

GRAIN.—Values of wheat show a slight advance since our last review and is now held firmly. No. 2 fall and No. 2 red winter were wanted here at \$1.20 to 1.21, but none offered; sales of these are reported at outside points on Monday at \$1.15, equal to 1.18 here. We quote No. 1 fall at \$1.21 to 1.22; No. 2, \$1.19 to 1.20; No. 3, \$1.17 to 1.18; No. 1 spring, \$1.21 to 1.22; No. 2, \$1.19 to 1.20; No. 3, \$1.16 to 1.17. Some Manitoba hard is said to have changed hands at \$1.35. Barley is lower and declining, probably by reason of large offerings from the Western States to American maltsters. We quote for No. 1, 75 to 76c.; No. 2, 72 to 73c.; No. 3 extra, 68 to 69c.; and No. 3, 64 to 65c. From sales on Monday of No. 1 at 80c. this is a marked fall. There is a weaker feeling in peas, which are 3d. lower in Liverpool, but oats are higher, scarce, and wanted at 39 to 40c. Corn and rye continue nominal.

GROCERIES.—Trade is reported rather quiet. Coffees continue firm; Java is now quoted at 22 to 27c., and Rio 17 to 19c. Fruits are barely steady. Rice has taken an upward turn in sympathy with the advance in breadstuffs and it is expected will remain firm and higher for some time. The Montreal mill has advanced prices nearly 1c. Sugars show a slight decline but are now steady, although the demand has fallen off, as is to be expected at the close of the preserving season. Canadian refined is quoted at 6½ to 7½c.; extra granulated, 8½ to 8¾c.; and Paris lumps bring 8¾c. Teas are doing well considering the volume of business. Canned goods are moving freely. Some houses report October remittances as being rather slow.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—This branch of trade is reported as active and healthy. The unfortunate fire by which Samuels & Benjamin's wholesale stores were gutted on Tuesday must have its effect, however, on the out-put. Pig iron is scarce and firm, owing not so much to the break in the Cornwall Canal as to the extremely high ocean freights from Glasgow. As high as 26/- per ton is charged on boiler plate from that port. Iron is active, all over the list, at unchanged prices, bar being in good supply; coil chain is stiffening, an increase of wages having been granted to the British workmen. Steel is in request for boiler plate and sells readily to many Ontario points. Tin, which fluctuates much, is somewhat easier at the moment. Copper is steady, the price appears to be fixed to consumers, whatever may result from speculative combinations. No change to report in lead. Cut nails are nominally unchanged, though we hear of some foolish cutting of prices here and there, as if profit were not slight enough already. Window glass is in sufficient supply and easier. We quote prices 10c. lower all round.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is a continued active demand for hides at steady prices, with the market almost bare of stock. Sales of cured and inspected hides are reported at 7c. Sheepskins continue scarce; the range is 65 to 75c. for best skins. A little better enquiry is heard for calfskins with prices unchanged. Tallow is still scarce and dear, and dealers are disposed to keep sold up in anticipation of lower prices as the cold weather approaches.

PETROLEUM.—Crude is lower again, and refined has sympathized to a slight degree, although our quotations still represent current local values. American continues firm.

PROVISIONS.—Trade during the week has been very fair. Receipts of butter were limited, and choice kinds in active demand at 20 to 21c. Rolls command 19 to 20c. and some common qualities brought 14c. Cheese is steady and without change. Dried apples are easier at 5c.; evaporated quiet at 8 to 8½c. Canadian cranberries are worth \$8.00 and 9.00 per bbl., and American \$9.50. A good business is being done in hog products at easier prices. Breakfast bacon quotes at 13c.; hams, 12½c.; long clear, 11½ to 11¾c. Lard is without change at 12½ to 12¾c., as to package. Eggs bring 20c. for fresh and 18c. for pickled.

WOOL.—Dealers can report a slightly improved demand from the factories with prices steady as last quoted. In fleece there is nothing new to report; trading is almost nil and prices unchanged.

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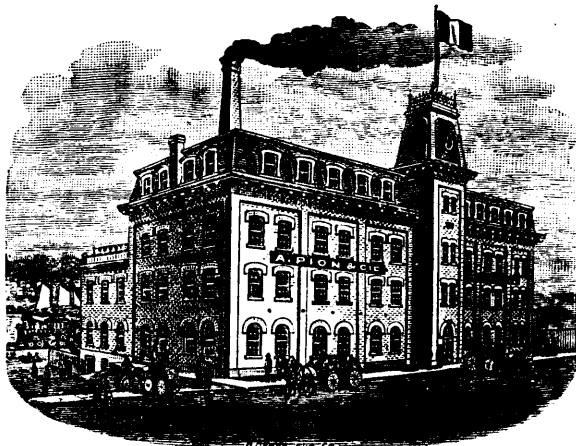
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