

900 bushels in store. Hungarian Grass is jobbing, on orders from the country, at \$1.10; Millet at \$1.10; and Western Corn, for sowing, at \$1 per bushel.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Manufacturers still report a stagnation in business. The demand expected for a certain class of goods has not arisen, and the general impression is one of dullness. The summer trade is still hoped to turn out pretty well, however, as country stocks are not large.

DRY GOODS.—The continued cold and wet weather for the past three weeks has had a bad effect on all kinds of dry goods business. A considerable portion of the Spring trade has been utterly lost, and the aggregate trade will be lowered in figure, in consequence. A better feeling is apparent during the past few days.

FREIGHTS.—The freight charges from Toronto to Winnipeg are as follows:—By Grand Trunk, and all rail, per car for cattle, Toronto to Chicago, \$60; Chicago to St. Paul, \$40; St. Paul to Winnipeg, \$106.50; total, \$206.50. Merchandise, per 100 lbs.: 1st. class, 50c Toronto to Chicago; 50c Chicago to St. Paul; \$1.34 St. Paul to Winnipeg; total, \$2.34; total, 2nd class, \$1.94; 3rd class, \$1.53. By Grand Trunk to Sarnia and steamer then to Prince Arthur's Landing, or Duluth, per 100 lbs. merchandise, 1st class, 50c; 2nd class, 40c; 3rd class, 35c; from Prince Arthur's Landing to Winnipeg; 1st class, \$1.35; 2nd class, \$1.13; 3rd class, 91c. The rate on hams or bacon, all rail, is from Toronto to Chicago, per 100 lbs., 23c; Chicago to St. Paul, 17½c; from St. Paul to Winnipeg, 58c; total, 98½c per 100 lbs.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale dealers report the trade in May as better than that in April, but is still below the average of recent years. Quotations are: Tobacco dark 31c; Western Leaf 31c to 34c; bright 40c to 48c; choice 67c to 72c. Sugars are firm; Porto Rico, dark to fair, 7½c to 7½; bright to choice 7½c to 8c; Canadian refined 7½c to 8½c; granulated 9c to 9½c; lump 10c to 10½c; Scotch refined 7½c to 7½c. Raisins, Muscatel, loose, \$2.65 to \$2.80; Layers \$2.90 to \$3; Valencia 7c to 7½c; Prunes 7½c to 8c. Rice \$3.62½ to \$4. Tons are quiet. Coffee very quiet. Syrups steady. Herring, scaled, 35c to 37c.

HARDWARE.—Trade is reported only steady. A few orders are coming in for farm implements; and building materials are in fair demand. Following are quotations: Barbed fencing wire, galvanized, 8½c; pointed 7c; nails, per keg, 10d to 60d \$2.95 to \$3; 8d to 9d, \$3.20 to \$3.25; 6d and 7d \$3.40 to \$3.50; 4d and 5d \$3.60 to \$3.70; 3d \$3.95 to \$4.05.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.—The market has been very firm. There has been a scarcity of beasts for local consumption and prices have advanced. Good to fine butchers' cattle sold at Tuesday's market at from \$5.50 to \$6.25 per 100 lbs. live weight. There were about 300 head of cattle at the market, of which there was only a small proportion taken for export. Cattle for export are quoted at \$6.25 to \$6.37½. It is said that the bulk of the export cattle, ready for market, has been sent on; and it will be a few weeks till the grass-fed cattle are fit to be sent to market. There are very few sheep offering, and prices are quoted at 7c to 7½c per lb. live weight. Calves on the street are selling at \$8 to \$15 a piece; lambs at \$4 to \$6, according to size and condition.

PETROLEUM.—The market is very steady. Petroleum prices are firm. Canadian refined selling at 16c to 16½c, according to quantity. American refined selling at 25c for prime and 28c for water white.

PROVISIONS.—Meats are all firm. Bacon long clear selling, ton and box lots, 11½c to 12c; Cumberland Cut, 10½c to 11c. Rolls 13c. Bellies, pickled, 13c; smoked, 14c. Hams pickled, 13c; a lot of 100 tierces pickled sold at 12½c; smoked 14c; canvassed, 14½c. Lard, large pails 14c; small pails 14½c. Pork, in small lots \$23.25 to \$23.50. Beef in small lots \$16 for prime; \$17 for mess; \$18 for plate. Butter is easy, and market fully supplied, selling large rolls, in cases, at 14c to 16c, small pails, choice at 17c. Cheese is fairly in demand, and market not strong, selling at 13½c to 13½c. Eggs are not in over supply and steady, selling wholesale at 15c and 15½c for single boxes. Beans, unchanged at \$1.75 to \$1.90 per bushel. Dried Apples in moderate demand, selling common at 10½c to 11c; and evaporated at 16c to 17c.

OTHER PRODUCE.—Hogs nominally unchanged, selling at \$9 to \$9.25; Potatoes abundant, quoted at 55c and 60c per bag in ear lots. Pressed Hay lower, selling in ear lots at \$11.50 to \$12. Tallow steady, buying rendered at 8½c; rough at 5c. Apples slow of sale at \$3.50 and \$1 per barrel.

WOOL.—The new clip is expected to be coming in next week, and dealers are somewhat exercised on the question of what the opening prices should be. The demand for Canadian fleece is almost nil from the United States, and our home manufacturers can take but a small portion of the crop. It is thought that average fleece will be placed at about 18c, with selections 2c to 3c higher, or according to quality. Poor fleece will run from 15c up. Prices are expected to be lower at opening than last year. The demand from factories just now is rather quiet; Supers are quoted at 26c and 27c; Extra Supers at 31c; fine 32c or 33c.

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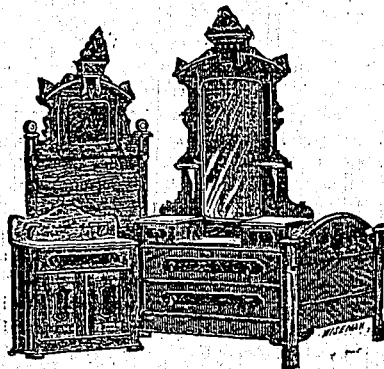
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