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Groceries.—Business is reported on the quiet side, a condition of trade not unexpected at this time, or disappointing. All canned goods are firm, and our quotations are unchanged for fruits, vegetables, fish, poultry and beef, ruling at the same figures as last week. Tinned vegetables and fruits are in such comparatively small compass that prices may still go higher. In Mediterranean fruits, currants, raisins, and prunes, values are tendcurrants, raisins, and prunes, values are tending upwards, and present quotations are very firm. All coffees are firm, more especially the mild coffees. Rice is firm and will maintain its present position for some time; brands "Grand Duke" and "Japan" are out of the

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HAY AND STRAW.—The supply of hay and straw in the market is sufficient for all wants. Best timothy is selling at \$10.50 per ton, in-ferior, \$9 Mixed hay is fetching \$7 to \$8, and straw is sold at \$7 to \$8 per ton, according to quality.

HIDES AND SKINS.—The hide market continues active, with a rather short supply. Prices for green hides to butchers have advanced fifty cents per hundred. Cured and inspected have advanced in proportion. See our prices current. Calfskins are purely nominal; sheepskins are coming to hand in small quantities. For best long wool skins ready sale is found at \$1 to \$1.25. Tallow continues in active demand: little or none in stocks; prices active demand; little or none in stocks; prices are firm.

LEATHER. -The trade, although beginning to open a little, is quiet, as usual at this season of the year. Cutters are commencing to make enquiries, and one to two weeks time will see this market very busy. Prices all round are firm, and the tendency, if anything, is towards higher quotations, except in the case of harness leather, which is still dragging.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—Trade this week is rather more active and there are improved feelings as to prices. Reports from British markets indicate a very firm tone in all manufactured goods, particularly in plates, which have still further advanced 1s. per ton. A healthy spring trade is looked for. Stocks are light throughout Canada, and any increased

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