

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The market has continued in a state of demoralization as regards flour. So little enquiry has been heard that holders have almost ceased to make offers at their reduced prices, and our quotations must be taken as purely nominal. At the close straight roller was offered at \$5.00 and extra at \$4.75, without finding a bid. Bran has been scarce and in good demand all week at about \$15.00 for cars on track, but none offered; and at the close city mills were selling ton-lots at \$17.00. Oatmeal quiet, but selling in small lots at \$4.00 to 4.25 for standard and \$4.50 for granulated, but car-lots nominal.

**FISH.**—Much more is doing in the fish market; supplies have increased. Messrs. Port & Co. have received the consignment of 18 tons of British Columbia salmon, which is being sold at 15c. a pound; it is in excellent condition. A car load of Lake Winnipeg whitefish has also just arrived which is quoted at 7½c. a pound. Some very good pike are in the market at 5c. and whitefish at 7c. a pound. Ciscos are plentiful at \$1.25 per hundred, and bluebacks at \$2. Fresh trout is quoted at 6½c. per pound, and frozen trout at 5½c. Steak cod is 7c. and market cod 5c. a pound. Generally the supply is ample.

**GRAIN.**—The market still unsettled. A much more steady feeling has been prevalent in wheat than in the preceding week, but the business done has been small. No. 2 fall and No. 2 red winter, lying outside, have changed hands at equal to \$1.03 here; and No. 1 red winter sold once at \$1.05 on track; spring inactive, but No. 2, lying outside, sold on Monday at \$1.00. Manitoban has been in demand with sales of cars of No. 1 hard at Carlton Junction for \$1.22 and 1.22½. The market closed inactive, but with former prices probably obtainable for local growth, though \$1.21 seemed the best bid for No. 1 hard. Oats sold slowly, and though unsettled through the week, closed without much change. Mixed sold on 8th at 36½c. for cars on track. Some No. 2 white sold at 36c. At close mixed again changed hands at 36½ and 36c. on track. Barley has improved slightly from the demoralized market of the preceding week, but still remains very dull. No. 1 has been in fair demand and sold last week at 67c. f.o.c., and at equal to 66c. here for lots lying outside, the latter price being repeated on Tuesday. No. 2 was neglected until Tuesday, when a round lot outside sold at equal to 62c. here. Extra No. 3 sold on Tuesday at 60½c. f.o.b. cars. No. 3 very quiet, but sold on Saturday at 57 and 55c. f.o.c. The feeling at the close was that of dulness and inactivity renewed with no movement reported. Peas have been in steady demand but obtainable only at outside points; sales at these were made last week at 58 and 59c., being equal to about 60c. here, which prices were repeated at the close. Rye, nothing doing, either by cars or on the street, on the latter 70c. is bid.

**GROCERIES.**—Are practically without change. The tea market remains very strong, and as it is apparently becoming scarce a rise is probable. There is fair activity in tobacco. Molasses and syrups are quiet. Sugar has not advanced in price since our last report, though an increase was confidently expected. A fair demand exists for currants, but Valencia raisins of ordinary grades are a little easier; but the very best are scarce and generally command a slightly increased price. Nuts are in steady demand. Coffee, not moving at all. Tomatoes are perhaps a trifle firmer. Business is tolerably good, but payments this week have been rather slack.

**HAY.**—Pressed has been rather easier, but has continued to sell well at about \$1 decline, with sales of timothy on track at \$15 to \$16; clover inactive and nominal.

**HARDWARE.**—A very quiet week, and nothing of consequence to report. Advices from London indicate a weakening in the price of tin that has had a quieting effect in New York and Toronto. There is a fair business in tin plates, as the low prices lead to more extended operations. Quotations are unchanged.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—Green hides have declined a half-cent, or to 5½c. for No. 1 inspected; to 4½c. for No. 2, and 3½c. for No. 3, with a good supply of good quality; but cured in less active demand and lower, with sales at 6½c. for No. 1 and 6½c. for selected. Calfskins—Green not offered and not wanted; cured purely nominal. Sheepskins—Green advanced to \$1.10 to 1.15,

and dry usually ranging from 60 to 80c., with sales quite as large as dealers care for at these prices.

**HOPS.**—A very few sales of small lots of new are reported at 20 to 24c., the latter for single bales, and 22c. bid for a lot at the close, when growers seemed somewhat more flexible; yearlings have sold very slowly at 14 to 15c., but old have been offered in vain at almost any price.

