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good quality, though sour. Shipments of apples to Great Britain continue at barely half the rate of last year. Cables from there state that there is a good demand at 18s. to 21s. for Baldwins; 16s. 6d. to 22s. for Greenings, and 17s. to 21s. 6d. for Kings. We quote prices as follows: New Messina lemons, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; Malaga, \$3.75; California Navels, extra fancy, \$3.50 to \$3.75; