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had rendered account sales with net proceeds before the bad eggs were returned to them. The market is dull and dragging, held stock selling in bbls. at 19c, and in cases at 20c to 21c, very few at the outside rate. Strictly new-hold eggs of course command much higher prices in a jobbing and retail way.

FISH.—Pickled fish continues dull. Labrador herring being slow of sale, in fact, they are not wanted for this market at all, and holders are reserving them for Chicago buyers. It is considered that stocks of salt fish will prove none too bulky by the time the Lenten demand (which comes early next year) sets in. Cape Breton herring is quoted at \$5 to \$5.25 for No. 1 mt July catch, and at \$4.50 to \$4.75 for September catch. Green cod \$4 for No. 1, \$4.50 for No. 1 large, and \$5 for large draft. 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 to \$10 per bbl. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3, and at \$15.50 to \$16.50 for tierces. As soon as hard steady weather sets in we shall have the usual receipts of fresh fish, consisting of frozen herring, smelts, tommy cuds, and other kinds. Fresh receipts of oysters from the Lower Ports have sold at \$6 to \$6.50 per bbl., as they are very scarce and in good demand.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—In this market the only transactions in wheat are on local account in car lots, and prices are quoted as follows: Canada No. 2 Red Winter 81c to 84c, do. White 82c to 84c, and Canada Spring at 80c to 83c. Some business is still being done on through freights of 38c to 40c per 100 lbs. from points West of Toronto to Liverpool. Pease are quiet at 70c to 73c per 65 lbs. Oats are quiet at 31c to 32c per 32 lbs., but very few are coming in, owing to the late bad country roads. Rye is nominal, at 57c to 60c, and barley at 50c to 55c as to quality. Malt 75c to 80c in bond. The flour market has been further depressed, and spring extra and fancy have declined 5c per bbl. during the week. 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 \$6.50 to \$6.75. Bran, \$13 to \$15 per ton, and shorts \$15 to \$17. Advices by telegraph from Winnipeg state that since the Montreal wheat syndicate commenced buying, that prices had advanced 5c per bushel in the Winnipeg district. Later advices, however, state that the Farmers' Union at Brandon had stopped buying, owing to the unsatisfactory grading of

their wheat at Port Arthur. No. 1 hard spring is quoted at Port Arthur at 61c, the average price of the ordinary deliveries by farmers being 48c.

GROCERIES.—The sugar market cannot shake off the dullness and depression which have dogged its course for such a lengthened period, sales of Standard granulated having been made at 61c, which is 1/2c lower than a week ago, and some claim that it can be had for a shading from that price. The range of prices is 61/2c to 6 3/8c. Yellows have likewise depreciated, sales of low grades having been made at 41/2c to 4 3/8c. Advices from abroad are very discouraging. A cable from London says: "Market—Cane sugar dull, buyers and sellers indifferent. Free sellers of beet at the price. Stock in four ports United Kingdom, Nov. 29, 70 tons over last week, or 245,204 tons, against 207,218 tons same time last year. Quotations: Java No. 15,.....s; centrifugals, 9x8, 14s; fully fair refining m/covadit, 11s 6d; Austrian and German beet, 38s, 10s 3d." Since then beet root sugar has gone down to 10s 1/2d. The New York market is dull and weak, granulated having sold there at 51/2c, which is very low. At such exceptionally low prices, however, buyers are afraid to take hold, except to supply the wants of the moment. Molasses are in much the same position as that of sugar, although there has been a little more doing, sales of 250 puncheons of Barbadoes being reported at 301/2c to 31c. The range for Barbadoes is from 301/2c to 32c, as to quantity. Antigua is quoted at 221/2c to 231/2c, and Trinidad 21c to 22c. In fruit there is a very strong market for Valencia raisins and Malaga fruit, the former being firm at 81/2c to 9c, although it is doubtful if any could be had at the inside figure. Elme raisins are selling in their place at 71/2c to 8c. Sultanas are in fair supply, and have been dealt in at 6c to 71/2c, as to quality and quantity. Currants 51/2c to 51/2c in barrels and at 61/2c to 7c for choice Vozizza in cases. Prunes cheap at 41/2c to 41/2c for French. Figs are unchanged, and nuts are as last quoted. The tea market is quiet but steady, especially for the lower grades of Japans at 131/2c up. Advices from New York report an advance in Japan teas of 1c to 2c per lb. Coffee is easy, and spices are quiet and steady. Rice dull at \$3.50.

GREEN FISH.—The stock of apples in the West, it is claimed by well-posted parties, has been over-estimated. The market here is still very quiet, although holders are more firm than they were, and are reserving their best stock for a

later market. Shipments to the English market have turned out very unsatisfactorily of late, Western shippers having sustained considerable losses. Sales have been made here in round lots at \$1.80 to \$2.00 for fair to good fruit. Fancy long-keeping stocks is quoted at \$2.25 to \$2.50, but very few of these kinds are offered. Oranges are quiet and steady, Valencians selling at \$6.50 to \$6.75 per case, and Floridians at \$4 to \$4.50 per box. Lemons—Messina in cases \$6 to \$6.50 and in boxes at \$3 to \$4.50, the latter for fancy stock; Malaga in boxes \$2.50 to \$3.50. Cranberries \$14 to \$16 per bbl for Cape Cod. 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 have sold at 8c to 91/2c per lb., but dried apples are difficult to sell at 6c to 6c.

HIDES, ETC.—The demand for green city hides is fair, all offerings being readily taken at last week's prices, namely \$8.50 for No. 1. Tanners are also buying freely of Montreal inspected at 91/2c to 91/2c per lb. Two cars of Ontario hides have been sold at 91/2c for No. 1 Toronto and 9c No. 2; at 91/2c No. 1 Hamilton and 81/2c No. 2. Western States hides are quiet at 91/2c for No. 1 bull, and at 71/2c to 8c for No. 2. Several lots of sheepskins have changed hands at 75c each. Calfskins nominal at 12c per lb.

HORS.—This market is completely demoralized, stocks are large, the demand light, and prices continue to droop, a lot of very fine Canadian hops having sold at 141/2c per lb. Other sales have been made by dealers at 11c to 2c per lb less. Medium grades are hard to sell, and are nominally quoted at 9c to 11c. Prices in New York have lately declined 2c to 3c per lb and the English market appears to be well supplied at declining values.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—Such is the glut of pig iron in the United States that makers there have pushed it over the high protective duties into Ontario, several lots of American iron having gone there recently. Sales of Siemens pig iron, aggregating about 150 tons, have just transpired for Western delivery on the basis of quotations here. A few lots of Scotch has also been sold otherwise the market has been exceedingly quiet. Quotations are as follows:—Siemens, \$18.50; Coltness, \$20 to \$20.25; Langloan, \$19.75 to \$20; Gartsherrie, Calder and Sumnerlee, \$18.50; and Bglinton, \$17. Warrants are weak, and