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Groceries.—The feature in sugar was an advance all round of 10c. per cwt., due to the strong feeling and similar advance in New York. The movement is pretty active. New peas (canned) are now in the market, and quoted at from 871/2c. to \$1.40. Business in general lines is exceptionally active for this season of the

Hides, Skins and Leather.-A fair demand exists for hides and receipts are moderate. Lambskins and shearlings are In tallow no change has taken place. The leather trade is experiencing no great activity, but conditions are good and prices keep firm. In Chicago the hide market is dull and unsettled. As a general rule packers are not disposed to push sales. In a few instances, however, there appear to be holders who are looking for bids. Prices are nominal at 111/4 to 113/4c. for native steers, 141/2c. for heavy Texas, 111/2c. for butt brands, 111/2c. for Colorados, 101/4 to 101/2c. for heavy native cows and 101/2c. for branded ditto. Country hides are quiet at 91/4c. for No. 1 buffs.

Live Stock.—At the cattle market this week there was an exceptionally heavy run of export cattle, and, although Chicago reports were firm, prices here took an easier turn, a drop of 10c. per cwt. in some cases being recorded. Butchers' cattle were in rather keen demand and good qualities had an upward tendency so far as price was concerned. stockers or feeders offered, but there was little demand. Trade in milch cows was good, the offerings as a rule being of high grade. Sheep and lambs were in smaller supply than usual of late, but the demand was also slack.

Provisions.—For choice lots of butter the demand is good, and receipts are

are most wanted. For cheese the demand may be described as only fair and the market is easier in accordance with outside markets. A fair demand exists for eggs, at 14 to 15c., with moderate A dull and easier feeling receipts. exists with regard to hops, and Canadian crop is quoted around 18c. to 21c. There is a brisk demand for smoked meats and other hog products at about the same prices.

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