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BEANS.—Hand-picked in trade-lots have been worth about \$1.50 to \$1.60, with dealers selling usually at \$1.25 to \$1.75.

DRY GOODS.—There is a hopeful feeling as to prospects of retail trade later on; the weather has been unfavorable and buyers have held off, but there must be a dearth of stock in various parts of the province, and indeed the average country dealer is nowhere seriously "loaded up" with goods. Hence the demand must come, and the farmers are well able to pay this year. In cottons, it is unfortunately likely that the break in the combination will result in a degradation of goods by China clay or other adulteration to meet the demand for low-priced stuff, especially as the raw cotton is advancing. In the Old Country, prices are as a rule steady; wool dress goods higher, as we have said, Hessians and coarse jute Dundee goods advanced 25 or 30 per cent.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—Nothing whatever doing in flour, the trade here is at a standstill. Dealers have apparently ceased offering for the present and no demand whatever has been heard. In the absence of reported transactions we can only repeat last week's quotations, with the warning that they must be regarded as nominal. Some bran appears to have moved at outside points, but cars on the spot have been inactive; they would probably have found a sale at about \$14.00. Oatmeal—Cars inactive and unchanged; small lots have sold quietly at \$4.00 to 4.25 for standard and \$4.50 for granulated.

FURS.—Trade has been quiet as a rule, the weather being mild. The feature of the market has been a brisk demand for good bear, and the quality of those offering has been poor, they were shot at the wrong time. We may quote: Beaver, \$3.40 to 4.00; fisher, \$4.00 to 4.50; marten, 70 to 75c.; mink, \$1.00; bear, large, \$15.00 to 20.00; medium, \$12.00 to 17.00; cub, \$7.00 to 11.00; skunk, black, 20c. to \$1.00; raccoon, 75c.; muskrat, winter, 15c.; red fox, \$1.00; cross fox, \$2.00 to 4.50; lynx, \$3.00 to 4.00.

CATTLE.—The live stock trade is in a very demoralized condition. The market here has for some time past been overstocked with rubbish, and of course prices are quite off, with no apparent early chance of a change for the better. There is practically no export business now, as freights and insurance are too high. The weather is affecting the trade injuriously, and as it is scarcely probable that the quality of stock will improve much, no alteration of consequence is likely to occur until the Christmas trade begins.

COAL AND WOOD.—Great activity exists in the coal trade, and the difficulty with many of the firms is to fill orders within a reasonable time after they are placed on their books. Prices are unchanged, though by some houses an advance has been made in the list prices, which is deducted as "commission for cash."

DRUGS.—The local trade is fair in small lots. Opium and quinine are steady at the prices that have ruled of late. There is a better business doing in quinine, which is very firm, but opium is just now rather quiet.

GRAIN.—The chief movement of the week has been in coarse grains, and these very often at outside points. Wheat has been decidedly dull, with a downward tendency in prices. No demand for shipment has developed, and millers were evidently unwilling to repeat former prices. No. 2 fall sold last Thursday for \$1.15 at an outside point, being equal to \$1.21 here for shipment, or \$1.19 for milling; but since then it has been neglected, and offered much lower without finding buyers; at the close No. 2 fall could have been bought two cents below the above prices, and No. 2 spring much about the same. Manitoban wheats also neglected, but No. 2 frosted has sold at \$1.10 to 1.12 f.o.c. Prices for oats have been unsettled all week. Last Thursday white sold at 36½c., and mixed at 39c. on track; on Saturday sales of mixed were made at 37 to 39c. on track; on Monday, mixed to arrive sold at 38c. and cars outside at equal to 36½c. here, and at close mixed brought 38c. on track. Barley has been in fair demand at generally steady prices. Last week No. 1 sold at equal to 75 to 76c. here for lots lying outside; No. 2 changed hands at equal to 73c.; extra No. 3 brought 71c., and No. 3 from 66½ to 68c. On Monday No. 1 sold at equal to 74½ and 76c.; extra No.

3 at 71c., and No. 3 to arrive at 67c. The market closed quiet but firm; holders seemed to want a cent advance on the above prices and to be unable to obtain it, but finding ready buyers as before. Peas—a steady demand at firm prices has been maintained all through; lots lying outside sold last week at 61c.; on Monday at 61½c., and at the close for 62c., at which figures more would have been taken had they been forthcoming. Nothing doing in rye, but asked for on the street market at 65 to 66c.

GROCERIES.—Trade has much improved since our last report. Sugars are again very strong and have advanced one-sixteenth. Syrup and molasses are active. Rice is in good demand. The movement in tobacco is good and values are steady. In tea we have plenty doing and the market is a strong one. There is a large business in currants at stronger prices. New Malaga fruits are here and quotations are advancing. In canned goods there is a good movement and prices are steady. Coffee remains very dull. Payments are generally good. The outlook is promising.

