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very busy. The volume of summer trade has been better than the variable weather would lead people to expect. As an indication of the general prosperity throughout Canada orders from the country are very liberal, and reports from travellers all over are of a most encouraging kind. From various points in the North-West especially the demand for all lines of dry goods has been larger than ever before. Payments are reported good, and prospects as being bright.

Hides and Skins.—There is a fair movement, but no quotable change in prices, which for hides are still high.

Leather.—The demand has been better this week, and prices are steady, but unchanged from those previously quoted.

Seeds.—There is no particular demand yet, and prices are not settled. Locally, alsike is quoted at from \$5 to \$5.25; timothy, \$1 to \$1.30; fancy, \$1.50 to \$1.60.

Paints and Oils.—Not very much doing in these lines. Prices of oils and paints are firm, and window glass is well maintained.

Live Stock.—The demand in the British markets for Canadian cattle is but poor; they are selling at from 10 to 11c. per pound; refrigerator beef is worth from 8 to 9c. per lb.; sheep are worth 12c.

Fruit.—Heavier supplies being due, are so unsettling prices that it is useless to attempt to quote them. While the city is crowded with visitors the demand is not equal to the supply, and as a result prices are downward.

**Mercantile Summary.**

We lately reported Joseph Goldenberg, dealer in dry goods at Dalhousie, N.B., as making an offer to creditors of 25 cents on the dollar. He has since assigned.

The coal areas in and around Edmonton, N.W.T., are, it is reported, gradually showing up in larger quantity and better quality. One mine, about 15 miles up the river, has a seam of coal fifteen feet in thickness adjoining the river, which means ease in transportation.

Fernie, B.C., seems to be a mark for the fire fiend. This energetic and thriving town was again visited by a disastrous fire on August 26th, by which many of the choicest buildings were destroyed. The estimated damage was \$35,000, about half of which was covered by insurance.

Mr. T. J. French, K.C., secretary of the Prescott, Ont., Terminal Company, is authority for the statement that on account of the large crop in the American and Canadian North-West, the company would immediately fit up the elevator at that place. For the past few years this elevator has been closed down, and only a short time ago was sold to the present owners.

It is understood, says the Montreal Witness, that the Government has practically consented to renew for a period of five years from August next, its arrangement with Messrs. Allan for the carriage of the mails between this country and the United Kingdom. We understand the steamship company wanted a ten year contract, but the proposition was declined.

In the last weekly report of the Department of Trade and Commerce we find a report from Mr. C. M. Kittson, commercial agent for Canada at Cape Town. He says that South Africa at certain times is a good market for the sale of Canadian apples. During the months of October, November and December the locally grown fruit is out of season, as it also Australian fruit, which country usually ships large quantities of apples and other fruits to South Africa. At this particular time Canada could, with advantage, step in and supply the South African consumer with apples, which would meet with a ready demand. The apples most favored by the consumer are those of any large red variety. Apples without much color will not meet with a ready demand, and would

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probably have to be disposed of at reduced prices. Shippers are advised that no inferior fruit will fetch anything like a remunerative price. Apples for South Africa may be packed in boxes containing about one-third of a barrel, or in barrels. All fruit shipped to South Africa must be free from scale or black spot. If otherwise, the fruit will be destroyed by the South African governments, without compensation to the shippers.

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