

GROCERIES.—Business is better this week in several of the leading lines. Sugar is firmer and selling much more freely; in the lower and medium grades of Japan teas a brisk movement is in progress. Some new salmon, of the Empress brand, has arrived and is quoted at \$1.45 per dozen. Large orders are not being received as yet, but an active jobbing trade goes on that totals up to a respectable aggregate. Canned goods are in fair demand, but scarcely up to expectations: Raisins and currants are selling well and are stronger. There is a fair movement in rice and prices are well maintained. In the other lines there is nothing worthy of special note. Payments are none too good.

HARDWARE.—Business is steady for the time of year, and in the city shows a slight improvement. The volume of general trade is quite up to the August average. Metals are firmer. Ingot tin is steady. Payments are better than has been the case for some time past. Prospects for the immediate future are considered good.

HIDES, SKINS, ETC.—We are having a seasonable trade. Green hides are in moderate supply and unchanged; car lots of cured are selling at 5c. There is no change in sheepskins; 45c. each is paid for the best green, dry is quoted as low as 25c.; supplies are ample. Green calfskins are neither offered nor wanted; cured offered but not sold.

LEATHER.—The co-operation among the tanners and manufacturers of Spanish leather—the earliest intimation of which combination was given in THE MONETARY TIMES—is now an accomplished fact, and the necessary machinery for limiting production and advancing prices is now at work; as a consequence quotations to-day on many grades are much firmer and an early rise in prices is expected. General business shows an increased activity and there is a daily increasing demand. A steady export trade is maintained. Prices remain as yet unchanged. Prospects are regarded as very encouraging for the fall trade. Payments are improving.

LIVE STOCK.—Single butchers' cattle have sold at 3½ to 4c. per pound, but no lots; the local demand has been large but better grades are wanted. The better grades, however, are shipped to Britain, and do not come here. Sheep and lambs are quotably unchanged since our last report, but much weaker. Calves are in small supply and wanted at good prices. Hogs are easy at \$5 to 5.12½ per hundred lbs. weighed off cars; stores are wanted at from \$4.50 to 4.75 per cwt.; coarse heavy hogs will not sell. Milk cows of good quality will sell at fair prices. Springers are in light demand. The prospects for next week are not encouraging. Cattle freights dropped 20c. yesterday at Montreal, and boats were loaded at 30c. a head for Liverpool, which is the lowest price ever taken by steamers, and is due principally to the present bad condition of the English cattle trade.

PAINTS, OILS, ETC.—There is nothing doing as yet, though next month is likely to open with much activity in the different lines of this business. No change has occurred in either oil or turpentine; the latter is quoted at

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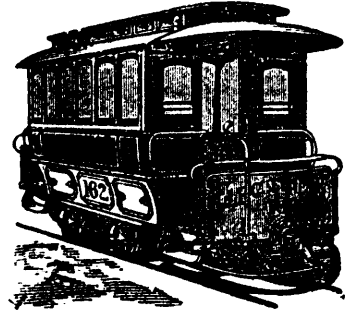
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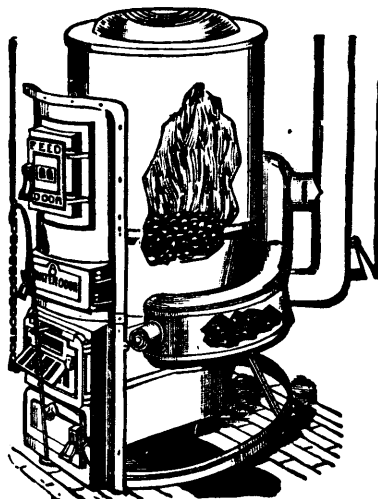


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