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and oats also appear to be a little damaged.

Groceries.—Business latterly has been quite active. Sugars are beginning to move again, being in good demand for preserving the late fruits. Prices for dried fruits in our quotations are purely nominal, though stocks are being used up gradually. Rio coffee is lower almost than ever before. New Japan teas are arriving now, while the prices of Indias and Ceylons being so low, quite a lot of these are being sold. In small canned fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries and cherries, there has been a light pack, and prices are already very firm. Holders expect them to go considerably higher. The prospects are for very much higher prices in evaporated apples, owing to scarcity of that fruit. Of canned vegetables it is difficult to speak. There is likely to be a good demand for peas and green beans, and these being comparatively scarce, prices are likely to go quite high. They are at present very firm. Bright sugar syrups are almost impossible to obtain, and large quantities of glucose (corn syrup), are selling as a consequence.

Hardware.—There has been an advance in price of wire nails. Those being sold principally now are shingle and small nails. The low prices which have prevailed were chiefly due to the lowness of cut nails. Business has been a little on the quiet side during the holiday season; still it has been better than usual at this time of the year.

Hides and Skins.—The demand is good with fairly liberal receipts. For lamb-skins the market is somewhat firmer. Tallow is fairly firm.

Leather.—A 2c. advance has taken place in harness leather, and general firmness characterizes the market. Men in the trade anticipate still greater improvement.

Live Stock Market.—For choice stock there has been a good demand, but for the bulk of the offerings at the market this week the request was not brisk. Export cattle and heavy feeders are fairly firm. The supply of butchers' cattle, especially of high grade has been small. High class milch cows were in strong demand, but few were to be obtained.

Provisions.—For butter the demand is somewhat less active, owing to a slackening of enquiry from Great Britain, attributed partly to the large supplies landed there from Russia and Norway. Poultry is in good demand, but receipts are small, owing to the renewed hot weather. The cheese market is dull, but prices remain at about the same level. Eggs continue steady, and the export demand is pretty good. Quality is improving. In hog products a very strong market prevails, and prices are looked upon as being too low in proportion to the cost of live hogs. Stocks are light.

Wool.—Offerings of fleeces are quite liberal, but no business is being transacted. There is no export demand.

—The Canada North-West Land Company's sales for July, 1901, are reported at 1,241,339 acres at \$66,786.75. Against this the sales for 1900 were 471,220 acres at \$25,476.18.

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