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of improvement appear on the general market remote. An advance of about 1c per lb. has taken place in choice creamery in New York, Boston and Chicago, but in other less desirable grades the market is fully as dull as it ever was. Cable advices speak of frosty weather in England, but still it does not bring on any important export demand on this side. The exports from Portland last week were 1,657 pkgs, of which 1,107 pkgs were on Western, and 550 on Montreal account. **Cheese**—There is less business doing at the moment in cheese, as English buyers are taking their holiday vacation, and will scarcely feel like business for probably a few weeks, unless stocks on Dec. 31st, 1884, are found to be less than expected, in which event more anxiety would no doubt be manifested on the part of the buying interest. In the meantime things are a little less hopeful than they were two weeks ago. The shipments from Portland last week were 7,417 boxes, comprising 5,172 boxes on Western and 2,245 boxes on Montreal account. The shipments from Montreal from May 1st to Dec. 27th were as follows, compared with those of the corresponding period last year:

Cheese, Butter,
boxes pkgs

From May 1st to Dec. 27, 1884... 1,178,221 118,237
" " 1st to Dec. 29, 1883... 944,363 116,097

DRESSED POULTRY, ETC.—There has been enough and to spare of dressed poultry during the week, the high prices of the week previous having checked the demand. Still a fair trade has been done at the following figures—Turkeys 11c to 12c, chickens 7c to 8c, geese 7c to 8c, and ducks 11c to 12c. In venison the demand for carcasses is small, and values range from 5c to 5½c per lb., and saddles from 7c to 9c. The supply of partridges is larger and prices have declined 5c to 10c per brace, 35c to 45c being the quoted rates, but sales are slow, even at these figures. Hares 15c to 20c per pair.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—Trade has been exceedingly dull, both in general drugs and heavy chemicals. In the former the only feature of interest is the continued strength in the quinine market. Howard's in ounce bottles being now quoted at \$1.30 to \$1.35 and American in bulk at \$1.20 per ounce. Heavy chemicals were unchanged in price, although an easier feeling appears to be developing in bleaching powder.

DRY GOODS.—What with the usual dullness of the holidays on the one hand, and the impassable condition of country roads on the other, the general dry goods trade has been at a complete standstill during the week as regards fresh business, and the monotony will doubtlessly remain unbroken until travellerse are all out with their Spring samples. The Hudson Cotton Company it is understood is going into the manufacture of wide bleached bed sheetings, which is quite a new branch of the cotton industry. Canadian gingham have advanced 3c per yard, check shirtings are very firm, some mills refusing orders at present prices. White cottons are firm, and an upward movement is anticipated soon after the turn of the year. Remittances have been very fair since our last report.

EGGS.—A fair demand exists for eggs, which have sold at 19c to 21c in barrels and cases. Lined stock is quoted at 19c to 20c, but trading therein is light.

FISH.—Not the slightest change is reported in pickled fish, business being purely of a holiday character, and is expected to remain so for some time to come. Prices are purely nominal as follows: Labrador herring \$5.75 to \$6. Cape Breton herring \$4.50 to \$5.00. Green Cod \$4 for No. 1, \$4.50 to \$5.00 for No. 1 Large. Dry cod dull at \$4 to \$4.25 Gaspe, \$3.50 to \$3.75 Nova Scotia and American. Salmon in bbls. \$12.50, \$11.50 and \$10 per bbl., for Nos 1, 2 and 3, and at \$15.50 to \$16.00 for tierces.

GREEN FRUIT.—The apple market is quiet, stocks are ample for both home and export trade, and the volume of business is disappointing. A little better demand, however, has sprung up within the past few days, and sales are reported of two cars of pretty good stock at \$2.10 to \$2.15 per bbl. Small lots of fine selected fruit have been placed at \$2.50 to \$3.00 per bbl. Oranges are in larger supply, and prices are declining, sales of Valencia having inspired at \$5.75 to \$6.00 per case. Lemons are selling at \$3 to \$4 per box. Cape Cod Cranberries \$15 to \$17 per bbl., ordinary at \$9 to \$11. Pears—Beurre D'Anjou, Beurre Bosse, 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 9c per lb., dried apples difficult to sell at 5c to 6c. Almeria grapes \$3 to \$7 per keg, according to quality.

GRAIN AND FLOUR, ETC.—The grain market is decidedly firm, the improvement noticed last week having made good headway, business in car lots on spot being reported of No. 2 Canada red winter wheat at 84½c, with higher figures now asked. There has also been more active buying in Western Ontario, several lots having been purchased for through shipment to England, with freight engagements at advanced rates, which are quoted at 40c to 41c per 100 lbs. Prices here are quoted as follows: 83c to 86c for No. 2 Canada red and white winter, and 82c to 85c for No. 2 spring. In peas some large sales are reported in the Brockville district at 60c per 60 lbs. for shipment, via Portland. Here they are quoted at 70c to 73c per 60 lbs. Corn is quiet at 54c to 55c for Ontario, but trading therein is limited. Oats are quiet at 31c to 32c, a few car lots having sold for Eastern shipment at within that range. Rye is nominal at 57c to 60c. Montreal barley has been delivered to brewers during the week at 62c to 65c per bushel of 50 lbs., poor to ordinary being quoted at 50c to 55c. Malt is steady at 90c for choice No. 1, and at 75c to 80c for Toronto in bond. The flour market has gained greater strength, and a large volume of trade has already resulted. Superiors have sold at \$3.75, but holders are asking \$3.80. Extras have realized better figures, and the whole list has a decidedly upward tendency. 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.

GROCERIES.—In sugar the feeling is certainly no worse, if it is no better, but some affect to believe there is a little improvement, in sympathy with the advance of 6d per cwt. cabled from Greenock yesterday. There has been some enquiry on Western account within the past few days, but it was by no means speculative, but simply to cover the wants of the moment. Granulated is quoted at 6½c to 6¾c, and Yellows at 4c to 4½c for low grades up to 5c for brights, and 5½c to 5¾c for extra brights. The raw sugar market is dull, owing to the supineness of refiners who do not care to go beyond immediate wants in their purchases. Molasses inactive at 31c to 32½ for Barbadoes. Beet root sugar is still in large supply, and prices are easy. The fruit market evinces very little activity. Valencia raisins are scarce and dear, but high prices have checked consumption considerably, and the least increase in the supply would un-