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site braid, edged braid, &c., are popular as trimmings; serges and henrietta cloths are in moderate request, and an active demand for velvet ribbons has again set in. Payments are fair.

FLOUR AND OATMEAL.—The flour market is yet without any live feature; business is almost nominal and prices weaker. There is no outside demand heard of, although it was expected shipments to the East would have been made before now. Actual reductions have taken place in straight roller of about five cents, and in Manitoba patent of ten to fifteen cents per barrel. Oatmeal is quiet and unchanged. Bran is scarce and in good demand at \$16 to \$17 per ton.

GRAIN.—With the exception of a fair milling demand, the wheat market is quiet and prices may be said to be steady. Manitoba hard, in the various grades, shows a reduction in price of two cents per bushel, caused by large receipts thrown on the market moved by holders desiring to get quit of the old stock before the new comes on the board; besides this, harvest prospects are very encouraging for an increased production. The English markets are firmer yesterday and higher to-day. The American markets took a sudden jump yesterday of two to two and a half cents per bushel, making up the decline of the last ten days. Barley is quiet and steady; any movements are for feed purposes. Oats are dull and easier, quotations, however, unaltered. Peas dull and unchanged in price, also declined fully one penny per cental in Liverpool. Rye and corn purely nominal.

GROCERIES.—The volume of business is considered satisfactory, and payments are fair to good. Canned goods—old pack in tomatoes and corn are moving slowly. We hear of one house having new season's pack of peas at \$1.15 per dozen tins, but this delivery is premature. Dried fruits are in fair demand—the California product has become an important factor in the United States market, and are deemed likely to eventually shut out Valencia and Malaga fruits from the States. Per cable

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of 13th inst., from original sources, Valencia raisin growers have been greatly disappointed in the flowering of the vines, as it is now clearly seen that the crop is considerably short of last year's exceptionally large one. Last year's crop was 3,500,000 boxes; an average crop is estimated at 2,500,000, which is the quantity of crop anticipated this year. The yield of Sultanias is estimated at 25,000 to 28,000 tons, as against 10,000 tons last year. Figs are said to have an increase of 30 per cent. over last year's crops. The currant crop has been favored with good weather, the vines look strong and healthy and carry plentiful bunches. The report on almond crop is favorable and low prices are anticipated. Sugars are still engaging the attention of the trade; to-day it would be a very difficult matter to secure one barrel of granulated sugar in Front street; the refiners have not been able to catch up to the demand, and some houses say that it will be the end of September before the sugar business resumes its normal condition. Yellows are neglected, and granulated is what every consumer seems to want. Japan teas are moving fairly well, but nothing under 17c. per lb. is on the market. Lower priced teas are expected to arrive shortly.

HARDWARE AND METALS.—A fair assortment of general shelf and other goods is moving; harvest tools are "rushing." Heavy goods are quiet with the exception of boiler plate and tank plates, which are in fair request. Prices are unchanged and appear to have got as low as they can be. No coke plates upon the market yet; round lots of tin plates 14x20 for prompt shipment might be shaded.

HAY AND STRAW.—The market is well supplied with new and old hay, the former is selling at \$13 per ton for best, down to \$11, the latter bringing \$17 per ton, inferior \$16. Best sheaf straw is selling at \$10 per ton, ranging down to \$9.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for hides shows signs of improvement, the demand being fairly active, and prices are steady. Car lots have been sold at 6c. per lb. Calfskins continue very quiet, and lambskins and pelts have advanced another five cents, lambskins now being quoted at 35 to 40c., and pelts 25 to 30c. Tallow is in good demand; prices firm and unchanged.

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