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HAY AND STRAW.—On the St. Lawrence market hay is in good supply, and sells from \$10 to \$12 per ton. Straw is somewhat scarce, but the price remains at \$8 to \$8.50. Jobbers quote baled hay at \$8 to \$9, and baled straw, \$4.50 to \$4.75.

HIDES AND SKINS.—A heavy decline in hides in the Chicago market has had a weakening influence on the local market, though as yet there has been no change in prices. Dealers are disposed to await developments; the more so that the present drop in Chicago was preceded by a sharp rise, and an impression prevails that the market is being manipulated. At any rate Chicago has not the influence on the Toronto market it once had. Tallow also is weak but unchanged. Sheepskins and calfskins are steady at last week's figures.

HOPS.—Business is small, and prices are unchanged. Prospects for better business are reported, but this has been the case on several previous occasions.

LIVE CATTLE.—The receipts at the Western stock yards on Tuesday were large, consisting of 1,583 cattle, 1,208 hogs, 380 sheep, and 85 calves. Hogs declined 12½c. per cwt. in each class, from the previous week, but prices in all other lines were steady and firm. Export cattle sold at from \$4.40 to \$5 per cwt., the bulk of them going at \$4.65 to \$4.80. Butchers' cattle brought \$4.25 to \$4.35 for picked lots; \$3.65 to \$3.90 for good, and common went at \$3.25 to \$3.40; some inferior lots went as low as \$3. Heavy feeders brought \$4.25 to \$4.50, and light feeders, \$3.90 to \$4. Sheep were sold at from \$3 to \$4.50, and lambs at \$4.50 to \$6 per cwt. Hogs yielded \$5.37½, \$5.62½, and \$6.12½, according to class.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts of dairy butter are rather lighter, and prices are a little higher in consequence; tubs are quoted 12 to 14c., and rolls, 13 to 14c. per lb. Creamery boxes, in which a limited trade is done in this market, are a shade lower at 17 to 17½c. per lb., but creamery prints remain 18 to 19c. New cheese is coming in more freely, and is ½c. lower, at 11 to 11½c.; old cheese is practically gone; what little remains being quoted at 13½c. Hog products are very firm, and a brisk trade is doing in them; no bacon rolls can now be bought under 9½c.; other prices are unchanged among hog products. Eggs hold their advance of last week, and are firm at 12 to 12½c., though dealers claim that keen competition among buyers in the country keeps them above what they are really worth. Other lines of provisions are the same as last week.

SEEDS.—The season for timothy and red clover is practically over, and trade is confined to Hungarian and millet, and fodder corn. In these a good trade is doing at the following prices: Hungarian and common millet, 75c. to 90c.; German, or golden millet, \$1.15 to \$1.25 per bushel of 48 lbs.; fodder corn, 65c. to \$1.20, according to variety.

WOOL.—In fleece wools, the new clip of washed has not yet commenced to come forward, nor is it expected for about two weeks; however, the impression seems to be that the market for domestic will open at about 15c. or 16c. For unwashed fleece, 10½c. is being paid.

THE WOOD MARKET IN BRITAIN.

Messrs. Farnworth & Jardine's wood circular, dated Liverpool, 1st May, 1900, says:

"The arrivals from British North America during the past month have been 7,935 tons' register, against 6,799 tons' register during the corresponding month last year, and the aggregate tonnage to

this date from all places during the years 1898, 1899, and 1900 has been 73,450, 74,416, and 83,698 tons, respectively.

"The business of the past month has again been quiet. The arrivals generally have been fairly moderate, but the deliveries have been disappointing; stocks on the whole are light, and prices continue steady, and owing to the serious fire at Ottawa, some articles will probably be held for higher values.

"**Canadian Woods.**—Pine Timber.—Of Waney, the arrivals consist of a parcel of second-class wood imported coastwise; the deliveries have been moderate, but the stock is light and values firm. Square is only in limited request; stock is sufficient. Red Pine.—The stock is about exhausted, but the requirements are small. Oak.—There has been more enquiry for first-class shipments suitable for railway work, the deliveries show slight improvement but stocks are adequate for present requirements; prices are firm. Elm still commands high prices, and the stock is almost bare; however, fresh imports will shortly be coming forward. Ash is in limited demand, especially large wood; stock is very light. Pine Deals.—The deliveries have been fairly satisfactory; and the stock is now reduced to 7,000 standards, against 11,500 standards corresponding month last year; the advanced values have been maintained. Particulars of the stocks destroyed by the disastrous fire at Ottawa last week are not yet to hand, but it is anticipated this branch of the trade will be very seriously disturbed. Red pine deals continue in good request, and prices are firm.

"**New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Spruce and Pine Deals.**—The arrivals during the past month have been 4,100 standards, against 3,020 standards, corresponding month last year; the deliveries appear small, but this is partly due to the bulk of the import having arrived at the end of the month; prices continue fairly steady and stocks are not large. Pine Deals have improved in value; stocks are light.

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