

efforts are being made to organize another combination.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—The movement has continued small but there has been some enquiry heard for flour. Buyers and sellers, however, remained apart until Tuesday, the former seeking concessions and the latter refusing them. Then at last some sales were made at equal to \$3.70 for superior extra and equal to \$3.60 for extra. There was no movement subsequently reported; but at close bagged extra was wanted at about \$1.60; and holders of barrelled were firm at Tuesday's prices. Bran steady, and has sold at \$10.50 for bagged on the track. Oatmeal—Some few small sales at \$3.75 to \$4.25, the latter for granulated; but nothing doing in cars.

GRAIN.—Offerings of everything have been small and the demand for nearly everything has been very slack, so that little business has been done in anything. Prices, however, have been fairly steady. Wheat has been held steadily but wanted only sparingly unless at a decline, and this has been refused; some cars of No. 2 fall sold at 83½c. and red winter at 83c. on Thursday and Friday, but after this both fell to 80c. which was steadily refused, and on Tuesday No. 2 fall sold in car lots at equal to 82½c. here; No. 2 spring lying outside sold this week at equal to 82c. here; at the close dullness and inactivity were the rule with No. 2 fall offered at 83c. Oats have been offered sparingly but probably sufficiently with dealers holding off and prices much as before; cars of mixed western sold at close of last week at 31½c. and cars of white at 32c.; and on Monday eastern changed hands at 29½c. on track; and at close white sold at 32c., market closing with other grades worth previous prices. Barley—None offered and none wanted; prices fairly nominal either for cars or on the street. Peas scarce but steady, with buyers nearly all week at about 57c. but none offered and consequently nothing doing, or at least nothing reported.

GROCERIES.—There is an active movement in sugar this week but other departments of the grocery trade are very quiet. The burning of

the refinery at Montreal, and the increased strength of the sugar markets abroad have caused an advance of ½c. on white sugars, and ¼c. on yellows; the lowest price quoted for yellows now is 5½c., although competition occasionally results in sales at 5¼c. Teas are dull with perhaps a little more activity in Japans and blacks. Rice is being freely enquired for in round lots, and prices are firmer, 3½c. being the lowest price. Syrups are held firmer by refiners, but there is little or no movement. The dried fruit market is dull; Bohemian prunes are offered lower at 4c. in bags; Valencia raisins are held at 5¼ to 6¼c.; for currants the market continues firm and few, if any, can be purchased under 6c. in bbls. The green fruit market is fairly active; oranges are unchanged at \$6 to 6.50 in boxes; lemons are firm at \$5.50 to \$6.50, according to quantity; bananas are moving more freely, selling at \$1.75 to 2.50 for good to choice stock, and \$1 to 1.50 for ordinary. Packers have advanced prices of canned peas 10c.; some inquiry for canned apples in gallon tins but there do not appear to be any on the market. Salmon trout and white fish are coming in more freely, and prices are easier at 5¼ to 5½c.; British Columbia salmon is also more plentiful and is selling at 15c.

HARDWARE.—The market for hardware is a little depressed on account of the continued strike of Toronto building trades and Hamilton moulders. In the case of the Hamilton strike good results may follow in that it will enable dealers to work off stocks on hand, and it will give a firmer tone to the market for stoves, &c., in the hands of tinsmiths and others throughout the country. Prices on heavy goods are well maintained. The drought in South Wales continues and has the effect of putting up prices on tin and Canada plates for immediate orders. The general impression seems to be that present prices will be maintained during the fall as some of the works will not be able to resume. In the English markets ingot tin is higher; lead is a shade easier; copper unaltered; antimony has advanced from £3 to £4 a ton; zinc continues firmer for sheets and block.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Have shown but little change during the week. Hides—Unchanged for green with offerings rather small and all

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