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about \$3.70 to \$3.75, in buyers' bags, middle or east freights. Manitoba is firm. In millfeed and oatmeal, no appreciable change has taken place. Wheat is dull at a decline of 2 to 3c., compared with last week's figures. Barley is dull and nominal with quotations unchanged. Oats are 1 or 2c. lower, and in poor demand. Rye, corn and buckwheat are unchanged. Little business is passing in any of the grains.

Fruits and Vegetables.—The demand

for all kinds of fruits continues quite good. Strawberries are now, fairly plentiful, though the Canadian crop is late and has not begun to come forward. The quantity of pineapples, for the market, mostly from Florida, is larger, but prices keep fairly good. There was a large fruit sale in Montreal of Mediterranean fruit, Ex. S.S. "Bellona," but much stock was inferior and prices ruled rather low. Oranges, however, fetched a little more than at the last sale. Quotations are as follows:—Apples, \$1 to \$3 per barrel, according to grade and quality; cocoanuts, \$4.25 per sack; oranges, California navels, \$3.50 to \$4.50; Valencias, large, \$7; ordinary, \$6; Sorrentos, \$3; lemons, Messinas, 360's, \$2.50 to \$3, 300's, \$2.50 to \$3; Sorrentos, \$2.50 to \$3.50; bananas, 8's, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; 1st, \$2 to \$2.50; dates, Sair, 3½c. per lb.; Hallowee, 4c.; figs, 8 to 12c.; tap figs, 3½c.; strawberries, 12 to 15c. per quart box; Egyptian onions, \$2.50 to \$3 per sack; tomatoes, \$3 to \$3.50 per crate; pineapples, Floridas, 12's, \$4.50; 24's, \$4.25; 30's, \$3.75; 36's, \$3.50; 42's, \$3; Havanas, \$3 to \$3.50.

Hides and Skins.—Hides are experiencing a steady market, but there is no notable feature presenting itself. Sheepskins are quite firm, while lambskins are in good demand. No great demand exists at the moment for leather, but prices keep steady.

Hardware.—While the volume of trade being transacted is not large, prices keep pretty firm. Seasonable lines are bringing fair orders, and reports from country speak of the promise for a good season's trade as good. In metals the movement is about average. Copper is easier, and so is antimony. Lead is weaker owing to somewhat heavy receipts from abroad. Pig-iron, too, is dull and weak.

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Provisions.—With large offerings of butter there is only an average demand, Prices keep as good as might be expected, however. In England the market has not fully recovered from its holiday character, but supplies from abroad are on the light side. The pastures in the United Kingdom are now at their best so there is a fairly large home supply. cheese keeps its somewhat improved tone. Eggs are firm in the local market, and receipts for this time of the year are rather light. Hops are dull. Hog products are in somewhat better demand.

Wool.—While the offerings of new-clip wool are not liberal, owing perhaps to the bad weather, they are a little better than they were, and the demand is fair. For pulled wools the demand is slow.

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