

# AMONG THE WAREHOUSES.

## INCREASED ACTIVITY DEVELOPS DURING THE WEEK.

Retailers beginning to require for Christmas goods—Money matters improving—Best Wheat Crop in Ever Known—Trade and Finance—Cloakings—Plate Glass—The Price of Things.

The wholesale trade has developed some activity during the week. It is most noticeable in dry goods, a good enquiry having sprung up for Christmas goods. A better tone pervades the home market in some lines of which prices are higher in consequence largely of the Democratic victory in the States. Business is rather more active in groceries, leather, boots and shoes, paints and oil. All that is seemingly new and old. All that is seemingly new and old. All that is seemingly new and old.

Payments generally are rather more satisfactory and a better tone generally pervades the trade.

**PAINTS AND OILS.**  
No particular change is reported. Patent, rough and horse medicines have the call. Payments fairly good.

**DEMAND FOR THE COUNTRY CONTINUES brisk, and city trade shows considerable improvement. The demand for glass continues to be the feature of the trade. There is a fairly brisk demand for turpentine, and linseed oil is quiet at unchanged prices. White lead continues to be in demand, and no one seems anxious to push it. An improved demand is reported for plate glass. Glass continues to arrive freely. Payments show some improvement.**

**BOOTS AND SHOES.**  
The continued broken weather is having a beneficial effect on trade, and the improvement noted during the last couple of weeks is more marked. November shipments are up to date ahead of those for the same period last year. The demand for leather is heard from the other side; local manufacturers are fairly busy, but there is no speculative buying.

**LEATHER.**  
There is a decided improvement in all lines, but without any change in value. Compared with a year ago the volume of trade is reported to be larger. Tanners of colored leather have all the orders they can take care of. For sole and heavy harness leather demand is good.

**HIDES, SKINS AND WOOL.**  
Hides continue unchanged, with all offerings taken. Sheepskins were advanced \$5 on Tuesday, the ruling price now being \$5.50, although \$5.00 in excess of this sum is being paid in some instances. In wool no inquiry is heard from the other side; local manufacturers are fairly busy, but there is no speculative buying.

**HAIRWARE.**  
Trade shows some improvement. Sial rope has advanced 50c a pound. Metals are in good demand for this time of year, with prices firm. Demand for winter supplies, which are usually ordered about this time of year, is rather slow. A better tone pervades the English market, largely owing to the Presidential election in the United States, and copper and tin plates are being ordered.

**SHADES.**  
Demand has been good for gloves, hosiery and underwear and an increased movement in winter mantle cloths, shawls, curls and silk scarves. Payments have been moderately good.

**DRY GOODS.**  
There has been a spurt in trade during the last few days, and the volume of business is larger than a week ago. Retailers are beginning to get ready for the Christmas trade, and there is quite an inquiry for silk embroidered handkerchiefs in Swiss and expensive materials. Demand has been good for gloves, hosiery and underwear and an increased movement in winter mantle cloths, shawls, curls and silk scarves. Payments have been moderately good.

**GROCERIES.**  
Trade generally shows some improvement, and payments seem more satisfactory. Demand for coffee and sugar, and prices on Rio are 1-4c to 3-8c higher outside, with the probability of further advances being soon chronicled. There is an increased demand for fruits of all kinds, with prices firming in both Valencia raisins and currants; few dealers have any Valencia under \$10 a pound, and for the better grades \$1.50 to \$1.75. Raisins are \$5.75 to \$6.00, quarter flats \$1.80 to \$1.85, half flats \$1.85 to \$2.00, carboys of finest \$2.50.

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# W. R. BROCK & CO.

Preparatory to Stock-taking and Spring Business each department in the warehouse is exerting itself to clear out odd lots.

We ask the trade having an opening for Cloakings, Linen Tablings, Dress Goods, Knitted Goods, Underwear and Hosiery, to visit our warehouse.

Merchant Tailors' Goods a Specialty.

W. R. BROCK & CO., - - - TORONTO.

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## RICE LEWIS & SON

## Cor. King and Victoria-streets, TORONTO.

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