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to 2c. lower. Corn is 1 to 2c. higher, while buckwheat is unchanged. Business continues light, and receipts hardly amount to anything, the farmers being busy harvesting. There will be no active business transacted till the new crop begins to move.

Green Fruit.—An active trade is reported by wholesale fruit dealers. Raspberries have been coming forward in large quantities, but the quality was affected somewhat by wet weather. Prices, especially for foreign fruits, have an easier tendency, owing probably to the large offerings of domestic. We quote: Bananas, per bunch, \$1.50 to \$2; cherries, per basket, 90c. to \$1.25; currants, black, per basket, \$1 to \$1.25; currants, red, per basket, 40 to 50c.; huckleberries, per basket, 80c. to \$1; lemons, per box, \$4.50 to \$5; oranges, per box, \$4 to \$5; peaches, California, per box, \$1.40 to \$1.75; do., Canadian, per basket, 50c.; do., Texas, per crate, \$1.50 to \$1.75; do., Georgia, per crate, \$2.25 to \$2.50; pears, California, per crate, \$3.25 to \$3.75; do., Canadian, per basket, 40 to 50c.; plums, California, per box, \$2 to \$2.50; raspberries, black, per box, 7 to 9c.; do., red, per box, 7 to 9c.; tomatoes, Canadian, per basket, 80c. to \$1; watermelons, each, 25 to 35c.

Groceries.—Quietness still prevails in general groceries, and little actual business, other than that needed for current requirements, is being transacted. Sugars are dull, without any particular indication of coming change. In canned fruits the features are the advance in cherries, apples and strawberries. Canned vegetables are stronger, especially peas. Matches have advanced 20c. per case.

Hardware.—No change in price has taken place since last report. Business is a little on the quiet side, owing to the holidays, but quite up to the average for this season of the year. It is rather early as yet to speak of the prospects for the fall business before the crops are in and other conditions settled, but the wholesalers are laying themselves out for a good brisk season, and everyone seems confident.

Hides and Skins.—Prices of hides are somewhat easier in sympathy with the state of things in Chicago. Receipts are pretty large, but the demand not very brisk. Lambskins are quite firm. The tallow market is quiet.

Leather.—Recent advances in price appear to be meeting the conditions satisfactorily. Preparations are being made for the fall trade, which is expected to be a brisk one.

Live Stock.—A great falling off both in the offerings and in the demand was visible on the cattle market this week. The quality of the butchers' cattle offered was below par. Export cattle were very slow. Sheep and lambs were dull, with lower prices for the latter.

Provisions.—The market for cured meats is very firm, stocks being in limited supply. The demand for smoked meats is especially good. There is no change in prices to quote. Receipts of butter are showing the effect of the hot weather, and the quality is not all it might be. Choice fresh-made packages bring 16½ to 17c. Common stock is neglected. Cheese in outside markets is much firmer, jobbing here at 10 to 10¼c. Eggs are easier at 11 to 11½c. The loss off on consignments continues exceptionally heavy.

Wool.—No improvement whatever is visible in the wool market. Indeed, the fact that large quantities of Argentina wool, similar to Canadian, is being shipped into the States at prices below cost here, is serving still further to depress prices.

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