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GROCERIES.—No special feature is visible in the market. Values in all lines are firmly maintained. Sugars, however, are bought but sparingly, in anticipation of further declines. The demand for teas is merely of a sorting-up character. An advance has taken place in Tarragona almonds and in Sicily filberts. Good business is being done in breakfast foods, in packages. The high price of currants prevents operations except in limited quantities. One feature of the past week is the heavy deliveries of canned vegetables for execution when packed. tables ex-factories, in completion of

HARDWARE.—Changes are to be noted in the prices of window glass, the increase being due, partly to the higher prices obtaining in Europe, and partly to the increased freight charges which are scheduled for the winter season. Business continues very good, especially in such lines as sleigh bells and skates, and cutlery for the Christmas trade. It has been exceptionally good for all varieties of sporting utensils, though the season in this line, so far as selling is concerned, is about over now. We are now, of course, approaching the tail-end of the season, and the wholesale houses are busy preparing for the spring trade. Travellers are out getting orders for such things as farmers' forks, wire, tools, etc., for delivery, as soon as navigation opens, about April. In the metal trade, reductions have been made in the prices of Canada plates, and tin plates, due to conditions in the American market. The demand for immediate shipment from stocks in heavy goods is very brisk, though there is still some reluctance to buy for forward delivery. The re-election of President McKinley may create a new boom in the iron and steel trade, and as Canada is one of the best customers in this line possessed by the United States, a sympathetic movement would be created here. There is absolutely nothing of fresh interest to report regarding the Scotch pig iron market, only a very limited business being transacted, prices fluctuating within narrow limits, Scotch warrants showing a slight gain. Fresh business with consumers or for shipment remains stagnant, merely small sales for immediate requirements being reported.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The hide market is firm, and a good demand exists for cured of all kinds. Calfskins remain unchanged. Sheepskins have advanced another 5 cents, and now stand at 75 cents. Rended tallow is somewhat scarce at 5½c. In Chicago, a firm market continues to be noted for packer hides. Sales made during the week have cleaned up the market fairly close. At the close packers were indifferent sellers, and they held firm for outside figures at 11¾ to 12c. for native steers, 11¼ to 12c. for Texas, 10¾c. for butt brands, and 10¼c. for Colorados.

LEATHER.—Owing to the increased firmness in the quotations for hides, leather values are steadily improving.

PROVISIONS.—The quality of the bulk of the butter arriving is unsatisfactory, being off-flavor and a little sour. Fine butter is bringing 17 to 18c., and in tubs, large rolls, 17c. Cheese remains quiet, but steady. In hog products, owing to the decline in the price of hogs, the feeling is easier, but stocks are so much reduced, and new cured are not fit yet to move, that the price of the product has not yet come in line with the full decline. Eggs are easy at 17c.

WOOL.—The wool market continues very quiet, with no change in prices. In Boston, business is a little brisker. At recent sales in London, the competition has been more spirited, the Continent

having bought freely. For the home trade there was a strong demand for coarse crossbreds and good greasy.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Henry Clews & Co., of New York, in their weekly report, under date of Oct. 27th, say: There is a strong, bullish undertone pervading the Stock Market, with only two adverse factors in sight, namely, the uncertainty concerning the immediate future of the money market, and the Presidential election—which tended to moderate buying operations until those uncertainties were mitigated. Within the last two weeks, opinion has become much more positive as to the chances for success in the elections for the sound money candidate, which naturally is a very strong element in favor of the value of securities, and the money market has become more assured under the abatement of shipments of currency to the interior, and also owing to the liberal influx of gold from other countries; so that the possibility of inconveniently active money continuing no longer excites serious misgivings; although the loan market has been active throughout the week, and the rate of interest has been firmer, owing to the increasing demand from the Stock Exchange.

Present conditions are promising for a healthy state of business for the remainder of the year. Whilst there is nothing like the speculative excitement in the merchandise markets that existed a year ago, there is really a more healthy tone in the principal branches of trade. The return of iron to normal prices has set in operation a large extent of suspended industry, and the iron masters are feeling the benefit in a large increase of orders. The South anticipates a banner year in the cotton trade, and the West shows its hopes in its large purchases at this centre for the winter trade. Evidence of the extent of preparations for the season's business appears in the increasing earnings of the railroads.

—The Court of Appeal unanimously confirmed the judgment of the Superior Court, which condemned the Canadian Pacific Railway to pay \$300 damages to one Roy, on account of a fire which occurred on a wood lot belonging to him, immediately after the passage of one of the company's trains, the Court below holding that there could be no moral doubt that the fire was caused by the passage of such train. The company appellant argued that as Parliament had given them the statutory power to use locomotives for hauling their trains, the necessary use of fire in them, and the occasional escape of sparks from them must have been anticipated, and, therefore, if every reasonable precaution is taken against such escapes, the railway companies are relieved in advances of the consequences of any fires resulting from sparks accidentally escaping. The Court of Appeal held that, although this opinion is adopted by English courts and authorities, it cannot be followed in the province of Quebec, where, in matters pertaining to civil rights, the French law rules, which says that the railway company is always responsible, notwithstanding the adoption of every means of precaution known to science. In rendering the judgment of the Court, Judge Hall remarked that the principle upon which this law is founded, namely, that no one may use his property in such a way as to injure that of his neighbor, must commend itself to all as both equitable and just.

—The Dominion Atlantic Railway Co. has just awarded a contract to a Scotch firm for a new steamer for its service between Yarmouth and Boston. It will be about 350 feet long, and will accommodate 1,000 passengers.