

**DRY GOODS.**—The trade being done continues to be of a restricted volume, but there is a feeling of security among wholesale houses which was absent for months. The harvest is looked on as safe, and the outlook is considered to be good. Houses generally are not, however, anticipating any increase in the volume of business until harvest is garnered. All imported cotton fabrics are firm in price, and it is worthy of notice that the stock of domestic in the hands of the Grey Cotton Association is 2,300 bales less than it was in June last. A special feature of interest to the trade is the rumor that an English syndicate is forming, with the purpose of buying up all the colored print works in Lancashire, England, which at present is maintaining prices well. In the event of the syndicate accomplishing their views, it is thought the prices of these goods will be higher.

**FLOUR AND MEAL.**—The tone of the flour market is considerably improved, with a fair amount of business doing. In spring wheat, patent flour prices have advanced about 50c. per barrel with good demand existing; it is

now quoted at \$6.00 to 6.05; other brands are firm and tending upward. Oatmeal is easier, standard selling at \$4.60 to 4.70 per brl.; granulated \$4.75 to 5.00. Bran is scarce and in request, and has advanced in price about \$2 per ton; small lots selling at \$14.00; by the car lot \$13.50.

**GRAIN.**—The local wheat market continues excited and prices are higher since our last quotations, but are still away down compared with American and English markets, which are firm and daily advancing. The advance on winter and spring wheat is equal to about 2c. per bushel; for winter wheat No. 1, we quote 99c. to \$1.00; No. 2, 98 to 99c.; No. 3, 95 to 97c.; for No. 1 spring wheat, 99c. to \$1.00; No. 2 ditto, 98 to 99c.; No. 3 ditto, 95 to 97c.; Manitoba hard shows a stiffer rise of about 9c. per bushel, and is now quoted at \$1.25 to 1.26 for No. 1, and \$1.22 to 1.23 for No. 2. In barley there is nothing doing, and no movement is likely to be reported until the new crop begins to move; prices are unchanged, but purely nominal; oats are down, and now quoted at 42 to 43c. per bushel with an overstocked local market and the trade fully supplied. Not much enquiry for peas, and not many offering, prices unaltered. Corn and rye are purely nominal, prices same.

**GROCERIES.**—In common with most other trades, the grocers report an improvement in business, with a better feeling prevailing, caused by good harvest prospects. The principal movement reported in canned goods is in peas, corn and tomatoes. The new season's pack of peas is completed, and found to be one-third less than was anticipated. This is true of American as well as Canadian. The tomato crop is good, and the pack will be large if unfavorable weather does not come before operations are closed, as one night's frost would spoil them for canning purposes. Raspberries and strawberries are a short pack, more particularly the former. The peach crop, it is feared, will be a complete failure. No

packing done yet. In the meantime old goods have gone up in price 10 to 15c. per dozen. We quote 2's, Beaver yellow, \$2.35 per dozen; 2's, Victor yellow, \$2.25; 3's, Victor yellow, \$3.25; 3's, Beaver yellow, \$3.35. Dried fruits continue to be held in small bulk, with prices unchanged. Prunes in casks are out of the market altogether. Coffees are not moving freely, but enquiries are becoming more frequent. In teas the market is in much the same position as recorded last week. Sugars, although advanced ½c. in New York, show a decline of ½c. in whites only. Granulated is now quoted at 6½ to 6¾c.; Redpath Paris lumps 7½ to 7¾c.; yellows are unaltered in price.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—Business is fairly active all round, and a confident feeling pervades the trade arising from the crop prospects. Foundries are busy with pipe and castings generally, and the prospect for an active winter in our boiler and machine shops is good. Improvements in the leading Toronto machine shops and foundries have been marked of late, and large shafts and castings can be made here instead of sending to Buffalo, N. Y. Prices are very steady, and with the exception of the cut nails and horseshoe nails list, which is revised, we make no changes. There is no Nova Scotia pig iron in stock, and dealers say it is not procurable. The St. Lawrence foundry is still working American pig iron. The 3X bar iron of the Hamilton rolling mills is very good iron and sells here at about the same price as Nova Scotia.

**HAY AND STRAW.**—The stock of old hay seems to be exhausted; at any rate there is none on the market now and has not been for some time. New hay, timothy, is being sold at \$9 to 10.50 per ton, according to quality, with ample supplies on hand; clover hay, when there is any brought in, fetches about \$7.00 to 8.00 per ton; straw is selling at \$7.00 to 8.00, the latter price being for the best.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—The condition of this market does not differ greatly from that of last week; scarcity of hides with prices firm and tending higher being the feature. Green cows are still commanding 6½c. per lb., and cured 7 to 7½c.; lambskins and sheep pelts

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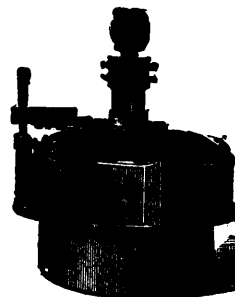
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