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GROCERIES.—Business at wholesale is reported very quiet; payments, however, are very fair. Mediterranean products of all kinds are steady and good values; no special feature to note. In New York, low quotations are made for Valencia raisins, but this is supposed to imply an inferior grade of fruit, a considerable quantity of which is known to be on the market; the original markets are firm and steady in price. Currants and Bosnia prunes are unchanged; molasses is very firm; syrups steady and unaltered; sugars are not moving in large quantities, trade is quite unsettled, and a feeling of doubt exists still to the fore regarding the tariff; new rice expected on the market next week; old stocks may be said to be exhausted. The crops in Japan rice have been very large, and the feeling as to price is easier. The first new teas for the season are expected to arrive next month; first pickings being always high, it is not anticipated that quotations will vary much from present figures. Canned goods are steady and firm, but without change in value.

HAY AND STRAW.—The hay market has not been so well supplied this week, the continued dry weather causing farmers to hold back. Timothy hay, best quality, sold at \$15 per ton, ranging down to \$13; mixed hay sold at \$9 to \$11 per ton, and oat sheaf straw fetched \$9 to \$9.50.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The hide market is active with an improved demand; prices continue unchanged. Lambskins are coming in more freely and range in price from 20 to 25c. each; quotations for sheepskins are almost nominal, very few offering. Calfskins are in the usual plentiful supply common to this season; prices continue strong, and all offered are readily taken. Tallow is quiet and unchanged.

LEATHER.—The leather trade is very quiet, the demand from manufacturers being very limited. Tanners are looking for an advance; they say the price of hides is too high for leather to be sold at present quotations, which is probably not without some truth.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—The most prominent circumstances in connection with this line of business is that a deputation is on its

way to Ottawa to ask for the abolition of the duties on pig iron, or failing this, an increase of duties on hollow ware and on malleable iron goods, because the Americans are sending in these articles cheaper than our factories can make them, having to pay 30 per cent. on their pig iron. Trade this week has not been disappointing, and a better feeling seems to prevail generally. The nail question is causing irritation in wholesale circles, in consequence of quotations reaching the general retail trade, while those quoting are not prepared to furnish the goods. The action of the manufacturers in working at a loss to-day is regarded as stupid, but in the meantime the public are deriving some benefit from it, which will have to be paid for later.

PROVISIONS.—The business doing in the dairy trade is reported fair; butter is declining in price, rolls have been selling as low as 13c. per lb., but strictly fresh and choice easily sells at 15c.; there is no dairy tub in the market; mediums or common grades are not quoted. Cheese is rather easier, jobbing at 11 to 11½c. per lb.; old cheese exhausted. In hog products the feeling is steady with fair demand; long-clear bacon is quoted at 8 to 8½c. per lb.; breakfast ditto, 10½ to 11c.; hams, 11 to 11½c.; rolls, 8½ to 9c.; lard, 9½ to 10c.; eggs are steady at 12c. per dozen, ample supplies coming forward, balanced by an equally good demand; dried and evaporated apples are very quiet, holders keeping up the price on the small stocks that now exist. On the St. Lawrence market we observe that dressed hogs are bringing \$6.50 to 7.00 per 100 lbs.

WOOL.—The market remains quiet but steady, the business doing chiefly in small lots for the mills at unchanged figures; supers

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