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note a fair though quiet trade, with no prominent features worth mentioning. Quinine is firm. The opium market shows signs of indecision, though this is not the effect of advices from the primary market.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Trade in this line is much more active. There is a free export demand for flour, and large quantities have already been shipped. Exporters are paying \$2.65 in buyers' covers for straight roller, at main line points, and in some cases \$2.70 has been paid. As high as \$3 has in some cases been paid for 90 patents. Millers report that farmers' deliveries have been irregular, and not so large as they might have been; the former, therefore, do not feel inclined to make offerings so freely as they would otherwise have done. Shipping rates have been advanced again, the rate to Liverpool and Glasgow now being 32½c. per 100 for middle freights. This is due to present exigencies in the apple trade, these being perishable cargo, have to pay very high freight rates. About December, if not before, no doubt they will decline again.

GRAIN.—Notwithstanding the present statistical position of the world's wheat—namely, 19,000,000 bushels more in sight now than this time last year—a general advance in price is to be recorded. Ontario wheat is firm at 1c. higher. Manitoba is in good demand at an advanced price of 2 to 3c., owing, presumably, to the damage to crop during harvesting. Barley is in good demand for export at 2 to 3c. advance; oats are 1c. higher and firm at that. Peas are up 1 or 2c. Rye has gone up a cent, while buckwheat remains nominal.

GREEN FRUIT.—Large quantities of domestic fruit continue to pour into the Toronto market. In apples, there is a disposition on the part of shippers to hang fire and do nothing on account of the large crop and low prices. Quotations are: Lemons, extra fancy, Palermo, \$5 to \$5.50; California, \$4.75 to \$5.50; peaches, Crawford, 40 to 50c.; common, 25 to 35c.; pears, Bartlett, 30 to 35c.; common, 25c.; Canadian plums, 30 to 35c.; grapes, Moore's early, and Niagara, 15 to 20c. per 10-lb. basket; blue, 30 to 35c. per large basket; bananas, fancy, \$1.25 to \$1.75; tomatoes, 15c. per basket; musk melons, 35 to 50c.; per box.

GROCERIES.—No. 1, yellow sugar, declined 10c. on Wednesday. All other sugars remain unchanged, and it is not expected that this decline will be followed by any others in the near future, owing to the strength in the primary markets. Another advance in Valencia raisins has taken place in first hands. Standard brands of select, for October and November deliveries, cost 9c., and fancy selected, 10½c. There are no quotations for first-class fruit under these figures, though off-brands are quoted a little cheaper. Currants have again advanced, owing to strong and unfavorable reports cabled from Greece, as to the condition of the crop. Filiatras are quoted at 12 to 12½c.; Patras, 13½ to 13¾c., and Vostizza at 16 to 16½c. The new pack of corn is in the market and (early varieties) is quoted at 80 to 85c., while what old corn is left is selling at \$1.10.

HARDWARE.—Prices remain as quoted last week. Trade is fair, and there is nothing to complain of. Referring to the heavy metals, we notice that in London a break of £1 5s. has taken place in pig tin, and in New York there is an almost total absence of business. Copper remains steady. A summing up of the general situation in the hardware trade will be found on another page.

HIDES AND SKINS.—A good many skins are coming up now, and the market is dull. For calfskins, the demand is slow, owing to accumulation of stocks in the country. In Chicago, buffs and heavy cows show slightly increased strength, and there is a fairly firm tone throughout the market. Tallow is unchanged.

LUMBER.—Retail stocks of pine, both here and across the line, being very light, prices remain high, and there would appear to be no likelihood of any change for some time to come. On the other hand, the English demand is active, so that even further advances are not impossible.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts for butter are somewhat larger, and the market turned a little easier, the price being 17 to 18c. Cheese is quiet and steady. In hog products, trade is active. Stocks of barreled pork of all descriptions are exhausted, and the demand can only be supplied with long clear bacon, which is firm at 9 to 9½c. Eggs, strictly new gathered, are worth 14c., with supplies of seconds and chips still large.

WOOL.—Prices are unchanged, and the market continues dull. Considerable discrepancy exists between the views of country holders and buyers, the latter of whom object to give the amount asked.

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