

in the opinion that no decrease in firmness is likely for a long time to come.

Flour and Grain.—While the so-called "corner" in Manitoba wheat continues, business can only be described as dull. Ontario also is dull at the moment. For oats and other grains the market presents only dullness. Peas are firm. Canadian corn is firm. Ninety per cent. patents are quoted at \$4.15 to \$4.25 in buyers' bags, east or west. Not very much change has taken place in millfeed.

Fruits and Vegetables.—The feature of the fruit market, of course, is raspberries, which sell at 8 to 10c. per box. Other domestic fruits are fairly plentiful. Lemons are scarce, and in demand. We quote: Red currants, 65 to 85c. per basket; black currants, basket, \$1 to \$1.25; blue berries, basket, 60 to 90c.; cherries, large basket, sweet, \$1 to \$1.20; do., sour, 65 to 75c.; Gooseberries, large basket, 75c. to \$1; bananas, bunch, \$1.40 to \$2; California peaches, case, \$1 to \$1.25; California plums, \$1.25 to \$1.50; Georgia peaches, \$1.25 to \$2; California apricots, \$1.50 to \$1.75; watermelons, 30 to 35c. each; cantaloupes, crate, \$1.25 to \$2; lemons, crate, \$6 to \$6.25, and oranges, from \$4.75 to \$5.50, per crate; tomatoes, 85c. to \$1 per crate; potatoes, barrel, \$2.25; cabbage, case, \$1; onions, Bermudas, \$1.15 to \$1.25.

Groceries.—No further change has taken place in sugar, but the movement is on a healthy basis, in keeping with the requirements for preserving purposes. Interest is largely centered in canned goods, particularly in salmon, prices for which have now been made. Good news comes to hand respecting the movement of the fish. Teas and coffees are both somewhat dull. It is believed that the present more satisfactory state of business throughout the country is quite likely to continue.

Hardware.—There is practically no feature to report under this heading. Prices for all lines of general hardware continue much the same. Articles required in the building trades continue in gratifying request. The demand for farmers' implements has now slackened with the hastening forward of the season; but fencing and such goods are being called for in large quantities.

Hides and Skins.—The demand for hides is good, and not much supply coming forward. Calfskins and lambskins are also somewhat scarce.

Live Stock.—Firm conditions prevail in the market for several lines of live animals. Strictly first-class heaves are not abundant. Buying of butchers' was at this week's market very active, and prices went up from 10 to 20 per cent. Milch cows also were in strong demand. Medium weight cattle of good class are in demand. There was no great demand for short-keep feeders. The market for hogs is firm, and a 25c. advance in prices has taken place. For sheep and lambs prices were better.

Provisions.—Prices for butter are about the same. Receipts are moderate. Eggs are quiet. Prices for cheese are

firmer. Only a few dressed hogs are coming in, and values keep steady. Lard is in normal demand.

Wool.—More fleece is now coming forward, but prices are nominally the same. A dull market is experienced for tallow.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, July 26th, 1905.

Ashes.—The market is again easier, and \$5.10 would now be the outside limit for first quality pots of good tare, the general quotation being \$5 to \$5.10.

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