

**GROCERIES.**—Trade is quiet. In canned goods the demand is easy but prices remain firm; in coffee there is little doing; but a seasonable briskness is manifest in dried fruits; rice is in light demand, but prices are advancing; sugar is extremely firm, and molasses and syrups are much more active; the demand for tea has been quiet during the week; in tobacco the movement has been good. Payments have not come out so well this week. Prices generally are unchanged.

**HARDWARE.**—Trade is fairly active. Ingot tin, copper and sheet zinc are still advancing. Cable advices to-day (Wednesday) quote tin £146 per ton, Sheathing copper £62, and sheet zinc £19 per ton. The market here has not moved in full response, but higher prices are expected later. Tin plates firmer owing to absence of ingot. Payments are good.

**LIVE STOCK.**—Business has picked up considerably at the western market; the demand has been good and prices have advanced. Prime stock is wanted at good figures, and even inferior is selling steadily at an advance. The improvement in the English market is felt here, and Liverpool cables yesterday quoted Canadian steers at an advance of three cents during the past fortnight. At the local market on Tuesday, the supply was light, and, though generally the quality was poor, it all cleared off early and more was wanted. The prospects for next week are very promising—especially for prime stock.

**PAINTS AND OILS.**—Everything is very quiet just now; but prices remain firm and unchanged, with the exception of putty, which is quoted at \$2.12 to \$2.50 per 100 lbs.

**PETROLEUM** is not so active as it has been for some time past; dealers being to a great extent supplied. Last week's quotations are unchanged. Photogene is quoted at 27c.

**PROVISIONS.**—Business has continued to be checked by small stocks of cured meats. But-ter—The only demand heard has been that for

the supply of the local market and receipts for this have probably been sufficient. Prices rather easier. Choice dairy for table use has been about a cent lower at 20 to 21c., but all readily taken; medium quiet with good store sold at 16 to 17c.; common held above views of buyers but some inferior sold at 10 to 11c. Box lots of rolls, when of really good quality have brought 20 to 21c., but low grade sold at 18c. Cheese—Very quiet and prices unchanged at 11½ to 12c. for small lots; no movement at Ingersoll and English quotations unchanged. Eggs—Fresh decreasing and wanted; pickled abundant and slow, with the latter weak at 16½ to 17c. and the former strong at 19½ to 20c. for round lots. Pork quiet and unchanged at \$17 for small lots. Bacon—New selling readily as it is cured but this the only sort offered; long clear 8½ to 8¾c. for tins and cases and Cumberland 8¾c. for a few sides; rolls rather easy at 9½ to 10c. and bellies at 10½ to 11c. Hams inactive; few offered but few wanted and prices easy at 11 to 11½c. for new smoked, with some poor old obtainable down to 10c. Lard stronger in sympathy with Chicago; tinnets and pails advanced to 10 to 10½c. and tierces offered at 9½c. for new Canadian. Hogs.—Rail-lots have come forward irregularly, but packers have steadily refused to pay over \$6. Dried apples steady, with trade lots taken at 5 to 5½c. outside, and dealers selling usually at 5½ for small lots; evaporated quiet, with dealers' lots usually going at 10½ to 10¾c.

**SALT.**—Fairly steady; one car of Liverpool sold at about 63c. with more offered to arrive

at this figure; and a car of Canadian dairy in 280 lb. bags was sold at \$1.10; small lots quiet and unchanged.

**TALLOW.**—Still shows no improvement; offerings taken as before at 3½ to 4c. for rendered and 2c. for rough; but no demand heard for trade lots.

**WHITE BEANS.**—The late scarcity has continued unabated; single barrels of hand-picked have sold at \$2.15, and trade lots could have found buyers at \$1.75 to \$1.80 had they been available; common purely nominal.

**WOOL.**—There appears to have been a few large country lots thrown on the market which has increased the offerings, though we do not say the sales. Any of these made have been much as before for good merchantable fleece at 23 to 23½c., and lower for rejected at about 18c. A slack demand from the factories has kept pulled quiet but steady at 23 to 24c. for super and 27 to 28c. for extra.

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