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GROCERIES.—Business is good in the grocery trade, and prices are generally firm. Sugars advanced another 5c. on Monday, and quotations now are: Red-path, Paris, lump, \$5.25 to \$5.35 extra granulated, \$4.75; cream and phoenix, \$4.65; bright coffee, \$4.50; No. 3, yellow, \$4.20; No. 2, \$4.15; No. 1, \$4.05. Currants have also advanced, and are now quoted: Filiatra, $5\frac{3}{4}$ to $6\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Patras, $7\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Vostizza, 8 to $8\frac{1}{4}$ c. Prices in other lines are unchanged.

HARDWARE.—Retail hardware men are buying from hand to mouth at present, and though orders are of goodly number they are all small. A desire to reduce stocks on the part of jobbers has led to an easing off in prices of some commodities. The lower prices, however, are due rather to competition than to a weakness in primary markets. Thus, iron pipe is marked down from \$13.75 to \$13, and Manila rope is lower in all lines, basis going to $14\frac{1}{2}$ c.; sisal to 10c., and lath yarn to 10c. Window glass is also down 25c., but this is a seasonable reduction, and is due to the fact that imports are now coming via Montreal, and up the river, the reduction in freight rates going to the retailer. This reduction would have been made at the opening of river navigation, but that the arrivals were too small to warrant it.

HAY AND STRAW.—In loose hay, the supply is equal to the demand, and on the St. Lawrence market it brings from \$10 to \$11.50. Loose straw is somewhat scarce, at \$9.50. Baled hay is quoted by jobbers at \$8.50 per ton, and baled straw at \$4.75.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The demand for hides continues slow, and the market is decidedly quiet. We note a further decline in prices this week, cows, green, dropping from $8\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c. per lb., and steers from 9 to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. Rough tallow is down $\frac{1}{4}$ c., and is quoted at $2\frac{1}{4}$ c., while caul tallow shows a similar decline, and is at $3\frac{1}{4}$ c. Rendered tallow is unchanged at 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ c.

HOPS.—There is a little more doing in hops, and brewers are beginning to buy in small quantities. Prices remain at 12 to 14c., but there is a better feeling among dealers than has prevailed for some time past.

LIVE STOCK.—Trade is brisk in live stock, with nearly all descriptions in demand, and prices firm. The arrivals at the stock-yards for Tuesday's market were heavy, totaling 100 cars, made up of 1,604 cattle, 1,816 hogs, 434 sheep and lambs, 100 calves, and 3 horses. Export cattle show an advance of 10 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. per cwt. over last week, both in choice and lights, while butchers' cattle are also 10c. per cwt. higher. Hogs were firm at last week's figures, though an advance to \$7 per cwt. is looked for. We quote: Choice lots of export cattle, \$4.90 to \$5.25 per cwt.; lights, \$4.70 to \$4.85. The bulk of exporters sold at \$4.90 to \$5.15. Butchers' cattle brought all the way from \$3.50 to \$4.70, good and medium going at \$3.90 to \$4.25. Milch cows sold from \$30 to \$50 each. Sheep were \$3.75 to \$4 for ewes; and \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt. for bucks; yearling lambs were steady at \$4.50 to \$5.25 each. Hogs were: Best select bacon, \$6.87 $\frac{1}{2}$; thick fats, \$6.25; lights, \$6 per cwt.

METALS.—Business is fairly good, though orders given are almost entirely for present requirements. There has been some weakness in iron, but local quotations are unchanged. No marked disposition is shown on the part of buyers to do business, and orders for fall delivery are light. Dealers contend that later in

the year, when buyers come into the market, this will have the effect of putting prices up again.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Trade is good in paints and oils, with prices generally steady. There is noted, however, what promises to be a considerable break in the price of turpentine. This week we mark the price down to 73 to 75c. Other small changes in our Prices Current are white lead, in oil, 25 lbs., which goes from \$5.75 up to \$6 and \$6.25, and Venetian, red, Eng., which goes from \$1.50 and \$2 to \$1.75 and \$2. Other prices are unchanged.

PROVISIONS.—Prices in all lines are firm. Dairy butter is in light supply, and prices are up, tubs being quoted 15 to 16c., and prints, 16 to 17c. Creamery butter also shows an advance, boxes going to 18 to 19c., and prints to 19 to 20c. Cheese is firm at 10 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. for new, while old is quoted $13\frac{1}{2}$ c., though it is practically out of the market. There is an active demand for all lines of hog products, and prices show a general tendency to advance. Mess pork is up another 50c., and is now quoted \$16.50 to \$16.60; hams are also up $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and are at $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c.; picnic hams go from 9 to $9\frac{1}{2}$ c. Eggs are still firm at 12 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c. for new laid. Prices in other lines of provisions are unchanged.

WOOL.—The offerings of the new clip are light; in some localities, it is said, shearing has just begun. The market remains unchanged, and prospects during the week have not brightened any. For fleece, 15c. is quoted. For pulled wools there is little demand from the mills, and the prices are unchanged.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Respecting the London agricultural seed trade, Messrs. John Shaw & Sons have the following, at date 28th May, 1900: The usual summer quietude has now begun to characterize the clover-seed trade. Sowing requirements are just now naturally at a minimum; whilst no speculative activity of any importance has yet developed itself. Mustard continues in short supply, and firmly maintains the late advance. Full prices are also asked for rape seed. A small quantity of new thousand headed kale is now obtainable. Tares still find an occasional buyer. There has been an improved demand for Haricot beans, at quotations favoring holders. Blue peas, likewise, keep very strong in value. The canary seed market is dull, but there is no change in hempseed.

A PATRIOTIC "HOLD-UP."

The following two stanzas of a parody on "America," contrasting the condition of Hawaii, which has free trade with the United States, with that of Porto Rico under the tariff, appear in the San Juan News:

My country, 'tis of thee
That set Hawaii free,
Of thee I sing!
I am a slave no more,
I've dumped the load I bore.
And ceased to kneel before
A queen or king.

Land of the brave and just,
Land of the sugar trust,
How sweet to be
Held up outside the gate
And made to pay the freight—
I tell you what, it's great.
And tickles me!

—It is said that farmers of Saugeen Township have taken \$2,500 stock in the Walkerton binder twine factory, and Bruce Township farmers about \$4,000 worth.