market is easier and concessions are being made. Cocoa butter is firmer.

Flour and Grain.—In the flour market a firmer tone is to be noted, and 90 per cent patents sell for $2.77½ to $2.80, middle freights in buyers' covers. Bran and shorts are both steady. Oatmeal has dropped about 10c., and still has a declining tendency. Wheat is firmer, having already advanced 1 to 2c. Oats also is half or one cent higher. Other grains remain about the same.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Much interest is being manifested in the coming sale of the "Fremona's" cargo of fruit in Montreal, which takes place to-day. The cargo consists of some 63,000 packages of oranges and lemons, and is reported to be in splendid condition. Local trade is about normal at the following quotations: Oranges, Wash. navels, $4.25 per box; Mediterranean sweets, $4.25; Valencias, $5 to $6 per large case; Bahama, $2.50 to $3 per box; Mexican $2.50; Lemons, new Messina, $2.25 to $3; bananas, fancy, $1.20 to $2; Canadian white beans, $1.40 per bush.; Canadian onions, $1.20; Florida celery, $2.00 per case; tomatoes, $4 per crate; pineapples, $5 to $5.50; strawberries, 14 to 15c. per box; cukes, $1.75 to $2 per dozen.

Groceries.—Except in canned meats which have an upward tendency, and in some cases have advanced sympathetically owing to the soaring of meats, there has been practically no change in prices under this heading since last week. Trade is normal.

Hardware.—Values in all lines of shelf hardware are very firm, and a very good business is being done. Harvest tools have advanced, the discount having been reduced from 60, 10 and 10 to 60 and 10 per cent. Wood stoves also are dearer. Owing to labor troubles in Belgium, advances in the price of window glass are not improbable. The metal trade is quite busy, and bar iron and pig lead are not unlikely to go higher. Pig tin has advanced 1c. Iron and steel are in brisk demand.

Hides and Skins.—No feature presents itself for comment this week, though there is a certain degree of scarcity of good quality hides. Prices are fairly firm. Receipts of sheepskins are light. Rough and caul tallow has gone up ¼ to ½ cent

Live Stock—At the market this week prices were slightly easier, but the decline went very little way towards relieving the situation. Offerings were large. Export cattle fell off about 15c. per cwt., but butchers' remained practically the same. Low grade sheep were about 25c. higher.

Provisions.—Receipts of butter are increasing. The market is steady at 18c. Lower prices, however, may be expected in the immediate future. Cheese is firm at 11½c. In hog products there is a firmer tone to the market owing to the advances in fresh beef. Live hogs have advanced 25c. per 100. Eggs are steady at 12 to 12½c. The receipts of butter are somewhat small, but the demand also is light.