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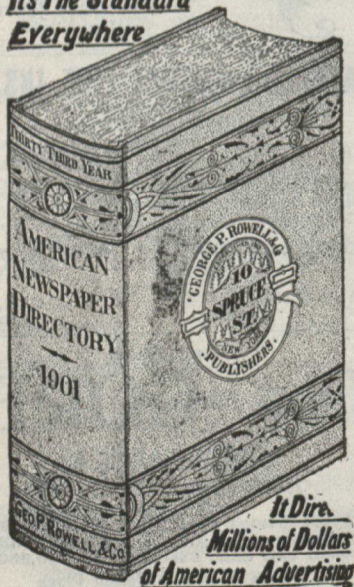
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made, and prices continue as last reported. There is little or no business being done, receipts from farmers being very light, owing to the poor condition of the roads.

Fruits.—No new feature has developed under this heading. Business is about normal for this time of the year. Latest reports from Liverpool say that apples from Canada have been reaching that port in very good condition, and that the market is better, with more enquiry and an upward tendency. Prices realized are: Baldwins, 19s. 6d. to 27s.; Ben Davis, 20s. to 26s.; seconds, 17s. to 19s.; spies, 21s. to 26s. 6d.; seconds, 14s. 6d. to 19s. 6d.; russets, 21s. to 26s. 6d.; seconds, 17s. 6d. to 20s.; Nova Scotia, Ben Davis, 17s. to 22s.; non-pareils, 18s. to 23s. Prices for other fruits in local market are quoted as follows: Extra fancy California, Washington navels, \$3.25 to \$3.50 per box; Valencia oranges, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per large box; Mexican, \$2.50 per box; marmalade, \$2.75; new Messina, lemons, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Almeria grapes, \$5.50 to \$6 per keg; apples, \$4 to \$5.50 per barrel; bananas, fancy, \$1.50 to \$2 per bunch; cranberries, \$10 per barrel

Groceries.—There is little to say under this heading this week. Business continues very dull, owing to the bad condition of the roads throughout the country. Sugar remains unchanged since the decline of last week, and there is but a small movement. Canned vegetables are firm, and so are Mediterranean fruits.

Hardware.—There is nothing new in our quotations. The manufacturers of harvesting tools have lowered the discount on hay forks, garden rakes and hoes, and the new discount is 60 and 10 and 10. Prices in general lines have a hardening tendency. Business in the heavy metals continues active. From Glasgow comes the report that a large business has been done in the pig iron market. Scotch warrants touched 54s. 1d. per ton; Middlesbro, 48s. 3d.; and West Coast hematite, 59s. 3d. per ton, cash. Scotch closes 2½s. per ton over last Friday's price, while West Coast hematite is 3d. and Middlesbro 5d. per ton less. Consumers have been buying freely, especially in the malleable department, which has been slack for some time but the advance of 5s. per ton in this branch has brought out new orders. Makers' prices are firm all round.

Hides and Skins.—The demand for hides is dull and inactive owing to the poor quality of the offerings usual at this time of the year. Calfskins are also dull, owing to the recent decline in the States. Sheepskins find a fairly ready sale, and there is no large accumulation of stocks. There is a good demand for tallow, which has become somewhat scarce. Prices are firm.

Live Stock.—A very brisk trade went forward at the cattle market this week, and several prospective purchasers had to go away without finding what they wanted. Owing to the scanty offerings, export cattle were more especially in demand, and sold at increased prices, compared with last week, ranging from 5 to 15c. per cwt. Butchers' cattle also were wanted, and sold higher. Sheep and lambs ruled strong, but were sold at old prices.

Provisions.—Butter remains unchanged the supply and demand being fairly well balanced. Cheese is quiet, but firm, owing to an improved demand for export. Eggs have continued their downward march, and are selling at 13c. In hog products prices remain unchanged. Trade is only fair. Dressed hogs are offered at 7½c.

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