

Jamaica oranges, \$6 to \$6.50 per barrel; lemons, Verdelli, \$4 to \$4.50; bananas, 8s, \$1.50 to \$2; firsts, \$2 to \$2.50; extras, \$2.50 to \$3; sweet potatoes, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per barrel; celery, 35c. to 40c. per dozen; gherkins, 40c. to 50c.; Spanish onions, \$2.75 to \$3 per large case, and \$1 for small; cranberries, \$9 per barrel;

pears, 25c. to 35c. per basket; quinces, 35c. to 40c.

Groceries.—Very little of a new character can be recorded in the grocery trade, which continues about normal for this time of the year. The movement in sugar is fair. Some increase of trade is being noted in dried fruits, as is natural with the new crops. In canned vegetables not very much trade is passing, the conditions, as fixed by the Consolidated Cannery, not being deemed advantageous.

Hardware.—Business is good; that in such goods as guns and rifles, ammunition, etc., particularly so. In metals, conditions remain the same, most lines having reached an apparently lasting basis as to value, etc. Glasgow reports, dated 2nd inst., speak of a flat market for pig-iron. Cleveland warrants have fluctuated in sympathy with depressed conditions in the Stock Exchange and London metal markets. Less business has been done with local consumers, though deliveries continue on a heavy scale.

Live Stock.—Not a very large amount of business is going on just now in the cattle trade. The demand for really good stock keeps up at good prices, but a larger portion of the stuff offered drags.

Provisions.—Prices for butter remain practically unchanged, but there is a larger quantity of poor qualities coming forward, which do not help to keep the market firm. Cheese is in about the same condition as last week. Good fresh eggs sell for large figures, 19c. being about average. With the exception of chickens, the supplies of poultry are very limited. The price for turkeys is about 12 to 12½c.; geese, 7 to 8c.; ducks, 10 to 11c.; chickens, 9 to 10½c.; fowl, 7 to 7½c. The trade in all kinds of hog products is very brisk.



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