for the ten months ended with June was 5,893,048 bales against 4,620,487 bales for the like period a year before, and the stock was one-fifth greater.

Drugs, etc.—No special movement, if we except a brisk demand for Paris Green. Quinine still remains firm at quotations. Payments cannot be complained of.

Flour and Meal.—The same cause, a declining western market, also militates against this trade, and dealers characterize it as being lifeless. We quote *Strong Baker's* \$4.65 to \$4.70; *Spring Wheat*, extra, \$4.35 to \$4.50; *Superfine* \$4.15. The following are the stocks in store on the undermentioned dates:

	July 9, 1888.	July 2, 1888.	July 10, 1882.
Flour, bbls.....	2,615	2,795	4,150
Fall wheat, bush ..	72,036	76,929	116,625
Spring " ..	108,241	112,439	60,415
Oats " ..	1,000	1,000	3,609
Barley " ..	29,117	48,202	5,138
Peas " ..	1,202	272	6,572
Rye " ..	116	225	4,676
Corn "

Grain total.. 211,712 239,067 197,035
GRAIN.—This market is decidedly dull, we are unable to hear of any large transactions, indeed matters are unsettled and a tendency to lower prices is evident. This is due to a decline in the West, which has continued for the past three or four days. With the exception of *Oats*, prices show no change from last week's quotations. In this instance, *Oats*, we quote 42 to 43c., they are difficult to sell, the market being overstocked.

GROCERIES.—General trade in this line is rather dull; orders from the country keep up moderately well, and payments are very satisfactory. The fruit market is inactive and sales small. *Sugars*—Without any quotable advance the market is much stiffer, refineries exacting for round lots about 3c advance on last week's prices. *Teas*—The first arrival of Japan is announced *ex City of Tokio*, which is a rather earlier occurrence than usual, and is consigned to Messrs. Perkins, Ince & Co. The quality is described as being very fine, and price rather lower than last year. Medium and low grade teas are expected to be fully as high as last season. In *Greens* a fairly active market exists for all good qualities. Low grades, especially *Ping Sueys*, are rather slow of sale. *Coffees*—Native Ceylon is quoted at 15 to 20c, and Ceylon plantation at 22 to 27c; other items on the list show no change.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—We have no change to record in prices. Trade cannot be considered active for immediate shipments, but fall orders to a fair extent are being booked. Prices rule in buyer's favor. The margin of profit on heavy goods is considered small and higher prices are therefore anticipated before long, present rates give no encouragement to handle. Sales are in some measure checked by a strong feeling of caution in disposing of goods. There are no shipments of any importance going to the North-west; payments are fair and give no cause for complaint. Harvest tools are going off well.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Very little, if anything, doing, and prices are as previously quoted. Rendered tallow is a shade lower, we now quote 8 to 8½c.

PROVISIONS.—Prices have suffered a still further decline, the result of the continued depression in Chicago. In hog products no important transactions have been reported here; and the jobbing trade is very quiet buyers pursuing a "hand to mouth" policy. *Long Clear* we quote 10½ to 11c.; *C.C.* 9½ to 10c.; fancy cuts are unchanged; hams unaltered and in small supply. *Butter*—There is no export demand and the trade is dull. The stock of Western is said to be accumulating in Montreal and without any visible outlet. Holders speak of the prospect as being anything but cheering. Country merchants will do well to bear in mind our former advice as to paying a high price. We understand that some are giving as much as 15 to 16c., whereas 13 to 14c. would be quite sufficient. *Cheese* is steady with prices tending to a lower figure. *Eggs* are firmer with light receipts. *Salt*, the quotations to be found in our "prices current" may be regarded as the ruling figure. Nothing of interest transpiring.

WOOL.—This branch is in much the same condition as when we last wrote. Buyers say that there is no immediate prospect of selling domestic fleeces. Long coarse wool is about one penny less per pound in England now than a year ago. Prices here are unchanged.

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