HAY.—Pressed has been very scarce and car lots wanted at about \$13 for clover and \$16 for timothy, with as high as \$25.00 paid on the market.

HIDES AND SKINS.—No change of any consequence in green hides. Offerings rather on the increase, but all taken as before; cured have sold at 6½ to 7c. Calfskins—Scarcely anything doing; prices nominally unchanged. Sheepskins—Prices unchanged at 80 to 85c. for the best green, and 60 to 70c. for the general run of dry; offerings rather on the increase, to the grief of those who have to pay these prices.

HOPS.—Nothing doing; growers have been offering rather lower, but no sales of any consequence are reported.

IRON AND HARDWARE.—There is a steady business doing, but we have no quotable changes. Freights have advanced and are still advancing, and in consequence prices are firm. The trade doing here is chiefly in small parcels, but is good of the kind. Payments are showing signs of improvement, and prospects are offered of encouragement.

LEATHER.—A strong contrast exists between the condition of trade now and last week. The rush is quite exhausted, and dealers are almost doing nothing. Stocks remain in much the same state and are generally low. There is an accumulation of light Spanish, and a rather good demand for heavy harness, this being about the only movement there is. Prices are still reported as firm and are quoted unchanged.

LUMBER.—The local market is quiet, shipping to the other side of the lakes being nearly over, and the building operations of the season having spent themselves. There is no special feature to be remarked with respect to the demand, and prices are about the same as before. Some large contracts are in view for spring, such as the new Asylum buildings at Mimico and the new U. C. College.

PAINTS AND OILS.—There is a steady but by no means an active movement. Turpentine is new quoted at 76c. and likely to be higher, and most grades of varnishes have advanced in sympathy with turpentine. Glass is scarce and may advance in price. Putty is quoted at \$2.25.

PETROLEUM.—There is much activity in petroleum. Canadian refined is quoted at 13 to 14c. Other prices are unchanged.

POTATOES.—Cars have been abundant and easy; sales were made last week at 37 and 38c. on track, and since then some transactions are reported at 35c., but even buyers seem not very confident of getting many more at the latter price.

PROVISIONS.—We may report a fair movement generally. Butter offered in increased quantities, and this fact has checked the demand from dealers for lots, and made prices easy; selections have sold usually at 19 to 20c., with none too much of this quality; medium has been slow of sale and weak in price at 16 to 17c.; common quiet at from 12 to 13c. Box lots of rolls abundant, and when of good quality readily taken at 18 to 19c., but these figures for choice only. Cheese quiet in small lots at from 10½ to 11c. for choice fall make; summer make has been obtainable lower. Prices of eggs have risen a cent per dozen for really fresh, which closed at 21c. for case lots, with 20c. paid for trade lots; limed have been worth about 18 to 19c., but somewhat unsettled.

PORK.—Small lots have been usually going at \$18 to 18.50 with a fair enquiry heard. Bacon—Prices easy with sales not very active; long-clear might have been bought in trade lots at about 10½c., but tons and cases have been steady at 11c. with a fair sale; Cumberland offered at 9½ to 10c. without buyers; smoked meats in fair demand at 11c. for rolls, at 12c. for backs and at 12½c. for bellies. Hams are easier; smoked have sold in lots of about fifty at 11½c., with small lots going at 12c. Lard quiet, with small sales at 11½c. for tinnets and 12c. for pails. Hogs—There have been a few small rail lots sold about \$7.00 for choice, with \$6.50 for poor, but they have not yet been offered in any considerable quantity. Dried apples—Dealers seem to have been reducing their bids for trade lots, and unwilling to pay over 4½ to 5c., and selling about 5½ to 5¾c.; evaporated have changed hands in trade lots at 7 to 7½c., and dealers have been selling small lots about 8 to 8½c.

POULTRY.—Box lots have come forward freely, and have been rather slow of sale and weak at 5 to 6c. per lb. for geese and 9 to 10c. for turkeys; with fowl very slow at 30 to 40c. and ducks at 50 to 60c. per pair.

SALT.—Inactive at unchanged prices.

TALLOW.—Unchanged; all offered wanted at 2½c. for rough and 6½ to 6¾c. for rendered, with stocks on hand very small.

WOOL.—Fleece has been offered slowly, and moving only in lots of 1,000 to 2,000 lbs. at 19½ to 20c. for selected, and 16c. for rejected. Super has been changing hands freely in lots of 5,000 to 10,000 lbs. at 21c.; extra has been inactive because scarce, but it has been in good demand at from 26 to 27c.

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