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generally busy passing goods through customs. There is a large demand for cheviots and tweeds for ladies' tailor-made costumes, which is to be the big feature of the season. Plushes, yelvest and sealettes are also in fair request is to be the big feature of the season. Plushes, velvets and sealettes are also in fair request. Gold and silver tinsel braidings, silk cord for edgings, etc., are much sought after as trimmings. Payments at present are rather slow, though some houses report a low percentage of renewals of paper falling due on the 4th.

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FLOUR AND OATMEAL.—Flour continues quiet, and prices may almost be said to be unchanged, with the exception of straight roller and extra, which in each case has receded about 30c. per barrel; straight roller now being quoted at \$4.40 to 4.50, and extra at \$4. Oatmeal quiet and unaltered in price. Bran is in fair demand at unchanged quotations.

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GRAIN.—Quotations in the wheat market are lower, owing to a light movement in new crop, red and white winter wheat having already been sold and shipped for export. The local market is quiet and steady. Ontario winter been sold and shipped for export. The local market is quiet and steady. Ontario winter wheat has receded about two cents per bushel, and is now quoted at—No. 1, \$1.03 to 1.04; No. 2, \$1.01 to 1.02; No. 3, 98 to 990. Spring wheat has been reduced about one cent per bushel, and now quoted at—No. 1, 96 to 97c.; No. 2, 94 to 95c.: No. 3, 91 to 92c. Manitoba hard is unchanged in price, and it will be two or three weeks before there is any movement of new crop. The English wheat market is firm and advancing; American, very firm, and shows another increase of two cents per bushel during the last few days. Barley is purely nominal: no demand heard of, and quotations are unchanged. Oats are easier, receipts large, demand very fair; prices are four cents per bushel less: we now quote at 44 to 45c.; peas are without change, and prices nominally the same. Rye and corn apparently not wanted nor offered, quotations nominally unaltered.

Groceries.—Business with wholesalers is

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GROCERIES.—Business with wholesalers is rather on the quiet side. Payments fair in some cases, slow in others. In canned goods there is not much moving, unless in fish and meats. Salmon is quoted ten cents higher, the season's pack having been reported short, the season's pack having been reported short, and the probabilities are that a further increase in the near future will take place. This season's pack of peas and strawberries is now on the market. New lobsters have also narrived; clover leaf brand quoted \$2.95 per dozen tins. Mediterranean products generally are easy, and the situation as to new crops is dozen tins. Mediterranean products generally are easy, and the situation as to new crops is unchanged. Molasses and syrups are also easier. Japan rice, received direct from Japan, is quoted at 5\frac{3}{4} to 6c. per lb.; Trinidad sugar quoted at 3\frac{3}{4} to 3\frac{7}{4}c. per lb. in barrel lots; Canadian refined in better supply, houses now heing able to make up past due orders and being able to make up past-due orders, and expect in about a week to catch up with all

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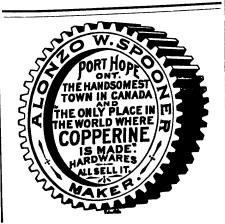
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outstanding. Yellow sugars are in full supply and prices all round are unchanged. The only feature in teas are the new Japans; second pickings have not arrived yet.

HARDWARE.—Trade this week has been decidedly flat; still at the same time it is not anything unusual for this season of the year. Almost every line lacks in activity, but there is a very strong feeling existing that the antumn trade will be larger than for some time past and prices well maintained. No recent cable advices except in ingot tin, which is decidedly firmer. Lead, antimony, and copper are if anything easier. Iron market firm. Payments generally fairly satisfactory.

HAY AND STRAW.—The market is fairly well supplied, and equal to all demands. New hay is selling at \$10 to \$11 per ton for best. An occasional load of old coming in sells at \$15 to \$16 per ton. Best sheaf straw is worth \$9.50 per ton; the average price paid is \$9. On the St. Lawrence market oats are selling at 48c. per bushel, pork at \$7.50 per 100 pounds.

Hidden and Sking.—Hides are if anything

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Hiddes and Skins.—Hides are if anything rather firmer and locally somewhat scarce, but the supply is fully equal to all wants. No accumulation heard of. Calfekins are quiet, lambeking are coming in freely, and readily taken at an advance of fully ten cents per skin. Sheep pelts are also increased about ten cents, now ruling at 40c. Good tallow is scarce, and bringing fully, outside price, 6½c. per pound. per pound

LEATHER.—Continued improvement is noted. The demand is generally from country manufacturers and jobbers. Prices are unchanged, and very firm, and although there is little chance of an increase in prices, it is thought

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