

tomatoes, and they are very firm. Other lines are steady but unchanged. Payments are not what they might be.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Green hides have been abundant and unchanged; cured have sold in car lots at 5c., but more offered at this figure, and the demand rather scarce. Calfskins—Green nominal; but a few cured have sold at 7c. for No. 1 inspected, and 6c. for No. 2. Sheepskins—Offered freely but all taken at from 90c. to \$1 for choice green; country-lots show a wide range, but the bulk of them going from 75 to 90c.

**HOPS.**—Inactive and unsettled; trade-lots of new have been obtainable at 12 to 15c., but dealers have heard no demand from brewers and, therefore, have held off from them, while offering small lots themselves at 15 to 17c., and yearlings at 10 to 12c. without buyers.

**LEATHER.**—We have practically no change to record this week; business while not brisk is tolerably steady. The factories are not buying just now, and being busy stock-taking are of course running stocks low, so that no increase in the volume of trade is probable until the new year. Prices are at present somewhat in favor of purchasers. Payments are moderately good.

**LIVE STOCK.**—Owing to light supplies and better quality there was a marked improvement at the western cattle yards on Tuesday and Wednesday, and prices for really good cattle were from \$2.00 to 3.00 a head better; should supplies continue small this can be maintained and possibly improved, but if a lot of stuff is rushed in a bad break in prices may be expected for the beginning of next week. The English markets are crowded with foreign supplies and prices there are nearly a cent a pound lower than a week ago. In our local market lambs are scarce and wanted. In all other lines a very moderate quantity will meet present requirements.

**METALS AND HARDWARE.**—The actual changes this week in iron and hardware goods are very slight. An advance is cabled of 10s. per ton in pig lead, and antimony and copper are also quoted firmer. The report cabled on Wednesday of a "heavy fall" in Glasgow iron warrants has received no further confirmation, and in view of the scare a week or two ago, is generally regarded as a bear canard. On

Tuesday there was a decline of 1s. 2d. only, but this ought not to be the sole foundation for the cable of the following day, though it will probably prove to have been so. Quotations in iron, copper, and lead remain very firm, and are only to be taken for immediate acceptance. Payments generally in this line are reported good.

**PAINTS AND OILS.**—Linseed oil and turpentine are both easier. Turpentine is quoted at 69 and 70c. per gal., and the best linseed oil is 67 and 70c. There are no other changes. Trade is quiet.

**PROVISIONS** appear to have been kept fairly steady. Receipts for butter are large, and the only sorts for which a good sale has been ob-

tainable are selected tubs at 15 to 16c. and occasionally at 17c. per lb.; and choice well-packed rolls at 15 to 16c. Nearly all else has been accumulating, medium being purely nominal, but a few small sales of common at 10 to 11c. It is reported that some selected sold for Halifax, but reports from other parts of the Maritime Provinces state that even this grade is not wanted. Eggs—Really fresh rather scarce and firm at 20 to 21c., and occasionally at 22c.; pickled abundant, and slow of sale at 16 to 18c. Cheese is quiet, but firm at 10½ to 11c. for small lots of choice; no summer-make selling. Pork—Has sold fairly well in small lots at \$14.00 to 14.50 for mess. There seems to have been rather a better demand heard for the

new make of bacon, but prices; long-clear has been the latter for small lots, and has been obtaining a demand; smoked meats have 9 to 9½c. for rolls, at 11c. 12c. for bellies, the latter rather more freely, at 11½ to 12c. Lard rather an increased sale consumption at 9 to 9½c. tainable at 8½ to 9c. Hides rather more freely, at 11c. price, rail lots having \$6.00, according to quality. Trade-lots have been taken at 5½c. with dealers selling 6c. White Beans—Traded to 1.65, but no sales reported small lots slowly at \$1.00 picked.

**SALT.**—Liverpool unchanged. Canadian before, cars of coarse at \$1.32 and small lots with dairy in quarter-sacks.

**TALLOW.**—Has been easy in price, being taken with trade-lots offered at 2c.

**WOOL.**—Offered slowly at firm prices. Fleece, lots, has brought 21½ chantable and 17c. for good quality has been worth 29 to 30c., but so to be had.

**Later.**—The series of wool sales opening last started with great activity.

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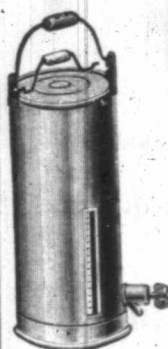
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