

kets. prices are weak: good to choice pails and crocks sell at 15c to 16c; ordinary at 12c to 13c. *cheese* is in large supply: car lots are quoted at about 11c and small lots selling to the trade at 12c. The prospect leads to expectation of lower figures.

DRY GOODS.—The condition of business is not changed. Orders on wholesale houses are small, country dealers are endeavoring to clear out stocks and begin with clean shelves. Prices are not changed but generally weak, and commissions would be made to good buyers. Orders for full goods have been unusually light so far.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There is very little report of the market. *Flour* is moving only in such quantities as supply a small portion of the dealers and bakers. American flour is occupying the largest share of the market, and the wholesale trade is very flat. Prices are nominally unchanged, but scarcely as firm as a week ago. Superior extras are quoted at \$5 to \$5.10; extras at \$4.85; spring extras at \$4.45. Choice brands of these grades have higher values. Patent process flour sell at \$5.75 to \$6.15. Stocks in store on last Monday were 2,100 bbls. against 2,845 bbls. June, 11, 1883, and 2,350 bbls. June 12, 1882. *Outmeal* is in light demand but prices are steady. Car lots are merely quoted at \$4.50, and lots of ten or 15 barrels at \$4.75 to \$5, for ordinary good grades.

Cornmeal is quoted at \$3.75 for small lots. *Bran* is in light supply and small demand quoted at \$10.59 bid and \$11 asked.

GRAIN.—Wheat continues almost without movement, or confined entirely to wants of millers. The favorable reports of growing crops in all wheat producing countries have the effect of keeping prices on a low scale. The prospects in Europe point to a larger yield than that of last year. And a recent estimate of the yield in the United States places it at 516,000,000 bushels, or about 120,000,000 bushels greater than last years' wheat crops. Prices here are only steady and almost nominal. No. 2 fall at \$1.14, and No. 2 spring at \$1.13. *Goose wheat* is quoted at 87c to 90c. An abundant wheat crop in Ontario will cause prices to decline on a basis of present outside markets, at least 20c per bushel. Stocks have slightly increased during the week ending Monday 9th, when there were 151,725 bush. against 305,048 bush. June 11, 1883, and 213,682 bush. June 12, 1882. *Barley* is lifeless, quoted on the street at 60c to 66c. Stocks 3,066 bush. *Peas* quiet at 75c for No. 2. Stocks 37,300 bush. *Oats* quiet, car lots quoted at 40c to 41c. Stocks 4,250 bush. *Rye*, nothing doing, quoted nominal at 65c. *Corn*, American, car lots quoted at 70c. Stocks of grain on Monday last were 197,482 bush., against 382,728 bush. June 11, 1883; and 258,323 bush. June 12, 1882.

GROCERIES.—Wholesale trade is reported as having been rather dull during the past week. Travellers are reporting the country merchants

as working stocks down very low, and declining to give large orders for any line of goods. There is still a degree of uncertainty about the crops, and dealers in the country are wisely waiting to see what may turn up. If the opening of the harvest should be favourable there will be a boom in trade, for stocks in the country have been kept down to the lowest possible extent compatible with doing business. The leading wholesale houses report the amount of trade done up to the end of May as comparing favourably with last year. But prices latterly have been low and are now weak at the low figures ruling, and profits will not correspond so well with the amount of trade that has been done. Prices are entirely unchanged since last report.

HARDWARE.—Wholesale houses still report a quiet trade. Stocks everywhere are said to be light. The actual volume of trade has not been so small as to be particularly noted, but prices have been weak and declining and competition has been so keen that profits have been cut down to a point below what makes a paying business. Prices are low in all markets and it is thought there cannot be any further depreciation. Quotations are entirely unchanged.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There is only a moderate trade being done. The tanneries are not in active operation, and receipts are light. Green hides are bought from butchers at 7c for cows and 8c for steers, inspected. Cured hides are slow of sale in small lots at 8½c to 8½c, accord-

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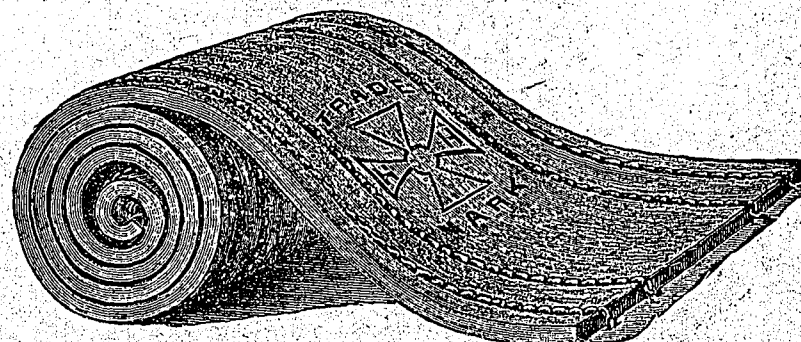
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