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time past, having made no change. demand for sugars has fallen off some-what. In teas but little is done, in anti-cipation of the arrivals of Japans, which are to begin next month.

Hardware.-We hear of no particular change during the week. Farm implements, such as hay-rakes, forks, and snathes are being called for in large quantities. Campers' supplies, too, are selling well, and such articles as fishing appliances, hammocks, awnings, oil stoves, etc., are the rage. Some of the travellers are now taking their holidays, otherwise business would be still more active than it is actually. Payments are normal. In the heavy metals, a fair trade is being carried on, without any particular feature presenting without any particular feature presenting

Hides and Skins.—The reduction in prices, in sympathy with the decline in Chicago, prophesied in last issue, has come about, and green cows are now selling for 7½c., and steers at 8c. Business continues fairly active. Tallow is about

Live Stock.—Heavy offerings have been the order this week, but the heavy demand cleared them out without any difficulty. Prices remain the same. Exporters' and butchers' cattle have been most in request. Sheep are easier.

Provisions.—Hardly any alteration in prices has taken place, under this head, during the week. For smoked meats, active demand continues, and factories are a little behind with orders. Stocks generally speaking, are light. Fair supplies of dairy butter are coming forward, but the quality of much is but second-rate. the quality of much is but second-rate. Cheese is rather quiet. Good receipts of eggs are reported, but the quality is still poor, and this is affecting the demand.

Wool.-No improvement is visible in the demand for wool for export, and business is at a standstill.

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