

steady at \$5 a cord for hard and at \$4 for pine.

**DRY GOODS**—The movement is only moderate, and includes principally summer fabrics and staple cottons. It would appear that orders from our wholesale dealers in the British markets for the fall have been limited to moderate dimensions, which is wise policy in view of the considerable stocks held over in Canada, both in retail and wholesale stores. The English markets are reported generally steady as to values. The Manchester market, it is true, is dull, the home demand being unexpectedly light and some operatives working half or three quarters time, which gives a weaker tone to staple cottons. But in Huddersfield and Leeds there is much activity and no lack of demand for woollen stuffs, while English worsted and Scotch tweed makers report an undiminished enquiry for their goods. The Bradford makers of beiges and other dress woollens are busy and, this year, produce patterns which approach perhaps nearer than ever to the style of the French. Nottingham looms are very busy, in some descriptions of lace they cannot overtake the demand. Leicester and Kidderminster are moderately active with a generally sustained tone in prices.

**FLOUR AND MEAL**—*Flour*—Business has been extremely light during the week, the movement being restricted to small lots. No demand developed for car lots, and offerings are limited, the supply being small. Prices purely nominal at quotations. *Bran* is weaker in absence of demand; the only sale reported was that of a car close of last week at \$12.50 on track. *Oatmeal* is in moderate demand and firm, the supply being restricted; cars are worth \$4.90 to 5. *Cornmeal* quiet and unchanged at \$4 to 4.15.

**GRAIN**—The volume of business has been very small for the week under review. Values, owing to the unsettled condition of outside markets, have been lower here, and confidence seems somewhat shaken. *Full Wheat* has apparently not been wanted, and prices are purely nominal at quotations. Offerings are small and stocks this week show considerable decrease. *Spring Wheat* is quiet and easier, the only demand being from millers for car lots. The latter part of last week sales of No. 1 were made at \$1.34 on track and of No. 2 at \$1.33; the latter would hardly bring \$1.32 at the close to-day. *Barley* is dull, with none offering and no demand; prices are purely nominal. *Oats* continue steady, with the demand and supply about equal; cars of Western sold on Monday to arrive at 48c, and on spot yesterday at the same price. *Peas* are nominal in price in absence of offerings. *Rye* is seemingly not wanted and prices are still lower; a car offered on Monday at 73c, without bids. *Corn* quiet but steady in sympathy with the western markets; car lots are worth 88 to 90 on track.

**GROCERIES**—This department of trade continues quiet with the chief business in small lots. Sugars are rather firmer, especially Canadian yellows, which have risen  $\frac{1}{4}$ c at the factories. Raws are beginning to move, and sales of Porto Rico have been made at 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c, and medium bright at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. *Fruits* are scarce and firm, with Valencias worth 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., and sales of Elome at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 9c. *Prunes* are worth 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. *Fish* are firm, with sales of white at \$1 and trout at \$3.50. Dry cod firm, being held at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 6c. *Teas*, quiet and steady; a line of fine young Hyson sold at 51c, firsts at 40c and thirds at 24c. New Japans are arriving, and held at 45 to 55c. A line of Rio coffee sold at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

**HARDWARE AND METALS**—There has been a moderate sorting-up demand during the week, and prices show few changes. *Nails* are firm at \$2.85 to \$2.90. New stocks of *tin plate* are arriving, prices of which are unchanged. *Pig iron* continues firm, but the movement is small. *Bar iron*, unchanged. Payments are reported as fairly satisfactory.

**HIDES AND SKINS**—The demand for hides is

good, but offerings are restricted and prices firm. Sales of cured are being made at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and dealers still pay 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for cows and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for steers. *Calfskins* firm, with receipts insufficient for the demand; green are worth 13c. *Sheepskins* nominal; pelts are in moderate offer and unchanged at 25c.; lambskins bring 30c. Tallow in good demand and firm at 8 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for rendered.

**LEATHER**—The demand from the country this week has been curtailed owing to the elections, and sales to the city trade are mostly of small lots of a sorting-up character. Stocks are fairly assorted, with sole not very abundant, and prices steady as formerly quoted.

**LUMBER**—The market continues firm, and we note an advance in quotations of clear, pickings and flooring. There is no large stock of any sort, while bill stuff continues decidedly scarce. We quote wholesale prices as under: Clear pine, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  and upwards, \$38 to 39; Pickings, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  and upwards, \$28 to 29; 1 in. clear and pickings, \$25; flooring, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  and 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ , \$15; 10 and 12 in. stock dressing, \$14 to 16; do. common stock, \$12.00; 1 in. dressing sidings \$14; mill culls \$6.50 to 8.50; shipping do., \$10; 2 inch plank \$11.50; shingles XXX, 16 inch, \$2.60 to 2.75, do. XX, \$1.60 to 1.80; lath \$2.00; scantling 2x4; joisting 2x6, 2x8, 2x10, 2x12, \$12 to 13; clapboard dressed, \$12.50.

**PETROLEUM**—This market is rather firmer the past few days, and dealers seem to anticipate an advance. Canadian refined sells at 18c for five to ten barrel lots; American prime at 23c. and water-white at 25c. The crude market in Petrolia is quiet and unchanged at \$1.50 per bbl.

**WOOL**—*Fleece*—continues to come forward very slowly, and the demand is light; a few small lots sold during the week at 20c. Finer wools are not moving freely, and prices unchanged at 27 to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. for supers and 33 to 34c. for Extra.

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