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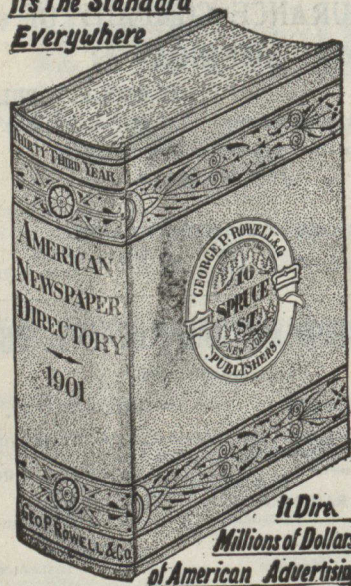
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lines. Teas, however, especially Japans, are looking up, and further advances are not improbable. The coffee situation, which has improved a little, is attracting some attention. Otherwise there is very little in the way of news.

Hardware.—No change has taken place in our quotations since last week, though Canadian chisels and draw-knives have been advanced 10 per cent. by the manufacturers. Business is very fair for this time of the year, but the volume of trade has naturally lessened during the last two or three weeks. All booked orders for such goods as harvest tools, window-screens, screen doors, fence wire, etc., have been completed, and orders now coming to hand for these articles are repeats. The metals trade is active, in sympathy with conditions across the border. From Glasgow, an irregular market is reported for pig iron warrants. A good business has been transacted in Middlesbro' warrants at about 49s. 8d. per ton, cash. Makers are firm in their prices, and consumers have again been buying more freely.

Live Stock.—There seems to be no abatement either in the demand for cattle of a good class, or in the prices asked for and realized by the same. At the market this week an actual advance was registered in the price realized for a fine bunch of export cattle. Butchers' cattle, too, were in brisk demand and fetched good prices.

Provisions.—Butter is firmer and good tubs fetch 16 to 16½c. The demand for large tubs is now over. One-pound blocks of choice quality fetch 17c. Eggs are steady at 14½c. The hog product market continues firm, and a good trade is being carried on at unchanged prices. Cheese is quiet and steady.

Wool.—Little can be said as to the wool situation in the local market, and still less anything of an encouraging nature. Some lots of new clip continue to come forward, but the demand is only small and dribbling, and prices realized are hardly profitable. A report from Philadelphia speaks of the situation in the States as follows: There is a firmer tone to the market, but prices are without change. They are not disturbed by the prospect of higher cost of material, which sellers predict as the probable result of activity in wool-growing sections, where wool is being bought as fast as it is shorn, on a somewhat higher basis than the parity of Eastern markets. The announcement of peace in South Africa has not been followed, as was expected, by advancing prices at London. While merino wools have been steady, there and without change, low medium crossbreds are a shade easier. Nevertheless, the wool situation is essentially sound. Increased consumption has reduced supplies, relieving the American markets of the free wool surplus (accumulated in advance of the enactment of the present tariff law), which, on several occasions, made it impossible to sustain prices after an advance had been secured.

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