

have been made at 55 to 58c, f.o.c. The market was firm to-day, with some sales made on p. t. The only transaction reported was that of a car of extra No 3 at 66c on track, although buyers offered 77c for No 2, 67c for extra No 3 and 58c for No 3, all f.o.c. Street prices, 60 to 90c. *Peas*.—Stocks in store, 29,639 bushels, against 28,477 bushels last week, and 7,999 bushels on like date last year. Values nominal, no movement reported. No 1 are not to be had, and for No 2 there are buyers at 55c, but holders ask more money. Street prices, 50 to 62c. *Rye* remains quiet and unchanged at 50c.

GROCERIES.—Trade, while not active, has continued fairly good with retailers, but remittances are not generally good. *Fish* quiet and nominally unchanged; a fair demand for salt Herrings, but reported sales comprise only small lots. In *Fruit* there is nothing special to note; the demand has been fairly good, and for round lots prices are reported a shade firmer. Round lots of Valentia and Malaga raisins have changed hands at former quotations—4½ to 5c for Valentias, and \$2.00 to 2.25 for London Layers. In Currants a good trade has been done with retailers at unaltered prices. *Syrups* have been moving slowly, in small lots, at our quotations. *Sugars* have remained quiet, with an easier tendency. The demand has not been active, and prices for all kinds are reported a fraction lower than last week, for round lots. Whites and the better grades of yellow were in fair demand, but low grades neglected. Sales reported of round lots of ground sugar at 9½ to 9¾c; also a round lot of fairly bright at 8c, and medium at 7¾c; of American yellows at 7c to 7¾c; and one lot of very dark at 6¾c. No movement in raws. *Teas* have ruled quiet and firm; prices in both England and New York are reported higher, and the indications are that the lowest prices have been reached here. Medium and low grades have been in good demand, and reported sales comprise one line of Thirds at 25c; Young Hysons at a range of from 25 to 46c; and Japans sold to retailers freely at from 34 to 38c. A line of low grade Japans sold at 28c. Blacks have been inactive, with prices unaltered.

HARDWARE.—Dealers report a falling off in trade during the past week. The demand is light for all classes of goods; sales comprise small parcels, principally shelf goods, at unchanged quotations. The bad roads have contributed to render remittances slow and unsatisfactory. Several firms are still taking stock, and are therefore not pressing sales.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for *Hides* has continued flat. Prices have further declined, 6c being the highest now paid to butchers for No. 1. There are a good many still coming forward. Cured and inspected are also lower, now selling at 7½ to 7¾c per lb. for lots of 50 and 100. For car lots 7c has been bid, but no sales were reported. *Sheepskins* remain unchanged; they are coming forward freely, and all offering are taken at our quotations. With the present low price of wool, no further advance need be expected. *Tallow* rules very quiet; 5½c is the highest now paid for rendered. No reported sales.

PROVISIONS.—Inactivity has been the leading feature of the wholesale trade since our last, and remittances are still poor. The present is an unsettled period, being between seasons for hog products, values for which are tending downwards. *Butter*.—The market continues in a demoralized state, with no quotable movement. Leading shippers conclude that it is folly to continue sending Canadian butter to compete in the English markets with that of the American creameries. But, we hear of a car load of mixed—selections and medium grade—bought at 11 to 13c for the selections, and 8 to 9c for the mediums. Car lots of grease have been offered at 4c; but only 3 to 3½c; was bid; ordinary

storepacked butter is unsalable, unless at these prices; tub dairy, 12½ to 14c; packed in lots 15 to 15c. For really choice-boxed lots 10 to 12c; will be paid. On the street pound rolls bring 15 to 16c. *Bacon*.—There is no quotable movement and prices are weak, quoted at 5½ to 6c; being the highest prices for Cumberland cut. It was reported to-day that 1,000 sides of C C was offered at 4 to 5c, but no transaction transpired. No increased demand is expected till towards Spring. *Cheese* has remained dull; stocks are large all over, and there is not much demand. As low as 5c would be taken for poor qualities. Early made and the best qualities meet with a fair demand at 8 to 9c. *Dried Apples* are unchanged—inactive, and quoted at 4 to 5c. *Eggs*.—Fresh are wanted at about 18 to 20c, and packed bring 15 to 16c. On the street fresh eggs bring 20 to 25c. *Hams*.—Very little movement, prices quoted lower, 9 to 9½c. *Hops* have continued to be offered at 7½ to 8c, with no buyers and stocks large. *Lard*.—Stocks are large, but the demand is light, so that prices are lower, quoted at 7½ to 8¾c, as to parcel. *Mess Pork* continues dull with prices unsettled, quoted at 10 to 11c. *Dressed Hogs*.—Receipts have been increasing, and the demand not being brisk, prices are a shade easier, cars of heavy hogs bringing \$3.25 to 3.50 per cwt. On the street they are worth from \$3.50 to 4.25. Last week's prices for poultry unchanged.

WOOL.—The wool market is usually dull at this season, towards the close of the year, when manufacturers generally work up all loose material and market the manufactured goods, take stock, etc., before commencing to produce any new styles. So that this year, in face of the extreme depression in woollen goods, there is no demand for the raw material, and holders have almost ceased to bring fleece to market. In *Wool* there is no quotable movement either, and 20c is the highest price that would now be paid for it, one lot of 2,500 lbs. was bought at that price. An improvement in the trade is hopefully anticipated in January.

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