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**GRAIN AND FLOUR.**—About four or five cargoes of Canada new red winter wheat have been sold to arrive at 87c to 88c. soft, and several sales of ear lots at 86c. Canada spring is quoted at 88c and white winter nominally at 86c to 87c. Pens are difficult to sell, even at a steep decline in values, and quotations range from 75c to 77c. A few ears of barley have been taken by brewers at 60c to 65c., and rye is quiet at 64c to 65c. In flour there has been a larger business on import and export account as well as for the home trade. Quebec and Newfoundland buyers have been in the market for winter wheat flour, and altogether a good turn-over has resulted. Sales of superior were made at \$4.15 and at \$4.00 to \$4.05. Spring extra changed hands at \$3.95, and one lot was placed at a lower figure. Superfine has been taken at \$3.30, \$3.40, and fine at \$3.10, \$3.15. Medium bakers have met with fair request at \$4.20 to \$4.35. City bags have sold as low as \$2.40 and up to \$2.60. Two round lots of American sacks and a lot of Canadian superior have been placed for English account on p.t., one lot for Glasgow. Sales of Superior have been made to-day at \$4.10.

**GROCERIES.**—The sugar market has been fairly active during the week, but prices have ruled very low, sales having transpired of several lots of fair quality yellows at 4½c, some good bright parcels having changed hands at 4½c to 5c, and choice lots at 5½c. This is a poor outlook for Scotch yellows, several good-sized lots being offered. (Granulated is steady, nothing being obtainable under 6½c, and quotations range from 6½c to 6½c as to size of lot. Beet root sugar 88 degrees, which last week dropped to 10s. per cwt. f.o.b. Hamburg, has since advanced to 11s. 3d. A cable was received yesterday as follows:—Beet advanced 1s. 3d. per cwt. since last Friday, with large orders to buy, but limits are impracticable. A cable was also received from Pernambuco stating that "Brazilian sugar is arriving slowly; very little stock on hand as yet; purchases made on Saturday last cannot now be repeated." The New York market, however, has declined to 6 3/4-16c for granulated, but at the lower figure there has been more activity. In dried fruit the sale is mentioned of 1000 boxes of new Valencia raisins at 7½c, and prices range from 7½c to 8c. A cable from Denia quotes a sharp advance of 4s. per cwt. in Valencias, nothing now being obtainable under \$5 per quintal, first cost. Prices in England have also gone up several shillings. Stocks of new fruit here are very light, every one having bought as little as possible, and consequently a great scarcity will be experienced until Mediterranean vessels arrive, as there is scarcely any old stock to relieve the temporary stringency. Currants have advanced 2s. in London from the lowest point, nothing being procurable under 18s. Here prices are

nominal at 6c to 6½c for new fruit. Prunes will in all probability rule very low, owing to the abundant apple crop in Canada and the United States. Sales have taken place in Bordeaux as low as 13s. f.o.b., which is the lowest quotation known for a number of years at this season, and yet at this low ebb of values there seems to be no inducement to buy. Bosnian are fast superseding French prunes, the former being now principally asked for, which are quoted at 16s. to 17s. f.o.b. Trieste. The first samples of new Turkey figs have arrived, and are remarkably fine. New Sultana raisins are offered at 7½c to 8c in round lots. The tea market has been more characteristic of dullness than anything else, and sales have been made at pretty cheap rates. In coffee, Old Government Java is quoted at 19c to 21c, and Mocha at 26c to 28c for quantities, but business does not amount to any large aggregate. Spices are steady, and prices remain as last quoted. Rice remains quiet at \$3.50. In nuts sales are reported of 100 bags of Ivaca at 10½c.

