atropine a considerable reduction has been made. Menthol is firmer. At the London auction sales of cocoa butter last week, the average price was 12⅝d.

Dry Goods.—Since the change for more seasonable conditions has taken place in the weather, a considerably improved sorting trade has taken place. Travellers report indications for a good fall trade throughout the country as being very good. Payments have been very fair.

Flour and Grain.—A steadier feeling prevails in the flour trade. The price quoted for 90 per cent. patents is now $2.95 in buyers' bags, middle freights, while extra choice grades are a few cents higher. Manitoba flour is firmer. Bran and shorts are firm, while oatmeal remains about the same. In the grain market, not very much is being done. Ontario wheat is up about 1c.; Manitoba is steady at unchanged figures. Barley is nominal, with quotations unchanged. Oats are firmer. Peas and rye are dull. Corn has gone up 2c.

Fruits and Vegetables.—This is a busy time at the fruit warehouses, with a multiplicity of domestic fruits coming forward every day. Everything is selling well. We quote California late Valencia oranges, $5.25 to $5.50 per box; lemons, Majori, $3.50; bananas, fancy $1.50 to $2.25; Canadian white beans, $1.30 per bushel; Lima, 7c. per pound; cocoanuts, $3.50 per sack; tomatoes, $1.10 to $1.25 per four-basket crate; water melons, 25c. to 30c. each; Canadian cherries, cooking, 90c. to $1.25 per basket; eating, 90c. to $1.25; gooseberries, 40 to 65c. per basket; cabbage, $1.25 per bbl.; new potatoes, 80c. to $1 per bushel.

Groceries. — The improved conditions of late in the grocery trade have been maintained. Sugars are still dull; but with the improved conditions for the ripening of fruit, and the consequent greatly extended making of preserves, it is likely that there will be a greater movement in this commodity before long. The great firmness in canned vegetables, especially tomatoes, corn and peas, continues. Teas, especially Ceylon, are firm. Rice, tapioca and starch are all keeping pretty steady without any special feature developing. In currants an easier feeling may be noted owing to much more favorable reports from Greece. The market continues bare for Valencia raisins. Not much is doing in California evaporated fruits.

Hides, Skins and Leather.—No change has taken place since last week in hides and skins. The leather trade is a little quiet just now, but all the conditions favor a good business in the near future. Prices are all stiff.

Live Stock.—The receipts at the Cattle Market were much lighter than has been the case recently, but as the demand was only middling and the quality of offerings was on the poor side, prices were somewhat easy. Butchers' cattle were in fair demand, but prices remained the same as last week.

Hardware.—Rope has dropped in price a little again, owing to large arrivals from England in Montreal. The volume of business in general hardware has been fully up to the average for this season. The principal shipments consist of agricultural implements, such as forks, hay forks, grain carriers, scythes, rope for hay forks, scythe stones, etc. The heavy metals trade continues as brisk as ever. Prices, too, are stiff.

Provisions.—Butter is easier, the British market being off a little. Cheese is a turn weaker also, but is about steady in price. Hog products are firm, and a good trade is being carried on. In eggs there is not much change, but they continue abnormally high for the time of the year.

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