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GROCERIES.—Trade has been a little quieter this week than last. Sugar is selling fairly well at the decline announced last week. Importations of Eleme figs are being received, and are selling rapidly, the quality being unusually fine. An advance of $\frac{1}{8}$ c. per pound has taken place in corn syrup. A second shipment of Valencia raisins arrived a few days ago and are held firmly at 9c. for fine off-stalk, and $9\frac{1}{2}$ c. for selected. Coming on a bare market, however, they have found ready sale. California evaporated apricots are quoted at 11 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c., in boxes, and evaporated peaches at 8c. in bags, and $8\frac{3}{4}$ c. in 25-lb. boxes.

HARDWARE.—A few changes in prices have taken place since our last quotations, more particularly in coil chain, cut and wire nails, horse shoes and rope. Business remains exceptionally good, however, in spite of the decline in prices of these articles, which is due merely to competition between houses to get orders for the spring trade. In heavy metals there is no noteworthy change to record. The demand is principally for immediate shipments. The fall trade in tinsmiths' goods has set in, and such lines as Canada plates are moving freely. In Great Britain, the market for Scotch pig iron has become somewhat steadier again. Tin also has rallied, and lead is firm at an advance of 5s. per ton. In New York the price of pig tin continues to decline. Copper is quiet in both the British and the American markets.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is some improvement in the Chicago hide market, and this has created a sympathetic movement here. Fair receipts are coming in. The demand for tallow shows considerable improvement, and prices are a little firmer.

LEATHER.—In several grades of leather, it will be seen, our quotations are different from those given last week. A fair demand is noted, though not so good as the conditions would seem to warrant.

PROVISIONS.—Receipts of butter have been large, and the market is easier, though finest quality still holds to its price. Cheese, at outside markets, is easier, and but little is being done here. In hog products, the scarcity of stock is still very marked. Quotations are unchanged, with the exception of lard, which has advanced $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Strictly fresh-gathered eggs are firm at 17 to 18c.

WOOL.—The market continues quiet with no export demand. In Boston, a decidedly better enquiry has been noted during the week, and the sales have aggregated considerably more than has been the case for some time.

—The Department of Trade and Commerce have received the following enquiries: A Berlin firm would like to hear from Canadian houses able to fill orders for cloth boards. A Birmingham firm invites communication from Canadian shippers of lead and iron ores. Send average samples, assay and general details. A British firm is open to purchase horsehair drafts prepared by brush makers up to 18 inches. The proprietors of an acetylene generator wish to dispose of Canadian patent or to arrange for manufacture on a royalty basis.

—The total exports from Australia last year were \$305,000,000, and the imports, \$285,000,000. Of these, New South Wales is responsible for \$135,000,000 and \$100,000,000, respectively. Imports from the United States were stated at \$26,725,702.

—"This company," said the impressario in despair, "reminds me of the concert of Europe." "In what way?" "Every individual member of it wants to be the principal soloist."—Chicago Post.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Following the advance in the price of cotton, said the Wool and Cotton Reporter, of 20th September, a very radical change has appeared in the condition of the goods market, as well as the cotton yarn market. Previously, the goods market, especially the print cloths branch of it, was characterized by an almost absolute lack of demand, prices were barely sustained, and a cut-down in wages was imminent. Now the seller dominates the situation, it being not a question as to what buyers will pay, but what sellers will accept. From a position of weakness and lethargy, the goods market seems to have changed, almost before one could fully realize it, into one of strength and activity. Quotations on both yarns and goods are largely nominal, many holders of cotton goods and yarns refusing to do business until they know exactly "where they are at." Advanced prices have already been bid and declined for several lines of goods, and it looks now as though all accumulations are to be disposed of at substantially higher prices.

On September 27th, the same journal has the following: "Cotton goods have been advanced very sharply within the past week or ten days. The immediate cause of this change of price was the disaster in Texas, in which a great deal of cotton was destroyed, and just at this moment, when prices are on the jump, it is well for the mills to use discretion in making their advances. True, a great deal of cotton was destroyed, but as is natural at such a time, the loss was over-estimated. The latest reports from the South seem to indicate that the loss is not over 100,000 bales, and perhaps 75,000 bales will be nearer the correct figure. With short crop any way, even this means a good deal. Nevertheless, we believe that some manufacturers have become panic-stricken, and are liable to make advances out of proportion to the actual conditions, and in the near future the prices they set may have to be reduced."

—The term of enlistment for the newly-organized police force in the Transvaal is two years, at the expiration of which time troopers may either re-enlist or enter the reserve, receiving as pay £1 per month. On joining the reserve, men who desire to settle in the colony will be assisted by the British Government by grants of land and assistance in its development. The Government promises to assist the families or brides of any men from England who settle in the colony by furnishing them with free transportation.

—The Minnehaha Gold Mining Co. of Toronto, has been absorbed by the Sailor Consolidated Mining and Milling Co., of the same city. The capital stock of the latter is to be increased from \$1,250,000 to \$2,000,000, and the shareholders in the Minnehaha will receive one share in the Sailor for two held in the Minnehaha, which is capitalized at \$1,000,000. Preparations are now being made for the resumption of work in earnest, at Greenwood.

—The Minister.—I'm sorry tae hear, Jock, that you're on strike down at the auld town. I'm surprised at ye, Dinna ye ken that the Apostle Paul says, "Serve the Elder.—Aye, I ken, but that's just where me and Apostle Paul differs.—Moonshine.

—The Canada Atlantic's barge, "George T. Davie," arrived in Montreal harbor one night lately with 49,500 bushels of wheat and 250 barrels of lard, a total weight of 1,538 tons from Coteau Landing. Her draught of water was 13 feet.