

DRUGS.—Trade is reported quiet, there are few changes in prices, and where there are changes they are of slight consequence. Beeswax is easier, and declined 5c. Quinine is steady. Oil of lemon is 15c lower.

GROCERIES.—There is reported some improvement in trade during the past week. Orders are still small but more numerous. There is no change in quotations since last reported. Box fruits are quiet, and prices not more than steady. Sugars are steady, with only a promise of increased activity. Teas steady, and prices unchanged. Spices quiet, with somewhat better enquiry. Tobaccos are steady in demand, and prices firm.

HARDWARE.—Business is generally reported quiet, which is only expected at this season. Prices of finished iron are steady. The advance of 15 cents per keg in nails took place on Tuesday last. Prices now are:—on 10d to 60d, \$3.10; 8d and 9d \$3.35; 6d and 7d \$3.60; 4d and 5d, \$3.85; 3d \$4.60; per keg of 100 lbs. There is no demand for any particular line of goods.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market is dull, but prices are unchanged. Green hides are bought 7½c for cows, and 8½c for steers, No. 1; and No. 2 at 1c lower. Cured hides are in dull demand. A car lot sold yesterday, cows, No. 1, at 8½c; and some dealers asking 8½c. No. 2 cured are quoted at 7½c. Calfskins are unchanged; buying green, at 13c for No. 1, and 11c for No. 2; with the supply not so large. Cured calfskins are selling at 15c for No. 1, and 13c for No. 2, with small demand. Lambskins are steady; dealers here buying at 40c; pelts are bought at 30c. The supplies are large, and prices are likely to advance.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.—There has been again a falling off in the number of beasts coming in, and prices are higher than they were last week. At Tuesday's regular market the supply was not sufficient for all comers. Cattle weighing from 1,200 to 1,500 are generally taken for export, when in good condition, and bring from 6½c to 6½c per lb., live weight. Butchers' cattle are dearer also; good to fine beasts sold at 5c to 6c per lb., live weight. Sheep have been in better supply, and all fine heavy animals are taken for export at 5½c to 6c per lb., live weight. Good butcher's sheep are nearly as high-priced, at 5½c to 5½c. Lambs are scarce also, and sell at \$4 to \$5 each. An easier market is expected when receipts are larger. Calves are in good demand, and prices are steady at \$8 to \$14 for animals in good condition, and according to size.

PROVISIONS, ETC.—The market continues very quiet, and prices are quite unsettled. Quotations are lower, but transactions could be operated at the figures given. Bacon, long clear, is quoted at 1½c for round lots; and 10½c to 11c for ton and box lots. Cumberland cut

is quoted steady at 9½c to 10½c, according to quantity of sale. *Hams*, 13c to 13½c. Breakfast bacon 14c for smoked, and 14½c for canvassed. *Hams* firm, 12½c for pickled in tierces; smoked 14c; canvassed 14½c; in small lots. *Lard*, quiet at 12½c for tubs; and 13c to 13½c for pails. *Pork* almost nominal at \$20. *Beef*, \$16 for prime, \$17 for mess, \$18 for plate. *Butter* is unchanged. Receipts are not large, and prices in this market are steady. Good to fine packages sell at 14c to 16c; inferior at 12c to 13c. There is no shipping from here, but if good selections could be bought at 12½c to 13c there would be an export movement. *Cheese* is quiet, and prices not more than steady: skims sell at 10c; full cream at 11c to 11½c. *Eggs* are quiet at 15½c to 16c. *Beans* nominal at \$1.50 to \$1.75. *Dried Apples* selling 10c for common and 16c for evaporated. *Potatoes*, new, at \$2.25 per barrel. *Hops* nominal at 55c to 60c. *Salt*, Liverpool bags 65c in car lots, and 80c in small lots; Canadian \$1.35 in car lots, and \$1.45 to \$1.50 in smaller lots; dairy in 3 lb bags, \$3.75, and in 8 lb. bags at \$2.75 per barrel.

WOOL.—The movement is still rather quiet. There is very little coming in by farmers' waggons, and the prices are unchanged, at 17c to 20c for good to fine fleece. There has been a moderate movement only of lots from country merchants. Dealers here are offering 19c for good lots, and holders outside are asking 20c. The prices appear to be 19c to 20c for Leicester wools, and 16c to 17c for Cotswold. Rough lots quoted at 14c to 15c. Southdown is worth 24c, with only a small proportion of this description. The demand is not improving in the slightest. There is no present prospect of advantage from the American market for buyers here. The demand from the factories is very quiet, and pulled wools are easy at 25c to 26c for supers, and 30c to 31c for extra.



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