

ment, 58c per 100 lbs; and apples \$1.36 for lots of 130 barrels and over.

GROCERIES.—The movement in this branch of business is moderately active for the season of the year. The tone of the market is strong, and dealers look for an active spring trade. The chief demand is for fruits and teas, while sugars are slow. Nearly all kinds of fruits are scarce, and prices are consequently firm. Valencias are still quoted at 8c; Sultanas, 10½c; London layers, \$2.75; Black basket, \$3.50; Blue Crown, \$4.75; currants, 6½c. *Nuts* unchanged. *Fresh Fish* are firm at \$4.25 to \$4.50 for white and \$3.75 to \$4 for trout. *Pepper* quiet and unchanged. *Sugars* are moving slowly, but prices are firm at 7½c to 8½c for low yellows, 8½c to 9½c for bright do., and 10½c to 10½c for granulated. *Teas* are firm at 37c to 40c for common Young Hyson, 40c to 50c for medium to good, and 60c to 65c for fine. Common Congou, 30c to 40c; good, 40c; fine, 60c to 70c. *Rice* steady at \$4.25 for large lots and \$4.50 for small. *Liquors* are in improved demand and firm. *Tobaccos* are firm and unchanged.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—A good business is reported in general hardware, and packing departments show greater activity than ever before known at this season of the year. The purchasing power of country dealers is apparently much improved, and sorting-up orders by letter are numerous. The demand is likely to continue as indications point to small stocks in the country. Wholesale stocks in this city are larger and well assorted. Prices are firm at last week's quotations. *Nails* are in moderate demand and steady, on the basis of \$2.75 to \$2.85 for large and small quantities of 10 dy. to 60 dy. hot cut, American or Canadian pattern. *Galvanized Iron* is in moderate demand at 7c to 7½c for No. 28. *Horseshoe Nails* are in good demand and firm at \$4 to \$4.25 for Rhode Island pattern. *Bar Iron* from \$1.95 to \$2.05.

HIDES AND SKINS.—*Hides*.—The market has been dull and easier this week, with a number of sales of cured at 9½c, the greater number being cows; dealers are paying to butchers 9c for cows and 9½c for steers. *Catfishskins* are quiet and firm at 16c to 17c. *Sheepskins* are in good demand, with a fair number of green offering at \$1.35 to \$1.60; dry are quoted at 90c to \$1.40.

LEATHER.—This has been a quiet week; but it has not been disappointing to dealers, as it was expected to be dull. Prices continue firm and unchanged from last week. Payments are reported as fair.

LIVE STOCK.—*Cattle*.—The receipts of live stock at the local market numbered about 36 car loads during the week, for which there was only a moderate demand. Among the number there were some choice Christmas cattle, which sold at 5 to 5½ per lb. One very fine heifer sold as high as 6½c. A large number were second-class, weighing from 1,000 to 1,050 lbs, which sold at \$30 to \$32 a head. *Sheep* were in good demand and firm; ordinary brought 4c to 4½c per lb. and extra 5c. *Lambs* are firm and wanted for shipment, 45 head, averaging 110 lbs each, sold at \$3.45 apiece, and a number were bought at 4½c. *Calves* are firm, with few offering; two head, weighing 455 lbs each, sold as high as \$16 apiece. Ordinary stock would bring from \$6 to \$12. *Hogs* were in a moderate demand and steady; sales were made on Tuesday at 4½c to 5½c per lb.

PROVISIONS.—*Butter*.—Trade has been inactive during the week, with little change in prices. There is no demand for export, and that class of butter is nominal at 18c to 20c for the choicest selections. City trade has also been quiet; offerings have been of ordinary qualities; pound rolls are quoted at 20c to 23c, and large rolls at 15c to 17c. *Bacon* is quiet with no sales of large lots; small lots are normal

at 9c for long clear and 8½c for Cumberland cut. *Ham* is also inactive at 10½c for smoked. *Lard* is in fair demand and steady at 11c for Canadian in pails and 13c for American refined. *Pork* nominal at \$16.50. *Cheese* is quiet at 13c to 13½c per lb. *Dried Apples* offer freely at about 4c for loose lots, with buyers at 3½c. Barreled car lots sell at 4½c.

SEEDS.—*Clover*.—A few small lots of new seeds sold at \$5 a bushel, which price would, however, not be paid for large lots. Although this year's crop is small, there is enough in the country for the home trade, and higher prices will depend altogether on the export demand. English prices will only warrant \$5 being paid here for choicest qualities of re-cleaned seed. *Timothy* is quiet and unchanged at \$4 per cental, and *Flax* at \$3 per cental.

WOOL.—The demand is less active in consequence of orders from States being filled. Fleece is a little easier at 30½c to 31c, the latter for choice lots. Pulled wools are unchanged at 30c to 31c for supers and 35c to 37c for extra.

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