

quoted at \$4.90 and of ordinary at \$4.75 to \$4.80. *Cornmeal* quiet and unchanged, with business confined to jobbing lots at \$3.75 to \$4 per barrel.

GRAIN.—Less demand for grain this week, especially wheat, because of the irregularity of outside markets, and a falling off of the European demand. Barley has continued steady and Peas firm. *Wheat*—But few sales chronicled the past week. Buyers seemed disposed to wait—the demand from Britain having slackened, and prices in Chicago and other leading markets declined. Spring wheat, however, has held well, while Fall is 2 to 3c lower than a week ago. A number of sales of the former were made on p.t. We quote \$1.09 for No. 1 and \$1.07 for No. 2. Car lots of fall sold at \$1.05 for No. 1, \$1.01 for No. 3, and \$1.03 is the value of No. 2. Receipts during the week have been fair. Barley has ruled steady, and some grades higher on account of scarcity. No. 1 sold outside at equal to 77c. The demand for No. 2 has been good and offerings limited; sales were made at 72 to 73c.; No. 3 extra is firm with sales at 66 and 67c., the latter in the Northern Elevator; No. 3 sold at 54c. and a very choice car at 58c. Other lots were reported as sold by sample at 57 to 66c. *Oats* rather quiet but prices steady; car lots of western sold during the week at 43 to 43½ and 44c.; Eastern sold the same day at 43c. on track. *Peas*.—The demand continues good and prices are firm; round lots for shipping bring 76 and probably 77c. *Rye* dull and nominal, car lots being quoted at 60c. on track. *Corn* quiet and unchanged; Canadian is quoted at 62 to 65c., and American at 70c.

GROCERIES.—The movement has been small during the week, with no special feature except the advance in sugars. The sales of fish have been restricted, they being held at high prices, and the stocks are light. Fruits remain quiet but firm, with sellers asking 8c for Valencias in large lots, and jobbing lots of currants sold at 6½c. Sugars are unusually firm, with a number of transactions. Raws sold at 7½c. and 7½c for fair Barbadoes, and bright Porto Rico brought 7½c. Scotch is held firmly, as is also granulated. Dark yellows sold at 7½c. and bright 8½c. Syrups in fair demand and firm; West India molasses sold at 37c. Teas quiet, with no material change in values; Young Hysons sold at 16c for common grades, and choice Japan at 35c. Low Congous changed hands at 22c. and medium at 25 to 29c. Coffee quiet and prices unchanged. Tobacco is in rather better demand, and liquors are moving fairly well.

HARDWARE.—The spring season, now about opening, merchants are looking forward to more activity. Indications are said to favor a large movement, and a better demand for metals is springing up. There is little change in values since last week, but the tendency generally is easier. Payments are only fair.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Offerings of hides continue fair, with no alteration in prices. Sales of car lots of cured are reported at 7½c. and dealers are paying 7c for green cows and 8c for steers. *Calfskins* are nominal. *Sheepskins* are firm, with receipts small; they bring \$1.25 to 1.35.

LEATHER.—During the week business has been quiet. Orders are usually for small lots, and prices continue unchanged. There is however rather more easiness, and such will be the case until the demand becomes more active.

PROVISIONS.—There has been a moderate business this week, and prices as a rule show few changes as compared with a week ago. *Butter* is very steady, with the demand chiefly for jobbing lots. Really choice is scarce and would bring 22c., and pound rolls sell at 25c. on the open market. Good to ordinary tub sells at 18 to 20c., and store packed at 15 to 16c. Inferior lots bring 13c. *Cheese* has been in fair demand and firmer, there being an advance in Liverpool; ordinary sells at 12½c. and choice at 13½ to 13¾c. *Dried Apples* steady, with a fair demand; dealers pay 8½ to 9c., and assorted lots sell at 9½ to 10. *Eggs* are offering more freely, and are easier; case lots of fresh sell at 25 to 26c., and of pickled at 20c. *Hops* do not appear to be in demand and sellers would shade prices to 95c to \$1. *Potatoes* are coming in slowly and prices are firm; a car lot sold the other day at 65c. on track. *Bacon* is in moderate request, but prices are generally firm as stocks are light. Long clear in car loads are held at 11c., and jobbing lots sell at 11½c.; Cumberland cut is unchanged at 10 to 10½c. for large and small quantities. Some 10,000 lbs. of rolls sold at 12½c. *Hams* are quiet but firm; sweet pickled are worth 12c. in large lots, and smoked sell at 13 to 13½c. *Lard* is in good demand and firm; there have been sales of pails during the week at 14 to 14½c.

Pork is steady; Canadian mess is quoted at \$20.50 to \$21 and American at 21.50 to \$22. *Dressed Hogs* are offering in limited quantities and prices are firm at \$7.90 to \$8.20.

SEEDS.—The clover seed trade is now confined to jobbers and speculators, the export movement having almost come to an end. There is very little offering, and the demand not being active prices are easier at \$7 to \$7.25 for Western and \$7.50 for choice eastern seed. Alsike ranges from \$9 to \$12 according to quality. There is an increased trade in timothy at \$2 to \$2.25 per bushel.

WOOL.—There has been a very good demand this week, and a number of small lots of Canadian fleeces have been picked up at 19c. to 20c. per lb. A very fair sale was made at 21c. for a selected lot. Pulled supers are quoted at 27c. to 28c. and extra at 31c. to 33c.

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