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Groceries.—The only feature worth noting is the increasing strength of canned goods. For canned cherries the demand is particularly good at the recent advance. Apart from this, business has been rather dull. In sugars there is some little movement and prices remain steady.

Hardware.—No complaint is heard among the wholesalers as to the amount of business being transacted. Prices remain quite firm, and an active trade is being carried on in such seasonable goods as harvesting tools, etc. The heavy metals are selling fairly freely, but no particular feature calls for special notice. In England there has been a steady rise in Scotch iron values for some little time past, and the market is firm. Prices have improved also at Middlesboro'. For pig iron a fair enquiry is reported. Tin is very easy, and lead is down about 5s.

Hides and Skins.—The hide market is still quiet at the recent decline. Lamb-skins are firm. Tallow remains steady, though buyers are not willing to give the prices asked by holders.

Leather.—An improvement has started in the leather trade, since conditions became more settled at the recent meetings. A pretty active business is now being transacted.

Live Stock.—Except for gilt-edged stock the demand for cattle this week has been slow. The export demand is somewhat lighter. Offerings of milch cows were not of good quality. The demand for sheep and lambs has been slow, though prices continue just about the same.

Provisions.—Hog products continue very firm without any appreciable change in price. In butter and cheese a fair trade is being done, though quality has suffered somewhat from the hot weather, but things are improving somewhat in this respect.

Wool.—No demand for export has set in so far and business is as depressing as ever. Offerings of fleece are liberal at old prices.

A TIMBER CASE.

A judgment of interest to lumber dealers was delivered recently in the King's Bench Division of the British High Court of Justice. A Liverpool shipping firm brought an action to recover the sum of £175 odd, balance of freight on a cargo of timber shipped per the "Pocahontas," from St. John, N.B., to Liverpool. The net freight amounted to £1,925 15s. 3d., towards which the defendant firm had paid £1,750, and they claimed to be entitled to retain the balance against short delivery of goods. It appeared that the charter party provided for the payment of freight on intake measurement on the quantity of timber delivered, as ascertained at the port of delivery. The special jury at Liverpool found that there had been a difference between the quantity shipped, as shown by the bills of lading and that delivered, and the case was appealed before the High Court to decide on the question of shortage. The judge delivered in favor of defendants, both on the question of freight and counterclaim. The real answer to the claim it seemed to him, was that the shipowner had signed the bill of lading, the accuracy or otherwise of which he had every opportunity of ascertaining. When the vessel arrived at the port of discharge, the consignee had to ascertain what timber of each particular class had been delivered to him. And he found that of one of these classes there were 1,215 pieces short, which entitled him to say to the shipowner that the latter had in that class, delivered him something less than the quantity which the shipowner had admitted having received according to the bill of lading. The exact figure payable to the shipowner for freight could be ascertained. With regard to the counter claim, the consignee was entitled to say to the

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