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HAY AND STRAW.—Both hay and straw are brought into the market in ample quantities; yesterday 150 loads were offered. Best timothy hay is bringing \$10 per ton, inferior \$8. Clover hay \$6 to \$7 per ton. Straw, sheaf, superior \$8, and inferior \$7 per ton.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is no change in the hide situation; the supply continues light with an active demand. Prices are strong at present figures. Sheepskins, not a great many offering; all offered, are readily taken at quotations. Calfskins are nominal, nothing doing in them. Tallow, steady, rendered rather scarce and quoted at 5½c. to 6c. per lb.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The movement of metals is moderate; there is always more or less bar iron, cast steel and steel plate selling. As to pig iron, it is next to impossible to buy British, and there is no Summerlee in stock, and but little Carnbroe. Southern and Western, pig are now bought largely in Ontario. We quote one brand, "Bay View," at \$22.50. Not only this, but refined American bar iron comes into market here, and is selling at \$2.60 per 100 lbs., against \$2.75 for Nova Scotia bar. American cast steel is in stock here at from 10 to 12c. per lb. for Syracuse or Pittsburgh make, while Firth's is held at 13½ to 15c. Ingot copper is easier; antimony we quote lower, say 21 to 22c. As to cut nails nothing definite will be known as to the course of the manufacturers till after the New Year; prices are meanwhile as quoted. Manilla rope, which has made two jumps upward and one fall back, is now settled at 14½ to 15c. per lb. OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—The oil and paint

OILS, PAINTS AND GLASS.—The oil and paint business continues in an unsatisfactory condition, with no visible sign of improvement. Prices are unchanged with one exception. Spirits turpentine show a reduction of about two cents, and is now selling at 58 to 60c. per

