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given place to these almost entirely, Apples are being shipped to Britain in large quantities, the number of barrels shipped to date having been 1,612,075 barrels, as against 476,842 barrels up to the same time last year. Latest reports from Liverpool say the market is better, with more enquiry and an upward tendency. Baldwins are quoted at 10s. 6d. to 16s.; greenings, 13s. to 18s. 6d.; spies, 13s. to 16s. 6d.; russets, 14s. to 17s. and kings, 20s. to 26s. 6d. Quotations for fruits are as follows: Oranges, Mexican, \$2.50 per box; Florida, \$3.35, Valencias, \$4.50 to \$6.00, California Navels, \$3.75 to 4.00, Jamaica, \$5.50; California lemons, \$4.00 to \$4.50; Messina, \$3.50; bananas, \$1.25 to \$2.50 per bunch; cocoanuts, \$3.75 per sack; cranberries, \$9.50 per bbl.; winter apples, \$2.25 to 2.50; Almeria grapes, \$5.50 to \$6.00 per bbl.; Lima beans, 7c. per lb.; onions, 65c. per keg; Spanish, 70c. per case.

Fuel.—The tendency is upward again for hard coal, and though the nominal price given by dealers in the city is \$7.75 to \$8.00, it is difficult to obtain at any price. Soft coal is quoted at \$5.50 to \$6.50. Hardwood is about \$7.00. The cold wave of the present week has created a rush for all commodities, and it is difficult to forecast how things will go.

Groceries.—Prices are very little altered from last report. Sugars remain the same with the movement about normal. In teas, especially Ceylon greens, a fairly good business is being transacted. Canned tomatoes cannot be obtained under \$1.60 per case, and it is becoming difficult to get canned peas for less than \$1.00. General business is pretty fair, but presents no startling feature.

Hardware.—Rope has gone down a little in price owing probably to importations from Great Britain. Barbed wire also made a slight drop. Business in most lines is keeping up well. At this season of the year it may be expected to fall off shortly, but for the present such goods as cutlery, skates and other goods for the Xmas trade are selling well. The movement in metals continues quite heavy.

Hides.—This is the time of the year when the quality of the hides offering may be expected to deteriorate. Already prices in Chicago have dropped $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent, and there is no doubt but that this will soon be followed here.

Provisions.—Receipts of butter are just about sufficient for the demand. Prices keep unchanged. The bulk of the receipts coming to hand are large rolls. The market for eggs, new laid, is very strong. Cheese is steady at unchanged figures. In hog products there is a very free demand at quotations. Receipts of dressed hogs are liberal but prices are sustained at \$7.30 to \$7.40.

Wool.—Prices of wool have gone up in sympathy with the general advance at recent London wool sales. Not much business is being done, however.

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