

seemed less active. Extra, firm at \$5.85 to \$5.90, transactions small. Spring extra continues dull, with no demand and prices purely nominal. Bran is scarce and firm, with sales of a few cars at equal to \$20 here. Oatmeal is firm with little offering; cars are worth \$4.60 to \$4.70. Cornmeal quiet, and firm at \$3.85 to \$4 in small lots.

FREIGHTS.—Rates are unchanged this week. Flour, to Montreal is 30c. per barrel; to St. John, N. B., 60c., and to Halifax 65c. Flour and oatmeal to Liverpool, via. Portland, is steady at 27c. per cental; boxed meats to Liverpool, 43c. and tallow and lard 40c.

GROCERIES.—There has been an increased movement during the week, and the feeling generally is improved. Payments are satisfactory, and prices retain their firmness. Sugars quite active and nigher, sales of granulated being made at 9½ to 10c. Syrups very firm at quotations. Fruits in small stock, the shipments west last week having cleaned out the market pretty well. Fish dull. Teas have been selling in a jobbing way at steady prices. Tobaccos and liquors are without change.

GRAIN.—Total stocks in store, 474,957 bush. as compared with 515,594 bush. last week and 521,188 bush. at a like time in 1881. Business has been moderately active, and prices show an advance in sympathy with Britain and the west. **Fall wheat.**—Stocks in store 246,857 bush. as compared with 250,793 bush. last week and 134,128 bush. in 1881. There has been a fair enquiry for shipping lots, and transactions reported have been solely of No. 2. This grade sold late last week at \$1.32 and \$1.33; on Monday at \$1.33, and on Tuesday at \$1.34. **Spring wheat.** Stocks in store 100,615 bush. as compared with 105,825 bush. last week and 102,428 bush. in 1881. There has been a moderate demand from millers, with sales of No. 2 at \$1.35 and \$1.35 on Saturday and at the latter price on Monday. One or two cars sold at \$1.37 on track Wednesday. No. 1 is held at \$1.40. **Oats.**—Stocks in store 6,293 bush. against 6,693 bush. last week and 700 bush. last year. Offerings this week limited and prices sustained; sales of car lots made at 46 on track and at 46½c. Eastern are firm at 45c. **Barley.**—Stock in store 90,754 bush. against 103,691 bush. last week and 177,050 bush. last year. Demand inactive and prices easier on account of the absence of orders from the United States. Sales confined to a few car lots of No. 1 at 92c., No. 2 at 90c., No. 3 extra at 86c. and No. 3 at 82c.; at the close to-day prices are easier than these figures. **Peas.**—Stocks in store 10,277 bush. against 29,109 bush. last week and 92,877 bush. in 1881. Some sales of No. 2 took place at outside points at equal to 82c. to 84c., and some shipments have been made. No. 1 scarce, with no transactions. **Rye.**—Stocks in store 20,211 bush. as compared with 17,384 bush. last week and 13,605 bush. in 1881. No sales are reported, but prices are higher in sympathy with outside. **Corn.**—No movement, but the cost to lay down here from the west would be from 92c. to 95c.

HARDWARE.—Business continues good and prices firm all round. Orders of a sorting up description are fair, and heavy goods are moving freely. Nails are firm, as are also bar and pig iron. Cables from Liverpool report pig tin as easier, but higher freights from there are anticipated. Payments are very satisfactory.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides are in moderate receipt and firm, with sales of cured at 8½ to 8½c. Butchers are still receiving the same prices for green, viz.: 7½c for No. 1 cows and 8½c for steers. **Calfskins** are in fair receipt and steady at 13c. for green and 14c. for cured. **Sheepskins** unchanged, the best being worth \$1.60, but offerings are small; country lots, mostly dried, bring \$1.20 to 1.40.

LEATHER.—The demand has been limited,

with the chief business in country orders. City manufacturers are not buying owing to the strike among workmen. Prices are somewhat easier, and the supply of uppers and splits large.

PETROLEUM.—The movement has been small since our last report and prices unchanged. Canadian refined sells at 18½c per Imperial gallon for barrel lots and at 18c for five to ten barrel lots. American prime is still quoted at 25c and water white at 28 to 30c.

PROVISIONS.—We have to note a moderate trade during the week and prices of cured meats are higher in sympathy with the west. **Butter** is slightly easier for pound rolls, the receipts being freer; these sell to the trade at 23 to 25c. **Tub** is quiet and firm with really choice worth 19 to 22c. Medium to good rolls sell at 13 to 17c, and culls at 12c. **Eggs** more plentiful and prices easier; dealers are paying 13c. and selling at 14c. per dozen in case lots. **Cheese** is in small stock and the best qualities are held firmly, with sales at 13½c in a jobbing way; medium to good 12 to 13c. **Dried Apples** unchanged, with a few sales of barrel lots at 6½ to 7c. **Bacon** is in demand, but the high prices asked somewhat check sales. Several car lots of long clear sold at 11½c. and jobbing lots at 11½c. **Cumberland cut** is firm at 10½ to 10¾c. **Hams** are in better demand and firmer; sweet pickled sold at 12c. and smoked at 13 to 13½c. **Mess Pork** is held higher, but the demand as yet continues small; we quote \$22 to \$22.50. **Lard** is firm, with small stocks; a few sales of pails were made at 14 to 14½c. **Hogs** are firm, with sales of a few lots to butchers at \$8.50 to \$8.75.

Wool. This market continues quiet, especially for fleece, for which there is little demand and offerings are limited. A few lots sold at 23c. Supers firm with sales of round lots at 27c. and extra changed hands at 33c.

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