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Hardware.—Seldom has there been so much activity at this season of the year in hardware circles as now. Snow shovels, sleigh bells, etc., are moving very freely. Building paper has advanced a little. Soldering-irons and washing machines too are on the up-grade. Screen wire cloth may advance. Terne plates have dropped 25c., and ingot tin has gone up 1c. per pound. Iron in its various forms is meeting with a very good demand.

Hides and Skins.—Not very much is doing in hides just now, though prices remain 25 before, with, if anything, a slightly rising tendency. Sheepskins are in good demand, supplies coming forward being rather light. Calfskins are quiet. Tallow remains steady.

Groceries.—Little remains to be added to what was said in last issue under this heading, the situation being just about the same. Sugars have made no change, but the market is easy. Dried fruits are steady, though the volume of business is not large. Canned goods retained their strength.

Paints and Oils.—Turpentine still remains a feature of the trade just now owing to its high price and firmness. It has latterly reached \$1 per gallon, though usual quotations give around 93 or a little higher. Lubricating and tanners' oils are a little higher. Crude petroleum is scarce. Linseed oil is strong. White lead is unsettled.

Live Stock.—A better tone prevailed in the cattle market this year, buyers showing more disposition to make purchases. Exporters are complaining of high prices, claiming there is no profit for them at present figures. Butchers' cattle were in light supply and the demand was brisk. All the sheep and lambs offered sold at good prices.

Provisions.—A good deal of butter is coming forward, but much of it is poor quality. For choicest grades the demand is brisk. The cheese market is steady at 13c. for large tubs and 13 1/2c. for twins. New laid eggs are in fair demand, but other stock, which is very plentiful, does not sell very readily, and only serves to unsettle prices. A steady market exists for poultry, though receipts are light. In hog products there is not much change, but the general situation is good for this time of the year.

Wool.—The wool market grows perceptibly stronger, a position improved by the fact that several fair-sized round lots of fleece have been purchased for the States. Prices have an upward tendency, but the material is in no great supply. Pulled wools for use in Canadian mills are in good demand at steady prices.

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