

Fruits and Vegetables.—The continued extremely cold weather has brought about considerable dullness in the fruit trade. Oranges are somewhat easier as a consequence. Lemons are a little firmer for choice grades, but a good deal of the stuff at present in the market has been more or less frosted, and for this prices are low. We quote: Apples, 75c. to \$2.50 per barrel, according to grade; cocoanuts, \$4 per sack; oranges, Florida, \$2.75 to \$3.50 per case; Jamaica, all sizes, \$2.25 to \$3 per box, \$3.50 per barrel; California navels, \$2.75 to \$3.25; Mexican, \$2.25 to \$2.50; Valencias, ordinary, \$4, large, 420's, \$5, and large, \$5.50; bananas, 8's, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; 1st, \$2 to \$2.50; celery, 50 to 75c. per dozen; cranberries, \$8 to \$9.50 per barrel, \$1.25 per basket; Spanish onions, \$2.75 to \$3 per large case, and \$1 for small; Malaga grapes, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per barrel.

Groceries.—The price of all grades of sugar have fallen 5c. The movement is fair. Coffees are quite strong, and Rios are quoted at 10 to 13c. Peanuts have advanced about 1/2c. owing to comparatively scanty crops and the heavy demand. Canned fruits and vegetables continue quite firm, though there has been no recent upward move in prices. In teas, some little business is passing, but nothing out of the way, and prices are very firm. General trade may be described as fair considering the bad state of the roads.

Hardware.—No price changes have taken place since last report. Trade at present is a little quiet compared with last year at this period, but this may be attributed to the severe weather. There is no notable feature to report, but indications are good for a fair season's business. In the metal trade the movement continues quite fair, with no abnormal conditions to report.

Hides and Skins.—Under moderate offerings, there is a somewhat easier market to report. Receipts of sheepskins are fair and the tendency is towards full prices. Calfskins are steady. In tallow, no change has taken place.

Provisions.—The demand for butter, especially dairy rolls has improved under light receipts from the country, and prices have moved up a little. Cheese is steady under a moderately active demand. Eggs, while the receipts continue light, are slightly easier owing to the excellent prices for fresh laid. Except in the case of chickens, there is not much demand for poultry and prices are easy. Old Country reports speak of similar conditions just now. Little trade is passing in hops. For hog products there is a fair demand, but quotations are a shade easier.

Wool.—No movement is taking place in domestic fleeces, but prices keep firm. The domestic mills are taking good-sized parcels of pulled wools, and there is a steady market. At the London wool sales on the 31st, the offerings numbered 13,807 bales. Scoured and medium and fine merinos were in large supply and were quickly taken by French and Ger-

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