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cleaned up, stocks here being small; some large sales have been made during the week for export to England, shipped via New York. Oats are a little easier, quotations about the same as last week; they receded and recovered their old figures since our last. Peas are firm at quotations, scarce and in good demand for export. Rye is wanted at an advance of eight to nine cents per bushel; 83 to 85c. would be paid for it, but there is none offering. Corn nominal at 76 to 77c.; nothing doing.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale houses find trade steadily improving, and payments better. Heavy goods will soon be moving freely, as navigation may already be said to have opened up. Canned goods are firm all over, tomatoes especially so, with an advance in price, now quoted \$1.45 to 1.50 per dozen tins for the following brands:—Crown, 3's, new Ice Castle, 3's, Beaver, 3's; tomatoes and peas are said to be in so small stock that there will not be sufficient for the season's demand, and a further increase in price is very probable. Canned fruits are moving steadily at unchanged quotations, and the demand for salmon is growing. Coffees are moving slowly, but prices are said to be strong; dried fruits, particularly provincial currants and prunes, are very firm. In a letter, under date 4th inst., dated Patras, Barff & Co. say: "To-day we are firmer than ever, prices rising by jumps and bounds, only about 15,000 tons of currants remaining for sale." Recent importations of prunes could not be repeated except at an advance. The London, England, market is very strong in provincial currants, also in Sultana raisins. In Valencia the market is quiet. There is considerable enquiry, locally, for Sultanas, but stocks are small, and there is no disposition to sell under full prices. Syrups and molasses are easier; in rice there is nothing doing, but prices are firm. Sugars are unchanged in price, and slow in movement. For teas the demand is good, finer grades selling freely. The high price of low grade Japans and Congous is restricting the sale. The London market is decidedly firm, and tending higher, while New York shows symptoms of easing up.

HAY AND STRAW.—There was a goodly supply of hay on the market to-day, the highest

price reached being \$15.50 per ton for finest timothy, ranging down to \$13. Mixed hay, best quality, brought \$11, inferior \$9. Oat straw, \$10 per ton, and inferior as low as \$8.

HIDES AND SKINS.—No change to report in prices of hides, and owing to unfavorable reports from Chicago and the West, business has been a little dull. There are very few hides coming in, the supply being barely equal to the demand. The local market would be considerably firmer if outside influences were more favorable. Calfskins are more plentiful, and all offerings are readily taken at quotations, and dealers find ready sale for them; in sheepskins, the supply has fallen off, and there is little doing. Lambskins are gradually coming in increasing quantities, quoted at 15 to 20c. per skin.

LEATHER.—The leather market is very quiet, but there are no changes in quotations, nor any disposition apparent to cut in prices. It is quite probable at present that an extra large purchaser would be able to secure better figures on p.t. than shown by the open market; otherwise prices are very steady. The local trade is fair, and stocks are light.

PETROLEUM.—The Petrolia Advertiser of last Saturday says prices are: Petrolia crude \$1.37 per bbl.; Oil Springs crude, \$1.39 per bbl.; and adds, "The crude oil market still keeps firm and the stock is daily becoming less in the Tanking Companies' hands, notwithstanding the small quantity of refined oil consumed at this season of the year. Such a state of things has never been known to exist in the Canadian oil region before, and the long-headed refiners are laying in their stocks of crude now in anticipation of a brisk demand and higher prices in the fall. We quote refined at 12½ to 13 cents f.o.b. here, at 60 days or 2 per cent. off for cash. There are no new strikes to report in the oil region, and every producer is doing his best to get all the oil he can while the prices are high."

PROVISIONS.—The dairy trade is fairly active; the receipts of fresh roll butter have increased, but the demand still keeps pace with the supply, and quotations are ruling much the same as last week at 19 to 20c. per lb.; choice dairy tub is not so plentiful, the preference being given for fresh roll; prices rule at unchanged figures, 17 to 20c.; medium butter selling at 12 to 15c., common butter not much offering; quantities of grease butter have been picked up at 4c. per lb., chiefly for the other side. Stocks of fall cheese are almost exhausted; it is now selling at 12c., new cheese jobbing at 11½c. per lb.; in hog products there is no change of prices to note; the trade doing is on the quiet side, long clear bacon is quoted at 8c. per lb.;

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