

are selecting their goods very carefully, and the purchases show great care and caution. Ladies' dress goods are fairly active, plaids, checks, and granite effects in Scotch tweeds being very popular for this purpose; serges in navys, blue and black, are also in demand. Ulster cloths and mantling cloths in tweeds and finished goods are receiving much attention. Imported woollens, such as Scotch and English tweeds, for men's wear, black venetian worsteds, diagonals, and black and blue Eng-

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lish and Irish serges continue in demand at present. Canadian tweeds and serges are also fairly active. Payments admit of considerable improvement.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL.—The flour market is quiet and prices are easier; buyers are holding off, expecting lower prices; shipments to the lower provinces and Quebec are only made for immediate wants. Straight roller brand has receded about ten cents per barrel, being now quoted at \$4.40 to 4.50; extra, per barrel, about five cents lower, say \$4.20 to 4.25. Oatmeal is dull, and prices are weak. Bran rules at the same figures, not much is offering and the demand is very fair; production, however, will soon be increased.

GRAIN.—The local market for red and white wheat is dull and declining; have receded about one to two cents per bushel. The reduction has been mainly caused by the large receipts on the markets in the United States and the prospects of large deliveries here in the near future. The demand is moderate, the mills are easily obtaining all they require, and there is a little moving for export. The American markets are jumping up and down, sometimes two to three cents per bushel a day, closing generally about the same price as during last week; the figures at closing in Chicago last night were 97 3/4c. for December delivery. The English markets have been a little easier yesterday; to-day about steady. Quotations of Manitoba hard have also given way about two cents per bushel. Following are the accepted prices ruling: No. 1 winter wheat, 97 to 98c.; No. 2, 95 to 96c.; No. 3, 92 to 93c. Spring wheat, No. 1, 94 to 95c.; No. 2, 92c. to 93c.; No. 3, 90 to 91c. Manitoba hard No. 1, \$1.10 to 1.11; No. 2, \$1.07 to 1.08; No. 3, 97 to 98c. The prices quoted for Manitoba hard may be taken rather as an index of what quotations will be for new crop, for there is none of it on the market at present. Barley, new crop, has commenced to move, and is quoted five to eight cents per bushel lower; No. 1 we quote 52 to 53c. per bush.; No. 2, 47 to 48c.; No. 3 extra, 43 to 44c. The receipts of new crop are increasing daily; dark barley for export is said to be worth 55c. per bushel in Montreal. Oats are again lower by four cents per bushel and dull at the decline; the receipts are very large, and the tendency seems to be to rush delivery, anticipating lower prices. At present oats are offering at outside points as low as 27c. per bush., and they may even go to 25c. Quotations for peas have declined four cents, price now ruling at 63 to 64c. per bushel, as a general movement will not take place until later on in the season; the prices given are what they will start at. Rye is worth 83 to

85c., some transactions recorded at outside points at these figures; in corn there is nothing doing, and quotations purely nominal at 81 to 82c.

The stock of grain in store at Port Arthur, on Sept. 7th last, was 87,695 bushels. During the week there has been received 5,713 bushels, and shipped 14,968 bushels, leaving in store on the 14th inst., 78,440 bushels.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale grocers are satisfied with the amount of business doing, and payments are improving. In canned goods there is no change of quotations, nevertheless an early advance in tomatoes is expected. Canned salmon is in demand, and prices are very strong. As to dried fruits in the original markets, a cable from C. Morand & Co. this morning says "strong market in Patras for better growth of currants, and a little easier for poorer qualities." By mail from the same sources the market is reported generally much about the same as a week ago. Provincial currants are, on the whole, very poor quality, moist and under dry, and if they do not improve later on it will be hard to satisfy buyers. Valencia raisins are reported per C. Morand & Co.'s cable to be largely damaged by rain, estimated extent of damaged fruit 5,000 tons, or 400,000 pounds. This will tend to advance quotations for good fruit; but probably the report is exaggerated. Coffees are easy, Rio being quoted lower. Syrups are moving freely; molasses are reported firmer and scarcer. Sugars are firmer and prices are strong. In teas a fair movement is reported, but prices are said to be barely steady.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—Trade during the past week or two fully confirms predictions of early September. Stocks are moving freely at steady prices, and a generally better feeling pervades the trade than for some time past. Reports from both European and American markets indicate that manufacturers generally are well supplied with orders, which means higher prices in the immediate future.

HAY AND STRAW.—The market is amply supplied with fodder in the shape of hay and straw; new timothy hay, best quality, realizing \$15 per ton; inferior graded down as low as \$13; best sheaf straw is selling at \$10 per ton; inferior, \$9. Oats on the St. Lawrence market are selling at 30 to 31c. per bushel; pork, \$6.50 to 6.75 per 100 lbs.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for hides continues steady, supply and demand being about equal; stocks are well sold up and prices

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