

state of country roads. Coffees remain very firm. In Valencia raisins the feeling is much stronger; recent importations have been made at an advance of 2c. Syrups and molasses, in sympathy with sugar, are very firm. All outside sugar markets are strong and Canadian refiners are not anxious to book orders. Refined has sold as low as 5c, but there is nothing to be had now under 5½c. in round lots. Teas continue steady for all descriptions, and especially so on greens. Recent estimates place the shortage of the grade at 42,000 half chests.

**HARDWARE.**—Trade for the past week has not been as fairly active as is expected at this season of the year. There is only a fair sorting up movement going on, and prices cannot be regarded as particularly buoyant. Stocks of general hardware in the hands of the retailers both in the city and country appear to be large and there is very little disposition to increase. This, however, may be productive of good results later on. American and Canadian manufactured goods are comparatively low and there is a strong disposition on the part of

manufacturers to seek for business. Makers of horse nails are said to be producing at a loss. English manufactured iron and steel are very firm, and the general impression is that as there are large orders in the hands of the manufacturers, there is not any probability of a break. In regard to prices a slight improvement is noticed.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—There is no change to note in the condition of this department of trade. The supply of hides continues plentiful and sales slow. Car-lots have changed hands at 5½ to 5¾. Very few sheepskins are now coming in; prices are \$1.00 to 1.35 for best green skins. The supply of calfskins is more plentiful and prices are expected to continue low throughout the season. Tallow remains in active demand at steady quotations.

**PROVISIONS.**—Trade during the week has been quiet. There has been a good demand for butter, choice bringing 18 to 20c.; medium, 14 to 16c.; common, 13c. Receipts are light. Cheese is dull and steady. In hog products a fair business has been done and the feeling

seems a little steadier, especially on hams, breakfast bacon, and rolls. Long-clear, 8½ to 9c.; hams, 11 to 11½c.; rolls, 9½ to 10c.; breakfast bacon, 11 to 11½c. Lard is firm, 9½ to 10½c., according to package. Eggs are weaker, say 16c. for fresh; cold storage and pickled almost unsaleable. Dressed hogs are selling \$6.75 to 7.00. The demand is entirely from butchers. There is nothing doing in dried or evaporated apples.

**SEEDS, HAY, AND STRAW.**—The present milder weather has caused a fairly active jobbing demand for timothy and clover at prices as previously quoted. Owing to the bad roads values in hay are higher, receipts being light. Loose timothy is quoted \$19 to 22 and straw \$10 to 12.

**WOOL.**—The reduced stocks of selected fleece prevents sales and there are no sales to record. All low grade wools, pulled and fleece, are scarce and in demand and the mills are buying steadily at prices which are well maintained. Some large sales of super are reported at 23 to 24c., and stocks are now very low.

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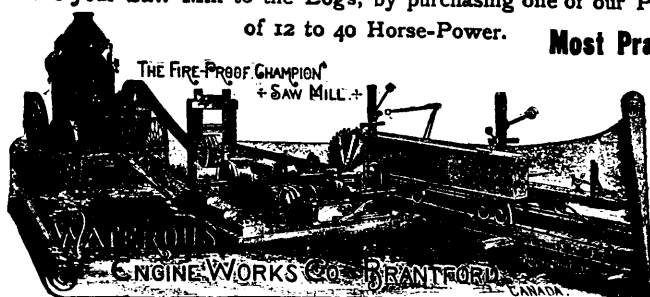
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