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72c to 73c, but buyers views are several cents lower. Corn is nominal at 54c to 55c for Ontario; oats, 31½c to 32½c; barley, 55c to 65c as to quality, rye nominal, at 57c to 60c. The flour market has shown a little better movement in some quarters, although it has not yet been general. Prices, however, are still as low as ever. Oatmeal \$4 to \$4.25 for ordinary, and at \$4.40 to \$4.60 for granulated; cornmeal, \$3.20 to \$3.50. Pot barley \$4.25 per bbl., and pearl barley \$6.25 to \$6.75. Bran, \$13 to \$15 per ton, and shorts \$15 to \$17.

GREEN FRUIT.—A very quiet feeling pervades the apple market, the principal business on spot being of a jobbing character. To sell car lots \$2 to \$2.15 is all that could be obtained at the moment for good fruit. Sales are reported in a jobbing way, however at \$2.50 to \$3 per bbl. for choice fruit. Advices from England are not very cheering for shippers, who have made very little money so far on any of their shipments, whilst some of them lost money. Oranges in fair demand at \$6.25 to \$6.75 per case and lemons at \$3 to \$4 per box. Cranberries scarce and dear, choice Cape Cod selling at \$16 to \$17 per bbl., ordinary at \$9 to \$11. Pears—Beurre D'Anjou, Beurre Boose, and Sheldons \$6 to \$7.50 per box. Dates—New 7c to 8c per lb., and old at 4c to 5c. Evaporated apples 8c to 9½c per lb., dried apples difficult to sell at 5c to 6c. Almeria grapes are turning out very poorly, and prices have a wide range of \$3 to \$7 per keg, according to quality.

GROCERIES.—The sugar market has again relapsed into a despondent condition, and sellers have found it necessary to shade prices in order to turn the goods into funds, standard granulated having been sold as low as 6c for a large quantity, but prices for the ordinary run of sales are 6½c to 6¾c. Yellows are also quiet and depressed, at 4½c to 4¾c for low grades, good to choice brights being quoted at 4½c to 5½c. In raw sugar there have been no fresh transactions. Foreign advices continue very discouraging to holders. Molasses are quiet, but it is rumored that a city refiner has intentions of making a raid on stocks here if the figures are low enough. Barbadoes are nominally quoted at 31½c to 32½c, and Antigua at 20c to 21c. The fruit market is steady. Valencia raisins are exceedingly scarce, wholesale houses having had to beg from retailers to fill small but pressing orders. For round lots, 9½c to 9¾c could be realized. In Eleme raisins there has been a large sale of 3,000 boxes at

7c, but it was a forced sale ordered by the Bank out of the estate of Tiffin Bros. Prices are now quoted at 7½c to 8c, most of the above lot having been resold. Malaga raisins are scarce at \$2.90 for loose muscels and at \$3.25 to \$3.50 for London layers. Sultanas 6½c to 7c. Currants 4½c to 5½c. In figs, pound boxes are quoted at 11½c to 12c, 10 lbs. at 11c to 12c, and mats at 4c to 4½c. Choice bags of Eleme 7c. Prunes very quiet at 4½c. In nuts there is a good demand. Provence almonds 12c; Tarragonas 13c. Filberts scarce under a better demand. Walnuts unchanged. Coffee and spices are unchanged. The tea market is quiet and steady with a fair country distribution going on in Japan, which are quoted as follows:—Low grades 14c to 16c, medium to good 20c to 25c, fine 26c to 29c, and finest 31c, to 35c. In rice there is a very small movement and prices are quoted at \$3.50. The New York market is quoted as follows:—Attractive grades indeed are quite firm, owing to scant accumulations, and generally good control both here and at the South. Most of the financially strong planters are holding with full confidence in higher prices after the turn of the year.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—The pig-iron market is very quiet, as usual at this season, although there have been sales of Siemens for Western delivery and of Summerlee for January delivery on Western account, on the basis of prices here, which are quoted as follows:—Siemens \$18 to \$18.50; Coltness, \$20 to \$20.50; Langloan, \$20 to \$19.50; Calder, Gartsherrie and Summerlee, \$18, \$18.50 to \$19 Dalmellington, \$17 to 17.50; and Eglinton \$16.50 to \$17. Finished iron quiet, bars \$1.70 to \$1.75; sheets \$2.40 to \$2.60; plates, \$2.50 to \$2.75. Tin plates, I. C. charcoal \$4.40 to \$4.50, and I. C. coke \$4. Ingot tin 20c to 21c; copper 15c; lead dull at 3½c. The following extract taken from the English letter of the *American Manufacturer and Iron World*, gives the following graphic picture of the deplorable condition of the iron operatives of the North of England: The suffering amongst the iron-workers in the North of England is very sad. Private help is being given in the form of soup kitchens, and so forth, amongst other places at Witton Park and Bishop Auckland. That all this, and more, is needed is conclusive from the testimony at Bishop Auckland on Thursday of a former secretary of the Ironworkers' Union at Witton Park, who said at Middlesborough he had just seen at one works children actually naked without any clothing whatever, standing outside, begging of the men as they felt

their work, in the hope that they would have something left in their bates cans." He had been 66 years in the trade, he continued, but he never knew times as bad as at present. Although considerable improvement is reported in American iron the market for Scotch pig iron in New York is reported as follows; Scotch pig is unsettled and weak in value, with the movement very moderate and merely trifling. We quote: \$18.50 for Eglinton, \$19.00 for Dalmellington, \$19.50 for Glengarnock, \$20.50 for Gartsherrie, \$20.50 for Summerlee, \$21.50 for Langloan, and \$21.75 for Coltness. Hardware is quiet, and prices are unchanged.

Hides, etc.—Montreal No. 1 inspected hides are in good demand, and meet with ready sale at 9½c for No. 1. Green city hides have been taken at 8½c to 7½c and 6½c for Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Toronto hides are quiet but steady at 9½c No. 1 and 9c No. 2, and Hamilton at 9½c No. 1 and 8½c No. 2. A sale of bull hides is reported at 8c No. 1. Western buff is quoted at 9½c. Manitoba dry flints 15½c to 16c. Chicago calfskins 13½c to 14c. Sheepskins firm at 80c.

HORS.—This market shows not the slightest signs of improvement in prices, although at the recent low figures ruling a little better volume in transactions is noticed, the last sale of a very fine lot of Eastern Townships being reported at 12½c. Prices are quoted more or less nominal at 10c to 12½c for fair to choice and 6c to 9c for common.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits of turpentine remains in the same quiet condition as noticed last week, a few small lots having changed hands at 50c. Rosins are dull, but prices are steady at \$2.50 for common up to \$4.50 for fine pale. In other stores there is no particular change.

OILS.—The movement in fish oils during the week has been of a very limited character, at prices which do not indicate any material change in values, although the tendency appears to favor an easier market. Prices are quoted as follows:—Steam refined seal 59c to 60c, pale seal 55c to 56c, and straw seal 52c to 53c. Cod oil 58c to 59c for Newfoundland, 56c to 57c for Gaspe, and 54c to 55c for Halifax. Cod liver oil has sold at \$1.25, and prices range from \$1.25 to \$1.30. Olive oil 95c to \$1.05. Linseed oil quiet at 57c to 58c for raw and 60c to 61c for boiled.