

bushels Oct. 24, 1881. *Oats* are in light demand, and there is little doing beyond what is offered on the street market. Western are quoted at 36c in car lots on the track. Stocks are nil. *Peas* are not offering in any considerable quantity; and there is small enquiry. Car lots are quoted at 74c to 77c. Stocks are light also. On Monday there were 567 bushels against 6,331 bushels Oct. 23, 1882; and 6,348 bushels Oct. 24, 1881. *Rye* sold yesterday at 62c in car lots, and on the street at 63c to 64c.

DRY GOODS.—Business has been very quiet. The general opinion is that there will not be any improvement till the time for taking orders for spring goods. The trade in woollen staples is limited to sorting up orders of a light character. The demand for cotton goods is not pressing either, notwithstanding the impending check in production. Generally speaking, there is no expectation of a large business being done during the approaching season. The purchasing power in the country is certainly going to be less than it was last year, and the consequences are foreseen.

COAL OIL.—The United States markets are rather dull, both for crude and refined. The market here has not improved, but prices are steady. Crude at Petrolia is quoted dull at 95c asked. Refined here is unchanged; common selling at 18c; carbon safety at 19c. American refined selling at 26c for prime; 29c for water white.

COAL AND WOOD.—There is a good trade doing. Coal is unchanged, at \$7 for stove and nut; \$6.75 for grate and egg; \$6.50 for soft coal; and \$6 for blacksmiths. Wood is cheaper again, and selling at \$6.50 per cord for best hardwood.

FISH.—The demand is improving, and orders are fairly numerous. Prices are very firm all round. Salt water fish are quoted at \$7 to \$7.25 for No. 1 Labrador herrings; \$6 to \$6.50 for No. 2; and \$4.50 for round herrings. Codfish, No. 1 quoted at \$6.50; and No. 2 at \$4.50 to \$5. Lake Superior fish are also firm, at \$6.25 for trout; and \$4.75 for white fish. The market is expected to be steady; but the prospects of its continuing so depend somewhat on the price of hay products.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale dealers report trade as being very fair; and with expectations of a good business up to the close of the year. Payments are said to be improving also. *Teas* are steady, and prices reported rather firm. *Coffees* are improved, and quotations steady, but without increased demand. *Spices* steady. Fruit steady. Raisins, Valencias, old, 5c to 5½c; new, 8c; new currants, 7c to 7½c; Lemon peel, new, 2½c to 2½c; Citron peel, 25c to 27c; Rice, \$3.65 to \$3.75; Sugars, Porto Rico, dark to fair, 6½c to 7c; bright to choice, 7½c to 7½c; Canadian refined, 7½c to 8½c; Standard Granulated, 9c to 9½c; Paris lump, 10c to 10½c; Scotch refined, 6½c to 7½c. *Syrups* unchanged and steady. *Tobaccos*, firm at latest quotations.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.—There is a pretty large trade being done. During the week there have been probably nearly 700 cattle at the market, and 500 sheep and lambs. The cattle at Tuesday's market sold at \$4.50 to \$5, the latter for only a few very choice beasts. The great bulk of the cattle sold at about \$4 per 100 lbs. Stockers sold at \$4 to \$4.50 for steers; and \$3.50 to \$4. Sheep sold at \$4 to \$5; and lambs at \$3.50 in lots. There have been large shipments of lambs to Buffalo, and that market has declined. Hogs are easy, bringing \$5 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs., live weight.

LEATHER AND HIDES.—There is still a very dull trade reported, and no change in prices. Farmers are not working to their full capacity, but the trade is supplied. Hides are also unchanged and quoted at previous rates. The

supply of green hides is rather on the increase. *Calfskins* are not offering so largely, but prices are unchanged. *Pelts* are offering largely.

PROVISIONS.—Trade has been quiet. *Meats* are nearly cleared out: *Bacon* in ton and box lots sells at 8c to 8½c; *Lard* selling at 11½c to 12½c; *Pork* at \$15 per single barrel; *Beef* at \$15 for prime, and \$16 for mess. *Butter* continues to be irregular. Good to choice selling at 19c to 20c; ordinary store-packed with white thrown out at 15c to 16c; inferior at 10c to 12c. *Cheese* is steady, and rather firmer, at 11½c to 12½c in small lots. *Eggs* are in demand, and prices are still high; buying at 22c and selling at 23c in case lots. *Poultry* are coming in more freely; chickens and geese selling at 7c to 8c; ducks and turkeys at 10c to 11c. *Venison* selling at 8c to 9c per carcass; and 11c for haunches. *Potatoes* steady at 75c per bag in car lots. *Hops* quoted nominal, at 23c and 24c for new; and 28c for choice old. *Salt* is in fair demand, at \$1.50 for single barrels, and \$1.40 in larger lots. *Liverpool bags*, coarse, 65c per bag in car lots. *Dried Apples*, quoted at 10c for common and 15c for evaporated. *Green Apples*, per barrel, good cooking, \$2.75 to \$3; winter apples, \$3.25 to \$4.

WOOL.—The market is quiet and entirely without change. Demand from the factories is limited. Supers quoted at 26c; Extra Supers at 30c. *Wool* is still in poor demand, although small lots have been finding their way to the Philadelphia market. Prices here, for country lots are 19c to 20c for selected Leicester; 16c to 17c for Cotswold. Fine wools are readily bought; Southdown at 25c to 26c; other downs at 22c to 24c, according to quality.

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