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HARDWARE.—General trade is fairly active, though owing to the carters' strike there is considerable difficulty in delivering goods. Prices are as last week, but a drop in wire is anticipated, American manufacturers having lowered prices; their Canadian competitors may follow suit.

HAY AND STRAW.—The weather is good for seeding, and the farmers are busy; in consequence, hay is scarce on the St. Lawrence market. What little is coming sells from \$11 to \$12½ per ton. Straw is likewise scarce at \$9 the ton.

HIDES AND SKINS.—A little improvement in outside markets has created a slightly stronger feeling in hides, but has not affected prices. The sheepskin supply is falling off, also without result in regard to prices. Tallow still finds ready sale at high figures.

HOPS.—There is little doing in the hop market. Small sales during the week have been made at 15 cents, while larger ones were at a lower figure, and the quotation, 13 to 15c., will likely remain for a month or two to come.

PAINTS AND OILS.—The general firmness in the oil market continues, and there is only one chance of a break in prices, and that is that the recent flurry caused too heavy purchases, and too heavy arrivals may follow. Linseed oil holds its rise, but is firm at 76 to 78c. for boiled, and 73 to 75c. for raw. Red lead is also higher, and is now quoted \$5.50 to \$6. The one exception to the general firmness is spirits of turpentine. The new crop coming in has caused a heavy slump, and the price now is 72 to 74c.

PROVISIONS.—The feature is the upward trend in hog products. Butter is easier, the supply being plentiful. Creameries are getting into working order, and the result is inevitable; boxes are now quoted 20c., and prints 20 to 21c. the pound. Dairy tubs are nominally 12½ to 13c., but there are none in the market; rolls are plentiful at 12½ to 14c. The advent of new cheese brings the price to 12 and 12½c., but the old, which is not plentiful, still commands 13c. Dried and evaporated apples are very quiet at the old figures. Hog products, as predicted, continue their upward march. Long, clear bacon has advanced another ¼c., and is now at 8¾c.; the smallest price for hams is 12c., the higher qualities bringing 12½c.; rolls are worth 9 to 9½c., while lard shows a rise of ½c., and quotes at 8½c. to 8¾c. for tierces, and 9c. for tubs. Other products are strong, but unchanged, with prospects of a further advance. Eggs are steady at 11 to 11½c. Beans remain steady at their present high figures.

SEEDS.—A good jobbing trade is being done, with a somewhat lower market for red clover, which is now quoted at \$5 to \$5.75 per bushel. Alsike and timothy are unchanged with the former at \$4.80 to \$7.50 per bushel, according to quality, and timothy, \$1.40 to \$1.80 per bushel. There is a moderate enquiry for Hungarian and Millet, quoted at 75c. to \$1.20 per bushel. Considerable enquiry is being made, and a large trade is anticipated for ensilage seed corn, and the price is from 65c. to \$1.20, according to variety.

WOOL.—There is practically nothing doing in the local wool markets. Everyone is waiting the course of the foreign wool markets, which at present are quiet and declining. No activity likely here yet awhile.

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