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LUMBER.—The demand is dull, the trade thus far not having picked up as was hoped, and prices are distinctly weaker. But a limited quantity is moving to the United States from this market, whatever may be the case at Ottawa. In the country districts of Canada there is as yet very little request for lumber; stocks in the hands of yard men are light and the building demand is very moderate. After the 1st January, however, there is likely to be more activity. In Toronto there is by no means the stir in building that existed a year or two ago, and this has affected the demand during the summer. Hemlock, a good deal of which is now used for joisting, is plentiful at steady prices; tamarack is asked

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for occasionally for car flooring, &c.; spruce is in very light request. We quote clear pine, 1 inch or over, \$35.00 to 37.00; pickings, 1½ inch or over, \$27.00 to 29.00; clear and pickings, 1 inch, \$23.00 to 25.00; do. 1½ inch, \$30.00 to 33.00; flooring and dressing, \$16.00 to 17.00. Lath, lower, \$1.75 to 1.85.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—There is a strong upward feeling in the iron market. Pig is held at an advance of \$1.00 per ton; common bar up to \$2.00; refined, \$2.35; hoops and bands, \$2.50; tank plates, \$2.25. Steels are also higher; we quote steel boiler plate at \$2.75 and sleigh-shoe steel \$2.50. Rope is in active request and higher; we quote 12 to 12½ c. for Manila and 12 to 12½ c. for Sisal. An active movement is reported in heavy goods, all over the list. Prices are not yet changed in tin plates; in both coals and charcoal makers are full of orders, and all are firm at quotations. Canada plates are moving freely, increased freights and low stocks in England render them firm at our quotation. Still much activity in zinc and lead markets, no prospect of prices receding.

PROVISIONS.—Trade has been fair since our last. In hog product stocks are reduced to a minimum; long clear bacon sells at 11½ to 11¾ c., which is higher than last week. Lard is also up a quarter cent, being 12½ to 13 c. according to package; breakfast bacon, 14 c.; smoked backs, 13½ c.; hams are not much enquired for, 13 c. is still the price. Receipts of dressed hogs are increasing, but the price is maintained at \$7.75 per 100 lbs. Cheese is firmer, jobbing at 10 to 10½ c. for finest, which shows that a "boom" has been in progress since our last. All the cheese east of this city has been contracted for, but the western factory men are holders for bigger prices. Butter is in active demand, if quality is suited to city trade 18 to 20 c. will be paid; sound, well-kept summer butter is saleable at 16 c.; stocks here are very limited. Eggs are firmer, say 19 c., though at this figure consumption is much reduced. Transactions in hops are not numerous, new quote at 25 to 30 c.

PETROLEUM.—Prices of domestic are if anything easier. Canadian can be had in 5 to 10 bbl. lots at 14 c. per gal., and in single bbls. at 14 to 14½ c.; carbon safety and American prime and water white are unchanged. The demand is generally good, as is usual at this season, and the movement active.

WOODENWARE.—Trade has been fairly active, with no changes in price of late. Collections are not satisfactory; renewals are frequent because of the late harvest. Pails, 2-hoop, \$1.60 per doz.; 3-hoop, \$1.80 (1st quality); tubs, No. 0, \$8.50; No. 1, \$7.50; No. 2, \$6.50; No. 3, \$5.50; nests of three, \$1.60; washboards x, \$1.35 per doz.; xx, \$1.50; Waverley, \$1.65; Planet, \$1.75; matches, Telegraph, \$3.35 per case; Telephone, \$2.80; Parlor matches, \$1.75 per case. Brooms are as yet unchanged.