

advanced and is now quoted \$4.45 to 4.50 per barrel, granulated \$4.50 to 4.60. Bran is cheaper and is now held at \$10.50 to 11.00 per ton, with very little offering.

GRAIN.—The wheat market remains comparatively dull, although prices in some instances have advanced, and generally are firm all over. Winter wheat remains unaltered in price, while spring wheat has advanced about two cents per bushel, and is now quoted at 94 to 95c. per bush. for No. 1; for No. 2, 92 to 93c., and for No. 3, 90 to 91c. Manitoba hard has also showed in the increased price, and is now quoted at \$1.17 to 1.18 for No. 1, and \$1.15 to 1.16 for No. 2. In barley there is nothing doing. Prices are nominally unchanged. There is a rather easier feeling in oats, but quotations are unchanged. Peas are firm, in good demand and very little offering. Prices as before. Rye and corn purely nominal. The English markets are firm, and advancing in price.

GROCERIES.—Business would admit of considerable improvement in this line of trade, but most of the wholesale houses claim that, taking into account the season of the year, they are doing a fair trade. In canned goods there are no changes in price to report; new goods, however, will soon be on the market. The chief sales just now are of tomatoes, peas, and corn among vegetables, and salmon among fish; tomatoes and peas are scarce. There is no Malaga fruit in the market, and any prices quoted of these goods must meanwhile be purely nominal. No further change can be reported in rice, although it is held very firm in England. Spices are unchanged in price and not much doing in them. Sugars since our last report, are again reduced $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in price and now quoted as follows: Canadian refined, $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb.; extra granulated 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7c.;

Redpath Paris lump, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 $\frac{3}{4}$. The feeling in the sugar market is again firmer; holders' views have advanced in Europe and a stronger feeling exists in New York. A fair movement can be reported in teas, low grade Japans and low grade Hysons are scarce. Coffees are firm and moving a little more freely.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—The iron market is steady, and prices of other metals practically unaltered. No immediate change is anticipated. This is generally looked upon as a quiet season, but there is, nevertheless, an active movement of heavy goods.

HAY AND STRAW.—More hay is being brought into the market just now than would be if more favorable weather for hay making existed. New hay is quoted at \$7 to 9.00 per ton; best timothy old hay is bringing \$12.00 per ton; second quality, \$10. Mixed hay is selling at \$8 to 10. The best baled hay is bringing from

\$9.50 to \$10.50 per ton. Straw is selling at \$6 to 7.25, according to quality.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for green hides is unchanged. Cows are bringing 6c. for No. 1, and not many offering. For choice steers, if any offered, more would be paid. In cured and inspected a slight advance is to be noted. These now quoted, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and for small lots of choice 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. are asked. Calfskins green are advanced, and now ruling at 6 to 8c., with cured held at 8 to 9c. per pound. The stocks are nil, and the receipts light, with an active demand, prices are strong. For lambskins and sheep pelts more money is being paid than they are actually worth, owing to some local disturbance in the market. Supply about the same as usual. Tallow quiet.

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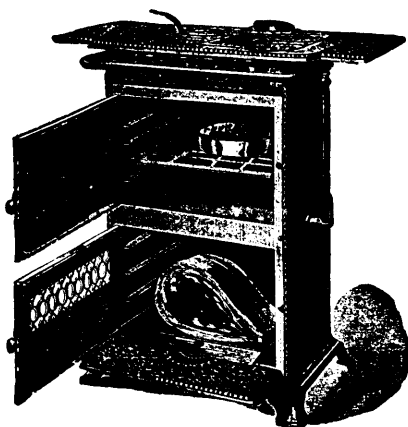
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