

plaint in some directions as to the weakness of payments.

HAY .- Pressed offered slowly and large ecceipts on the market checking the sale of it ; still, really choice timothy would have been taken at \$10.75 to 11.00 for cars on track.

HIDES AND SKINS .--- There has been no change HIDES AND BKINS.— 1 nere has been no there; in green hides with a fair supply of them; cured weak with small lots sold at 4%c., and cars offered at the same figure. Calfskins cars offered at the same figure. Calfskins nominal on both green and cured. Sheepskins firmer, with green ranging from \$1.30 to 1.40 for choice, and dry ranging down to \$1.00, with offerings small both from town and

HARDWARE AND METALS. - Trade continues That bus and prices are as a rule well kept up. The demand for iron wire is rather slack on account of the recent advance, but it is thought probable that prices will increase again at an early date. No special change in the business situation this week. Payments are poor. At New York yesterday iron warrants were firmer, the selling price was \$18.50 for February, and \$19 for April. Scotch warrants in Glasgow fell to 58s. 1d.

Hors.—Some little improvement appears in the feeling, with sales of new outside at 13 to $13\frac{1}{2}c.$, and on the spot at from $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 15c., the latter for small lots or single bale with yearlings almost nominal.

LEATHER.-The indications of last week were LEATHER.—The indications of last week were deceptive, and what was regarded as the com-mencement of a steady trade movement turned out to be merely a spasm of activity. This week we have been unprecedentedly quiet; in fact there is actually nothing doing. Prices so far have been well maintained, and Frices so far have been well maintained, and to a certain extent are so still, but to dealers buying at all largely undoubtedly consider-able concessions would be made just now. Stocks are only moderate, but still there ap-pears to be scarcely any demand. Payments are generally reported as being weak.

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ROBES

LIVE STOCK .- There has been a slight improvement in the tone of the market at the Western Cattle yards, though no positive advance in prices can be quoted. Supplies are rather lighter, but this advantage has been are rather lighter, but this advantage has been offset to some extent by the inferior quality of most of the supply of cattle. Sheep and lambs are off quite half a dollar a head since our last report. Calves are still scarce and wanted. Hogs are selling at very low figures; light fat bring \$4.20 per cwt., stores \$4.25 and 4.30; other grades about \$4 per cwt. For some weeks past in Toronto and Montreal there has been an increasing quantity of American dead meat on the market; at first dealers affected to ignore this, but it has begun to tell, and has affected prices both here and at Montreal for a couple of weeks past. begun to tell, and has affected prices both here and at Montreal for a couple of weeks past. On Tuesday three loads came here from Calgary; three loads does not sound much, but it is probably equal in bulk to eight or nine cars of live stock when they are dressed, and as it is sold under the prices we are accustomed to, it is not an insignificant item; accustomed to, it is not an insignificant item; the quality is described as very good. This is an added source of supply that will continue and increase, and one with which our cattle breeders may as well at once recognize that they will have in the immediate future to con-tend.

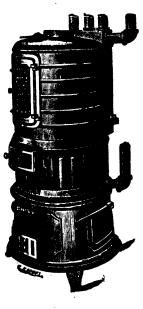
PAINTS AND OILS.—During the month just closed there has been an exceedingly light demand. The extremely open weather, so favorable to building operations, would natur-ally have been expected to lead to an increased consumption. Orders are coming in slowly. Turnenting is easier being quoted now at fife Turpentine is easier, being quoted now at 66c. per gallon for pure spirit; raw inseed oil is a shade lower, at 64 and 65c. Window glass has advanced and is expected to advance still further very shortly; it is now quoted at \$1.65 first break, and \$1.75 second break.

-Cars have been offered freely at POTATOES.prices equal to 55 to 57c. here, but no demand



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