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played in all lines now is comparatively favorable with that of this time last year, and orders are coming in just now with a steady increase in their quantity that means something more substantial than a mere spurt of business. Payments are good.

FISH.—Trade is very good. The demand is particularly active, and the supply is quite able to keep pace with it. Trout and whitefish are plentiful at 5½c. a pound. British Columbia salmon is selling well at 15 and 16c.; pickerel can still be had at 5½c., and bass at 8c. All other prices are unchanged. There is more doing this week than was the case the week before.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Offerings of flour have been small, and the demand fairly active at firmer prices. Straight-roller sold in the latter part of last week on p.t., and changed hands at equal to \$4.25 and 4.30 here on Monday and Tuesday, when extra sold at equal to \$4.00. At the close these prices would have been repeated, but the little on hand was held five to ten cents higher. Bran still scarce and wanted; sold late last week at \$15.00 on track, which price would have been repeated at close. Oatmeal—Cars remaining nominal until the close of the combination; and small lots have sold slowly as before, at \$6.05 to 6.15 for standard and \$6.30 to 6.40 for granulated.

GRAIN.—There has been a good demand heard for wheat and at rather firmer prices; local growths have been offered very slowly; No. 2 red winter sold on Monday at 98c. on track, and No. 2 fall was worth the same figure; No. 2 spring sold last week at 89½c. on track, and on Tuesday was wanted at 92c. f.o.c. with none offered. No. 1 Manitoba hard sold freely in round lots on Saturday at equal to \$1 and 1.01 here, and No. 1 northern changed hands on Monday at equal to \$1 here. At the close No. 2 red winter sold at 98c. f.o.c., but this we think would readily have been repeated; No. 2 spring was wanted at 92c. Oats easier; Manitoban sold last week at 44½c. on track and at equal to 44 and 45c. here for

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cars outside; but sold at close for 42c. on track, with Ontario offered at 40c. to arrive. Barley, nothing doing, and people differing a good deal as to actual values, as is usual at this season; that there will be a large and a poor crop in the Western States, with it probably offered early, seems the one point on which all are agreed. Peas, nothing doing, and prices nominal as yet.

GROCERIES.—Business is very quiet, and changes are unimportant. Tea is moving fairly at last week's rates. Coffee is stagnant. Canned goods show no alteration and are going easily. Tobacco is active and firm. In syrups and molasses there is nothing at all doing, and in sugar no change has occurred. Tapioca and rice are selling at firm prices. In dried fruits but little is being done just now, though the demand is seasonable and prices are firm.

HAY.—Pressed hay has been scarce, firm, and wanted, with sales of timothy made at \$15 to 16 by car on track, which would have been repeated.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Have been fairly active. Green hides have been in fair supply and unchanged; cured have been in improved demand, selected having sold steadily at 6c., but some old have changed hands at 5½ to 5¾c. Calfskins—Green still offered freely and taken as before, with scarcely anything doing in cured. Sheepskins—In fair supply but rather firmer at 45 to 50c. for the best green; with dry going down to 25c.

HOPS.—New have begun to offer in trade lots at 15c. for choice with 12½c. bid. Last year's have sold in small lots at from 10 to 15c. according to quantity and quality, but the total not very large. Old have been moving at from 5 to 8c. in small lots; the market closing with an easy feeling in nearly all sorts.

HARDWARE.—The only changes are in sheet zinc and spelter, which has advanced slightly, and ingot tin, which is firm at an advance of one to two cents per pound. Payments are better.

LEATHER.—During the past week a great change for the better has occurred, and the activity we have been so long looking for appears to have started at last. The advance we noticed last week as having begun in New York and the East continues with increasing vigor. Both dealers and cutters have let stocks run very low, and in consequence they now require a very general assortment. Our local market must of course soon catch the spirit of briskness thus all at once developed. There is no advance in quotations, but prices all along are very firm.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.—A weak and unsatisfactory condition is still noticeable. The market is overstocked with poor stuff which will not sell, but does spoil the sale of the better descriptions. The export trade has slackened somewhat this week on account of depressing cables from England, where low prices for Canadian imports are with difficulty being maintained. Good export cattle brought about