

trade is rather more active, while lace manufacturers are as a rule fully employed; plain nets, cotton laces and trimmings are in request. As to linens, a Belfast letter of the second week in July, notes a continuance of the improved turn in that trade, which set in in June. Prices seem gradually hardening. Bleaching cloth was slightly dearer and in good request; more doing in rough brown linens and dress linens. For handkerchiefs, damasks and bleached goods generally a fair demand existed, chiefly, however, for home consumption.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—A steady demand has been maintained for flour all week, with offerings small and prices steady. Superior extra sold on Thursday at equal to \$5.72½ and \$5.77½ here, and on Friday it sold somewhere about \$5.80, but afterwards became quiet; extra very scarce and firmer, and sold last week at \$5.60 f.o.c. Spring extra was wanted at \$5.60, but none offered. This week the market has been inactive, and yesterday it closed dull, with buyers generally not inclined to pay over \$5.70 for superior extra. Bran—Firmer; sales have been made at \$10.75 on the spot, but holders generally ask more. Oatmeal—Easier; a car sold on Monday at \$4.25 on track, but for choice brands there is more still wanted; small lots \$4.30 to 4.60.

GRAIN.—The dull season is upon us, and no business of any consequence can be expected for the next six weeks; stocks are running low and offerings small. *Wheat.*—Has been rather irregular in price; it sold fairly well in the latter part of last week, but has since been quiet. No. 1 fall, inactive, and usually held at \$1.26; No. 2 fall, quiet, but brought \$1.24 f.o.c. last week; No. 1 spring, inactive; No. 2 spring sold at \$1.22 on Thursday, at \$1.24 on Friday, and at \$1.25 f.o.c. on Saturday; No. 3 spring, in cars, sold at \$1.19 on Friday, and a mixed lot of fall, red winter, and spring, lying at a lake port, sold on Saturday at \$1.25 all around. There has been little or nothing done during the past three days, and yesterday the market was decidedly weak on the street 42 to 43c has been paid. *Oats.*—Scarce and steady; sales at 40c for choice on Friday, and 39c for average qualities last week and on Tuesday, which price would have been repeated yesterday; on the street 42 to 43c has been paid. *Barley.*—Inactive; nominally unchanged at former quotations; samples of new, of exceptionally fine quality, have been shown, and harvest is in progress with good prospects. *Peas* may be regarded as finished; offerings have been very small and held as before at 75 and 74c., but there are no buyers at these figures, nor is it easy to say how much would be paid. *Rye.*—Purely nominal.

GROCERIES.—Jobbing has been quiet but the country trade has shown some improvement. *Tea.*—There has been little business done in lines, but they are held firmly; sales have been made of Young Hyson at 55c. for fine; at 42½c. for a low first; at 40c. for a choice second, and at 35c. for good thirds. Japans have been wanted at concessions, which holders have steadily refused to make; one line of low grade sold at 27c. Blacks have been inactive. On English, account sales have been made of first Young Hyson at 1¼ to 1/6, and of low grade Congous at 9 to 11d. *Coffee* steady and unchanged, with sales of job-lots at 21c. for Singapore, Java, and at 19c. for Maracaibo. *Sugar.*—Rather more enquiry has been heard, but sales are much below those usual at this season. Prices have been rather unsettled here in Canadian yellows but are unchanged at the factories: sales have been made of granulated at 10½c.; Scotch refined unchanged with sales of cars at 7½ for dark at 8½ for medium and at 9½ for bright; Porto

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HARDWARE.—A good sorting-up trade has continued to be done, and prices seem to have been gaining strength all over. Nails and galvanized iron have been fairly active and steady. Tin plates have sold well at former prices. Bar-iron is now scarce, stocks being run low. Pig iron has advanced in sympathy with Montreal and English markets.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There has been no change in green hides during the week, and cured have been quiet but steady at 9½c. *Calfskins.*—Green abundant and unchanged at 12c for No. 2 and 14c for No. 1; cured have sold at 15½c; *Lambskins.*—Abundant and still selling at 45 to 50 for green; country lots have been offered to a small extent and have usually brought 40 to 50c.

LEATHER.—Has shown very little change during the week; the situation remains much the same as at our last report. Harness has been in active demand and heavy Canada calf has also been wanted; skins of 26 to 30 lbs. would have found a ready sale at good prices. Russets and colored linings quiet. Imported black leathers are very steady.

PETROLEUM.—Inactive but firmer with prices up a cent in sympathy with an advance in crude; the chief sales have been in single barrels at 21c; lots of five and ten barrels are held at 20½c. Cars are purely nominal.

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