**HIDES, ETC.**—At the decline in green butcher's hides reported last week there has been a fair business, No. 1 having sold at \$8.50 to \$9, and No. 1 inspected at \$9.50. There is no life in the Western hide business, only a few small lots of No. 1 buff being reported at \$9.75. Toronto hides are reported at 9½c for No. 1 and at 9c for No. 2. Hamilton 9½c No. 1 and 8½c No. 2. Sheepskins are quiet at 60c to 65c, and calfskins are purely nominal at 12c to 13 per lb.

**HOPS.**—The sale of a lot of 4 bales of choice new Canada hops has occurred at 20c, and a pretty fair lot changed hands as low as 15c, so that 15c to 20c may be considered a fair range of values based on actual transactions.

**IRON AND HARDWARE.**—At the advance in prices previously referred to there has been little or no business in pig iron. Prices on the other side are steady, and at present rates of freight Gartscherrie could not be laid down on the wharf at under \$18.25, and yet sales of car lots are said to have been made at about that figure. A round lot of Siemens is reported sold for Western delivery on p.t., but understood to be at a full price. Prices are quoted as follows:—Siemens \$18.50; Coltness \$20 to \$20.25, Langlois \$19.50 to \$20, Gartscherrie, Calder and Summerlee at \$18.50, and Eglinton at \$17. In metals the market is still weak, ingot tin being cabled at £77 5s to £77 10s, and ingot copper at £58 10s. In tin plates there have been several sales of round lots of charcoal on p.t., but prices are variously quoted at \$4.50 to \$4.60, and coke at about \$4.10. Canada plates are quiet at \$2.80 to \$2.90. General hardware is still very quiet, the principal movement being reported in shelf goods. Remittances are only fair.

**LEATHER.**—Dealers fail to advise the slightest improvement either in demand or as regards the general tone of the market, manufacturers confining their operations only to the absolute requirements of the moment. In sole leather a large lot of No. 1 Spanish sole was reported sold on p.t., but believed to be in the close vicinity of 25½c. Black leather is in demand for shipment, chiefly splits and buff. Waxed upper is quiet, a few ordinary-sized parcels having been placed at within range of our Prices Current list, on another page. The demand for glazed calf has been less active, but the price remain at 22c.

**NAVAL STORES.**—Continued low prices for spirits of turpentine in the American market prevents the upward movement here which usually sets in just prior to the close of navigation. Here prices range from 47½c to 50c. The sale of a round lot of spirits is reported in New York on Canadian account at 29½c per wine gallon for delivery this month. Rosins continue to sell at a low range of values, which, however, keep steady.

**OILS.**—Fish oils remain quiet and steady, stocks being under, rather than over, the average usually held at this season of the year. Steam refined seal oil is quoted steady at 60c to 62½c, pale seal at 55c to 57½c, and straw do at 52½c to 55c, small lots having been placed during the week at within this range. Cod oil is not by any means active, and Newfoundland A is quoted at 57½c to 60c. No Gaspe oil of any consequence has yet arrived. Cod liver oil is held at \$1.25 to \$1.30. The market is very firm for linseed oil, prices of which have further advanced to 57c to 58c for raw, and to 60c to 61c for boiled.

**PROVISIONS.**—A little more enquiry is mentioned for Western mess pork, and sales have taken place at \$19.50 to \$20. It is said that one or two car lots have recently been laid down here at about \$19.25. Lard continues quiet, at 11c for Western and at 10½c to 10¾c for Canadian. In smoked meats there is scarcely anything doing. Tallow is quoted at 6½c to 7½c for refined.

**WOOL.**—Sales of Greasy Cape aggregating 100,000 lbs have transpired at 17c to 17½c, one very choice parcel realizing 18c. A lot of cross-bred Australian was also placed at 24c. Greasy Cape is quoted at 16½c to 17½c, and Australian at 19c to 28c. In Canada wools there is very little doing, there being little or no American demand, and the home enquiry is anything but brisk. Prices are more or less nominal as follows:—A supers 27c to 28c, B supers 23c to 24c, unassorted 20c to 22c, and fleeces 19c to 20c.