

2, at 83 to 84c.; and No. 3, at 80 to 81c. For No. 1 spring 85 to 86c. is now the figure, 83 to 84c. for No. 2, and 80 to 81c. for No. 3. Barley is not so active as a week ago and No. 1 seems to be cheaper say 92 to 93c.; other kinds as previously quoted. Oats are dearer and now rule at 34 to 35c., they are hard to get. Peas are firm, 61 to 62c, a cent advance on last Thursday. Corn is offering at 45 to 50c., and together with rye may be termed inactive.

GROCERIES.—Few or no important changes have taken place in this department of trade since our last review. We hear that the stock of tobaccos is reduced to very narrow compass, and McDonald is said to be out of, or cannot keep up with orders for some brands. The talked of additional duty has no doubt had the effect of greatly stimulating the demand. Sugars may be described as flat. Canadian refined is quoted at 5½ to 6½, which is not really lower than a week ago, but more nearly represents the range as the refinery has placed a cheaper grade on the market. Apart from any speculative tendency due to the rumors of a Government tax the demand for teas is quite brisk, especially low grade congos which have advanced in England, and are said to be a scarce article here. Nothing lower than 18c. is to be had. Dealers say that they have never known such a dull season for fish. Lent has made little or no impression on the market.

HARDWARE.—There is a considerably better tone to this market, more particularly in American and Canadian manufactures of shelf goods, and circulars have been issued cancelling all former quotations. This action is not confined to one or two isolated factories, but includes almost every maker in the line, and is mainly attributed to the labor troubles. The effect is to make merchants hold firmly to quotations, and there is no disposition to book orders for future delivery, except at an advance on ruling figures. The impression prevails that before navigation opens there will be an advance of fully 10 per cent. all round, even after which, it is said, the goods will be as low as this time last year. Cable quotations show an advance in sheet and ingot copper of £3 per ton, which is equal to 1c. per pound in this market. This, we are told, is due to the advance in the U. S., which market came into competition, to some extent, with England and the colonies. Pig lead is, if anything, higher. Ingot tin is still firm at quotations. The tin plate market exhibits a slightly better feeling, and prices are steadier than for some time past. A more confident tone is perceptible in wire, due we learn, to the existing impression that the Government may feel disposed to put an increased duty on this article through the representation on the part of a concern in Montreal which contemplates drawing certain sizes and qualities. An additional tax on wire, up to 15 gauge inclusive, does not meet with favor amongst some of the manufacturing industries in this country into the manufacture of whose goods it (wire) enters largely. The price of barbed wire for the Manitoba market has increased so that merchants and consumers there are now paying the same price as that which rules in the other provinces. This state of things has been brought about by the Winnipeg factory—heretofore a violator of the Canadian patent laws in the manufacture of this wire—passing into the control of the licensees. There is a constantly increasing demand for barbed wire, one evidence that the price is certainly low. Travellers are sending in fair sorting-up orders, and reports from various sections as to general condition of trade are viewed as favorable.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The market for hides remains without change. There is said to be a fair demand and sales are not made for less than 8½c. for car lots or less. Offers of 8½c. are reported but are not credited, 8½c. has been refused. Some sales of calfskins have been made at 14½c. for cured veal calf. Dealers are paying 11 to 12c. for green. There are few sheepskins coming in; \$1.10 to 1.25 is the figure for best. Tallow continues very dull.

PROVISIONS.—Eggs have taken a sharp decline and are selling at 14 to 15c. with heavy receipts and probably lower prices. Butter meets with good demand. Some Morrisburg has made its appearance on this market and sold at 18 to 20c. Good dairy brings 18 to 20c. Cheese is dull and steady. The feeling in hog products is somewhat easier, owing to the break in mess pork in Chicago. Long clear quotes at 7½ to 7¾c.; hams 11 to 11¾c.; lard

9 to 9¾c. The receipts of dressed hogs are very light and the price is unchanged.

WOOL.—A fairly active enquiry from the factories is reported for the different kinds of pulled wool at previous prices. Low grades of fleece are in good demand but are very scarce. There is nothing doing in Combing fleece, indeed there is nothing to buy nor sell. Values throughout are steady.

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