**POTATOES.**—Cars quiet; offered freely at 35c. on track, but holders being well stocked have held off, leaving little or nothing doing.

**POULTRY.**—The preceding week's rush has been checked and prices have been slightly firmer, but any renewal of large offerings would again bring them down. Turkeys closed at 8 to 9c. and geese at 6 to 6½c. per pound, with ducks worth from 60 to 75c., and fowl 30 to 40c. per pair.

**LIVE STOCK.**—A slight improvement has taken place in the local cattle market; the supply this week has been lighter and the quality better than usual, and in consequence prices have not risen, but tightened for all grades of the better class of live stock. Neither from Buffalo nor Montreal do we receive very encouraging accounts of the present or prospective condition of the trade; both these centres complain that they are overstocked with butchers' supplies, and that the enormous quantities of poultry are seriously interfering with the regular cattle demand. A cable received yesterday from Liverpool quotes values a little steadier. American supplies short, and imports from European ports are described as enormous, while Canadian cattle of good quality are in fair demand there at steady prices.

**LEATHER.**—Hardly any change since our last report; if anything trade is more dull. The small amount of business doing is restricted entirely to small purchases for immediate use, and no improvement is to be expected until the New Year, as all stocks are now being kept very low. Heavy jobbing Spanish and harness leathers are being enquired for, but everything else is dull. Payments are spoken of as being very fair. Prices are unchanged and steady.

**PAINTS AND OILS.**—There is next to nothing doing, nor is it likely that any movement will occur until the beginning of the year. Turpentine is very unsettled; it is quoted at 76 to 80c., but is likely to advance at any moment, and this has unsettled the quotations of the common kinds of varnish. All other lines are quiet and the figures of last week are unaltered.

**PETROLEUM.**—An advance has taken place in Canadian refined oil, and we quote it now at 15c., with a probability of it going higher. There has been a great improvement in business this week and prospects are very favorable. All other quotations are unchanged, but firm.

**PROVISIONS.**—Have shown a generally satisfactory trade. Choice butter has continued in active demand and some enquiry has also been heard for common, but nearly all the grades have been neglected. Selections of fine dairy have sold at 18½ to 19c., and some lots of same have sold outside at 17½ to 18c., about equal to a half-cent. more laid down here; bakers have taken common at 13 to 14c., and one small shipping lot sold at 13c.; abundance of this grade on hand; boxed lots of rolls came in slowly and sold readily at 16 to 18c. for good to choice, more of this sort wanted. Cheese is firm all over; choice has sold in small lots at 10½ to 11c., usually at the latter price, and summer make held firmly, with a lot of fifty boxes sold at 9½c. Eggs.—There has been but little change in the situation; fresh have been all readily taken at 20c. for trade lots and 21c. for cases, with limer quiet at 17½ to 18c. Pork is unchanged with sales of small lots at about \$18.00. Bacon is very quiet with the tendency rather downwards, but no change established in the absence of any considerable trade; long-clear usually held at 10c., but a few tons have sold at 9½c. with trade lots offered at this figure; Cumberland nominal at 9c.; rolls quiet at 11c. and backs and bellies at 11½ to 12c. Hams quiet, with a few small sales of smoked at 11½c., but some holders still asking 12c. Lard rather easier at 11c. for large, and 11½c. for small pails of local make, and imported tins held at 11c. with nothing doing in them. Hogs unsettled; some sales have been reported at \$6.75, but this was for very choice, such as is

seldom offered, and some sales are quoted down to \$6.25; with meats unsettled, hogs must be somewhat the same.

**SALT.**—Quiet; Liverpool coarse sold by the hundred-bag lot rather lower, but small lots have stood as before at 70 to 75c. No change in Canadian barrelled at 90c. per barrel for small lots, and very few selling; but bagged is sold in lots of 200, and 100 sacks at 60c.

**TALLOW.**—Steady of sale, but rendered rather easy at 5½ to 6½c., and rough unchanged at 12½c.; no trade-lots moving.

**WOOL.**—Fleece has continued to offer very slowly, but when available it has found buyers at 19 to 19½c. for selected and 16c. for rejected. Pulled has begun to offer more freely, and has sold in lots at 21 to 21½c. for super, and 27 to 27½c. for extra, which prices would have been repeated at the close.

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