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still quoted at \$2.65, in buyers' covers, middle freights. Manitoba flour is steady, For millfeed the demand is fairly brisk. Oatmeal continues steady.

Fruits, Etc.—Evidence is not wanting that the end of the domestic fruit season is not far distant. Peaches and plums are out of the market, and grapes are coming in in much smaller quantities. Apples are not coming in in the usual large quantities at this time of the year, and have advanced about \$1 per barrel. We quote: Pears, per basket, 25 to 50c.; per barrel, \$2 to \$2.50; apples, per basket, 20 to 35c.; per barrel, \$2.50 to \$4.50; grapes, small basket, 20 to 25c.; large basket, 27½ to 40c.; bananas, per bunch, \$1.25 to \$2; lemons, per box, \$3 to \$4; California lemons, per box, \$4.50 to \$5; oranges, per barrel, \$5.50 to \$6; cranberries, per basket, \$1; per barrel, \$8; quinces, per basket, 30 to 40c.; per barrel, \$2.75 to \$3.

Grain.—Wheat is unchanged with an easier tendency, as holders are asking more than exporters feel like offering. Barley is firmer and held at 2 to 3c. higher. Oats are firm and there is a good demand at 1 to 2c. advance. Rye, corn and buckwheat unchanged.

Groceries.—General trade in the groceries' line has been quite active this week, with the exception of sugars, which have dragged. Referring to this commodity, the Acadia refinery has reduced its price 10c., though other brands remain unaltered, the exact reason for the decline not being stated. Teas, especially Ceylons and Indians are distinctly firmer, and in some cases prices have gone up a cent or two. Mediterranean fruits are coming in in some quantity now, though it is too early to state any definite changes in prices. Canned fruits, particularly apples, are held firmly.

Hides and Skins.—Offerings of hides are coming in steadily, but the demand keeps good, and there is but little accumulation of stocks. Sheepskins are steady and an advance is expected. Tallow also has advanced in price. In Chicago, according to some reports, packers are beginning to accumulate a few hides. Demand has fallen off, tanners having withdrawn from the market as free buyers. Prices quoted showed no changes, with native steers at 14c., heavy Texas at 14 to 14¼c., butt brands at 12½c., Colorados at 12¼c., and heavy native cows at 12c. Country hides are quiet, with No. 1 buffs at 9½ to 9¾c.

Live Stock.—A brisker business was done at the stock market this week, but prices showed little improvement on last week, as holders were obliged to get rid of accumulative stock. The quality of a large portion of the offerings leaves a good deal to be desired. For export cattle the demand continues light. Butchers' cattle, however, showed some slight improvement, and so did feeding cattle. High class milch cows were in good demand, but such were few and far between.

Provisions.—Large roll butter is coming in more freely, bringing 16c. Choice dairy tubs are selling at 16 to 16½c. There is still no demand for medium and common qualities. In hog products, the feeling is easier, long clear is worth 11½c.; rolls, 11½c. Lard, 11¾ to 12c. Eggs, strictly new laid, are selling for 18c.; held stock, 15 to 16c.; limed, 13 to 14c.

Seeds.—Alsike and timothy are being offered in small quantities in the country, but deliveries of red clover are going forward in earnest. Export demand, however, is small, there being no money in the prices offered. Reports from London state that a very quiet feeling continues to characterize the trade in field seeds. There is no demand for sowing, of course, and no speculative demand has sprung up.

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