

choice sold on Tuesday at \$4.45 on track but ordinary has been offered as low as \$4.30, small lots \$4.50 to 4.75.

GRAIN.—There has been a fairly good demand for wheat, but offerings have been small and transactions limited. No. 2 Fall sold last week at \$1.17 f.o.c., and on Tuesday at \$1.16 on track. No. 1 Spring has been inactive; held at \$1.20 to 1.21 with buyers at \$1.18 to 1.19; No. 2 Spring sold at 1.17 f.o.c., on Tuesday, and on the same day \$1.19 was paid for a car of uninspected lying at an Eastern lake port. The market yesterday closed quiet but steady with No. 2 fall held at \$1.18 with 1.16 bid; No. 3 held at \$1.15 with \$1.12 bid and spring worth previous prices. *Oats* have been firmer with sales of cars on track at 39c. on Monday and Tuesday; bagged at 40c. and in bulk yesterday at 39c. *Barley*, inactive and neither offered nor wanted; prices purely nominal at quotations; a few loads on the street sold at 55 to 60c.; *Peas*.—A steady demand has been maintained and some cars of No. 2 have sold at 74c. f. o. c., while 75c. would have been paid for No. 1 had any been offered. Street receipts nil, but values from 65 to 73c. *Rye*.—No movement reported but values unchanged at 83 to 85c.

GROCERIES—Have been fairly active with the country but the jobbing trade rather quiet. *Tea*.—Firmness has been the rule for nearly all sorts in sympathy with outside markets; some lines of very coarse Young Hyson have sold at 21½ to 22c, of thirds at 26 to 28c and of seconds at 28 to 36½c. Lines of common Congou have brought 28c and fair medium 35c. *Japans* quiet but firm. *Coffee*.—Steady, with not very much offering; but the only jobbing sales reported are some lots of Rio at 15 to 16c. *Sugar*.—Has continued to advance and has sold freely, as buyers perceive that the rise is a reality which must be accepted. Porto Rico has sold in car lots at 7½c for dark and 8c for bright. Scotch refined in car lots has brought 7½c for dark, 8½ for medium, and 9½ for bright. Canadian yellows have sold steadily at an advance of a quarter cent. Granulated has brought 10½c for 100 brl. lots. *Syrups*.—Prices have advanced about three cents, but the only jobbing movement has been the sale of some choice West India molasses at 48½c. *Fruit*.—Has been quiet but firm, stocks being very low there is very little offering and all is held firmly. *Valencias* have sold in lots of 100 and 200 boxes, at 8½ to 8¾c; old layers have been offered at \$1.10 in 100 box lots, but no sales reported; *Sultanas* very scarce, and held at 12 to 13c; *Currants* firm and wanted, with sales of job-lots of new at 6½ to 7c. *Brazil nuts* are rather firmer, others unchanged. *Rice*.—Steady, with sales of lots of 25 to 100 bags at \$4.00 to 4.10; small lots usually \$4.25; Carolina Rice selling at 9½c. *Fish*.—Dull and nominal; the only thing moving being a little Cod at previous prices. *Tobacco*.—Meantime quiet and unchanged, but generally thought to have been reduced too low, and likely to recover soon. *Liquors*.—Seem to be tending upwards, but no actual advance can be quoted.

HARDWARE.—Trade active, but at prices out so very low that it is doubtful whether profits can be very large. The run at present is on harvest tools and shelf goods, which have been going off very freely. Paints and oils also are selling well.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There has been a short supply of green hides; all offering have been readily taken at steady prices, and all cured at 9½c. *Calfskins*.—Abundant but unchanged at former prices. *Sheepskins*.—Very few offered, and these firm at \$1.75 to \$2.00 for green. *Pelts*.—Have advanced to 25c., with few offered. *Lambskins*.—Abundant and unchanged at 30c. **LEATHER.**—Business has been active through the week, and the late firm feeling in sole leathers well maintained, but no further advance reported. Prime calf is scarce and wanted, and

the general feeling seems to be decidedly cheerful.

PETROLEUM.—Again lower at 20 to 20½c per gallon for single barrels, there being scarcely any movement in larger lots. *Petrolia* also is quiet on crude at \$1.69 to 1.65 in tank.

PROVISIONS.—Have generally been quiet. *Butter*.—Has been coming forward rather more freely and receipts have been fully sufficient for the local market, for which only is any demand heard; prices close easy, at 13 to 15c. Shipping lots have been offered, but no buyers in the market as yet. *Cheese*.—Weak and declining; small lots usually sell about 10½ for fine, but inferior have been offered at 9½ to 10c. *Eggs*.—Firm and in good demand at 12 to 12½ for fresh; there has been some enquiry for shipment. *Pork*.—Inactive, and unchanged at \$19.50 to 20.00. *Bacon*.—There was a round lot of 1000 sides of long clear sold last week at 10c., but nothing doing in large lots since; tons and cases quiet, at 10½c; Cumberland rather quiet at 9½ to 9¾ for tons and small lots; rolls and bellies 12½ to 13c, but very few to be had. *Hams*.—Active at firm prices; smoked have sold in lots of 100 at 11½c., and small lots at 12 to 12½c. *Canvassed firm*, at 12½c for small lots. *Lard*.—Scarce and quiet at 14c for tinnets and 14 to 14½c for pails in small lots. No tierces offered. *Hogs*.—Scarce at \$8.25 to 8.50. *Dried Apples*.—Weak and declining. Country lots have at 3½ to 3¾c with more offered at these figures. Dealers sell barrelled in small lots at 4½c per lb. *Hops*.—Quiet, the only movement has been in lots of one and two bales at 15 to 18c. *Salt*.—Canadian selling steadily at 85c per barrel for car lots and 95c to \$1 for small lots. Liverpool quiet at 80 to 90c for coarse, and \$1.25 to 1.40 for dairy in small lots.

WOOL.—New fleece has begun to offer in lots and some of 1000 to 2000 lbs. have changed hands at 22c which would have been repeated yesterday. Super quiet, with small sales to the factories at 29c, extra scarce and wanted at 34 to 35c. The market generally seems steady but dealers do not want super at present.

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