

GROCERIES.—The situation is improved somewhat by actual business, and somewhat by the prospects of better business. Taken together there is an admitted satisfactory change. The season's business is not regarded now as equal to the same period of last year, but a good fall trade may bring it up to nearly the average of last year. Quotations are entirely unchanged for the past two weeks. Coffees, Java, 18c to 25c; Rio, 10c to 11c; Mocha, 30c to 38c; Ceylon, 23c to 25c. Fish, no demand. Fruits dull and prices continue low. Sugars, Porto Rico, dark to fair, 7c to 7½c; bright to choice, 7½c to 8c; Canada refined, 6½c to 8½c; Standard granulated, 9c to 9½c; Paris lump, 10c to 10½c; Scotch refined, 6½c to 7½c. Syrups unchanged. Teas steady, but promising firmness. Tobaccos in fair demand, and prices firm at recent advance.

HAIRDWARE.—Business is moderate. There is an improved demand for heavy goods; and bar iron has a distinct firmness. It is reported that English manufacturers are busy, and orders cannot be immediately filled. This market is very steady in consequence, and it is thought buyers on the spot will secure an advantage.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is no change to note in the situation. The demand for hides is dull among western tanneries; there is a better demand from cities east of Kingston. Green hides are bought at 7½c for cows, and 8½c for steers. No. 1; and at 1c lower for No. 2. Cured hides are quiet but steady, held at 8½c to 9½c for No. 1, and No. 2 quoted 1c lower. Calfskins are unchanged, with not so many offering; buying, green, at 13c for No. 1, and 11c for No. 2; selling, cured, at 15c for No. 1, and 13c for No. 2. Lambskins have advanced, buying at 50c; pelts advanced, buying at 40c.

BUTTER.—Trade is still hindered, the dealers say, by the high prices at which stock is held in the country. It is said that some buyers have contracted for shipping lots at 14c, but it is not certain that the pure make would be bought generally at that figure. The commission dealers here are selling good to fine packages at 14c to 16c; and inferior lots at 12c to 13c. There are signs of giving way among some lots coming in; and it is feared that much bad butter will be on the market ere long.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.—Up to last Tuesday the cattle trade had been very quiet. The receipts were small, and prices were paid above what was called the regular values. On Tuesday there were some ten car loads of cattle. Two car loads were heavy, well-fed beasts and were taken for export at prices from \$6 to \$7 per 100 lbs., live weight. The remainder of the cattle were bought for the local market at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$5.25 per 100 lbs. There were a good many light beasts, and not in very good condition; but they were all bought, as the market was bare. There was a fair supply of sheep, but not more than what was taken. Heavy lots for export sold at \$7 to \$8; and butchers' lots at \$4.75 to \$6. The sheep are generally in good condition. Lambs were not in over supply, and varied greatly in quality, selling at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$4. Calves are not plentiful, and the demand is not so active at \$8 to \$12.

PROVISIONS, ETC.—Business is still quiet. Meats have been weakening. The trade here have lowered prices to meet the sales at Hamilton and other outside points. Bacon, lower, long clear quoted at 10c for car lots, and 10½c for small lots; Cumberland Cut quoted at 9½c to 10½c. Breakfast bacon 14c for smoked and 14½c for canvassed. Hams firm at 14c for smoked and 14½c for canvassed; pickled 12½c to 13c in tierces. Lard, 12½c to 13c, according to package. Pork quoted at \$20 for single

WHEAT.—There is a firmness about the market which is not without reason. The deficiency of the crops in England and France are now nearly

barrels. Beef in some demand at \$16 for prime and \$17 for mess. Butter dull, selling at 14c to 16c for good to fine tubs and pails; and 12c to 13c for inferior. Cheese is unchanged at 10c for skims, and 11c to 11½c for full cream. Eggs are unsettled, and supplies falling off, selling at 15½c to 16c in case lots, guaranteed. Dried Apples, almost unsaleable at 10c for common and 16c for evaporated. Beans slow, quoted nominal at \$1.60 to \$1.80 per bushel. Potatoes, new, selling at \$1.10 to \$1.25 per bag. Salt, Liverpool bags, in car lots, selling at 65c; small lots at 80c. Canadian, barrels, car lots, at \$1.35; small lots at \$1.45 to \$1.50. Dairy salt, 3 lb bags, at \$3.75 per barrel.

Wool.—The wholesale trade is reported rather quiet, as buyers and sellers are apart. Receipts from the country continue light, compared with ordinary years. The demand is still slow, and prices are unsatisfactory. The United States markets are dull, and there have been no enquiries for Canadian fleeces. Quotations are 19c to 20c for selected Leicester; and 17c to 18c for Cotswolds; rejects quoted at 14c. Southdown is bought at 24c and 25c. Holders in the country are generally asking 1c higher. There is very small demand from the factories; the manufacturers apparently buying not more than serves for short periods of work. Pulled wools are quoted selling at 25c to 26c, and extra supers at 30c to 31c.

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