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prices for May and June hover a little above 16c. The wholesalers report a busy week, especially as some considerable progress has been made in clearing up the railroads and allowing the delivery of goods. Travellers report very good prospects for the spring season, and goods already ordered show up well on an average.

Flour and Grain.—For ninety per cent. patents now the ruling quotation is \$3.65, in buyers' bags, middle freights. Manitoba flour keeps steady. Not much change has taken place in millfeed, nor in oatmeal. In wheat, there have been no changes since last week, nor in other grains. Little or no business is being done.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Prices for oranges are firmer, and shipments in refrigerator cars are being commenced. Other lines remain about as before with a fair business passing. A despatch recently from Liverpool says that the market for apples was active at rather lower prices, thus: Baldwins, 16s. 6d. to 19s.; spies, 20s. to 23s. 6d.; russets, 18s. to

22s. 6d.; Denmarks, 18s. to 20s. 6d.; seconds, 7s. less. Receipts for Halifax for week ended 5th inst. were 18,625 barrels, St. John, 3,007 barrels. Total receipts from all sources since season began, 3,230,848 barrels, against 2,276,383 barrels for 1902-03. Pineapples are beginning to make their appearance in the local market, and they are expected to be plentiful very shortly: Apples, \$1 to \$2.50 per barrel, according to grade; coconuts, \$4 per sack; oranges, California navels, \$2 to \$3.25; Mexican, \$2 to \$2.50; Valencia's, ordinary large, 7 1/4's, \$5; marmalade oranges, \$2.50 per box; lemons, Messina, 360's, \$2.50 to \$2.75; 300's, \$2.75 to \$3; bananas, 8's, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bunch; 1st, \$2 to \$2.50; celery, \$5 to \$5.50 per case, and 75c. to 90c. per dozen; cranberries, \$7 to \$9 per barrel; \$1 to \$1.25 per basket; Spanish onions, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per large case, and \$1.25 for small; Malaga grapes, \$6.50 to \$7.50 per barrel; case tomatoes, \$4.50 to \$5; dates, Sair, 3 1/2c. per lb.; Halloween, 4c.; figs, 8c. to 12c.; tap figs, 3 1/2c.; pineapples, \$4 to \$5 per case.

Groceries.—Another advance has been made of 5c. per cental on all grades of sugar, in sympathy with the strength of the market in New York, and the movement at firm figures is very fair. General trade has improved throughout the country and may be described as very good. In prunes there is a good business being done, but prices in our Prices Current are shaded down a little compared with heretofore. Teas are still quite firm. Canned goods are experiencing a normal movement, and prices keep quite steady.

Hides and Skins.—An advance in hides is to take place in the Chicago market, but it is not likely to be followed here owing to the poor quality of the supplies coming forward. The volume of trading going on just now is on the light side. Sheep and lambskins have gone up to \$1 and \$1.10. No great activity can be noted in the leather market, which has been greatly hampered by the bad state of the roads in country districts.

Live Stock.—In sympathy with the advance in export cattle in Chicago, buyers on the local market this week showed increased willingness, and as a result, prices were firmer. Extra choice fetched 5c. in some instances. For butchers' cattle, too, there was a pretty good demand, especially for animals of good quality. The demand for stockers and feeders is fair, and most of those offered this week realized 10 to 25c. per cwt. more. Few milch cows were offered, and trade was slow. All calves sold readily. There were not many sheep or lambs, but they sold very rapidly.

Provisions.—Butter, both dairy and creamery, is coming forward in liberal quantities, but the trade finds it not difficult to dispose of it. The demand is moderately good. The cheese market is steady. Eggs are coming forward more liberally, and they are in good request. The poultry market is steady at good

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prices, with no great supplies coming forward. Hops are dull, but prices keep steady at 26 to 32c. for Canadian. Prices for hog products are steady, and a fair business is being done, but it would no doubt improve with better transportation facilities.

Seeds.—A decline has taken place in the United States market for seeds, and the feeling here, as a consequence, is weaker, though so far no price changes have been made. Prices are quoted as follows: \$5.25 to \$5.75 for red clover, and \$6 to \$6.50 for extra choice; \$3 to \$4.25 for ordinary alsike, and \$5 to \$5.25 for choice lots; \$1.15 to \$1.50 for machine threshed timothy, and \$1.75 to \$2 for flail-threshed.

Wool.—Practically no trade at all is passing in fleece wool, and pulled is for the moment not much better. The London wool sales show continued upward tendency in values.