

Denia and Malaga varieties, will be dearer. There has been disappointment in the extent of the crop; and when we add to this the increased demand implied in the lessened yield of green fruit in the States and Canada, the belief in higher prices finds good ground. Letters which we have seen announce that, owing to unfavorable weather the Malaga crop will not exceed 1,600,000 boxes, against 1,900,000 boxes last season. The United States took last year 1,021,000 boxes of Malaga fruit in addition to 700,000 boxes of Denia (Valencia) raisins; they will in all likelihood want more this year, having less green fruit to use, but there is a smaller supply. Then where in former seasons there was a stock of old dried fruit left over to draw upon, there is not, we are told, a box left in England, which indeed, has been drawing raisins from the United States. Sultanias must go higher; while the English supply was 524,000 boxes in 1881 against 474,000 boxes in 1880, there was no old fruit to draw upon. The Denia crop has been lessened by untoward weather, and advices are that prices are advancing. A circumstance that helps to increase the price of Malaga raisins is that the shippers have met and agreed to secure to buyers full weights, a matter in which there has been room for complaint; 25 per cent is maintained as the probable extent of the advance in price. Nuts.—Almonds and filberts are much firmer, 80 if not 40 per cent higher than last year. No advice is received as to walnuts, crop or price. Figs are likely to be lower, the quality is very good and the consumption will be large. Currants opened high, say about 21/- f.o.b. at Patras, came down 1 6 to 28/- and the market is now steady at 19 9, with no signs of going lower.

FLOUR & MEAL.—The quantity of flour offering has rarely been so slight. The total stocks in store are 625 bbls., compared with 125 bbls. last week, and 250 same time of 1880. The market is dull, with a somewhat easier feeling, small sales of *Superior Extra* at \$6.10 and *Extra* at \$6.00, with an occasional 100 bbls. of *Spring Extra* at \$5.90 is all that is being done. Prices in the old country are easier. *Oatmeal*, higher, the supply is very meagre in this market, and there is not much now in country places. It may be expected to grow cheaper later in the season, but the low water has been unfavorable for grinding. Quotations are \$4.40 to 4.50 per bbl. by the carload. *Bran* continues to be scarce and high; we quote \$14.00 per ton; demand is for shipment eastward as well as for city trade.

GRAIN.—The total stocks of grain in store are 138,783 bush., against 123,037 bush. last week, and 64,153 bush. last year. Coarse grains are, for the most part, nominal. The English market for wheat has been easier for some days past, the harvest yielding better than expected. There was a decline on Wednesday of 3d to 6d per quarter in Liverpool. Chicago prices went down, but rallied again to \$1.30 3/4 for No. 2 October. Stocks of wheat in store here, 64,220 bush. against 50,704 bush. last week and 13,374 bush. at like period of 1880. The market is quiet, only car lots moving; No. 2 *Fall* has sold at \$1.34. *Wheat, Spring.*—Stocks in store, 10,793 bush., against 7,599 bush. last week, and 2,621 bush. at like time last year. We quote No. 1 say \$1.34, and No. 2 \$1.32, with no transactions for a day or two. *Oats* are offering pretty freely, but are less sought for. Stocks in store last week were only 709 bush. against 3,000 bush. at same time of 1880. No. 1 is held at 42c; some buyers seek to obtain inferior at 39c. *Barley* is selling in small volume. Stocks in store 65,829 bush. against 63,774 bush. last week and 41,288 bush. same period 1880. Occasional cargoes new crop are being shipped across the Lake, perhaps on speculation. No. 1 has brought 90c. here, and No. 2 82c., No. 2 choice is worth 85c. From 70 to 90c. is the range on the street market to

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farmers. *Peas*, steady at 75c. for No. 1 and 73c. for No. 2. Stocks in store 1,191 bush. against 1,751 bush. last week and 2,298 bush. at like time last year. *Rye*, nominal stocks in store 1,250 bush. against 500 bush. last week and 1,442 bush. at like time of 1880.

FREIGHTS.—Local railway rates are unchanged, but there has been an alteration in through rates to English ports which are as follow: Meats, boxed, 40c; tallow 40c; lard 40c; butter and cheese, in lots not under 15,000 lbs., 58 1/2c; do. in lots 5,000 to 15,000 lbs., 63 1/2c; flour, in bags, 32 1/2c; oatmeal, in bags, 32 1/2c per cental; apples, \$1.14 per bbl.; clover, 51c per cental; pork, 40c per bbl.

GROCERIES.—A fair business is being done in the staple lines and prices are well maintained. *Coffees*, which are not in heavy supply are steady with a good request for the better varieties. *Spices.*—We quote black pepper 1c higher, it is very firm abroad; nutmegs show a considerable range, and but few are willing to pay the outside figure for best goods; ginger remains steady. *Sugar* is quiet but firm, with refined in steady request; we make no changes in our list. *Fruits* are looking upward, as we note elsewhere. The market for *teas* is very firm, a good line of ordinary firsts, Y.H. changed hands yesterday in the neighborhood of 45c; Japans and blacks are moving in smaller parcels. *Tobaccos* are very firm with still an upward tendency; we quote dark at 38 to 52c; "Solace", the lowest is now worth 40c with 22 1/2c for No. 1.

HIDES & SKINS.—All the green *hides* that come forward are taken at last week's prices cured and inspected continue to move at 9 1/2 to 10 1/2c. according to lot or selection. No change to note in *skins*.

HARDWARE & METALS.—The market for metals is everywhere firm. Scotch warrants advanced last week 2/-, and freights were put up to 12/- besides which the Cleveland masters and the Scotch are conferring about a reduction of the out-put. American markets are distinctly higher on pig. Bar iron has advanced in Liverpool, and as it is scarce in American cities which are already looking across the Ocean for it the firmness may be expected to last. Iron pipe is dearer, say 65 discount from Canadian list. The

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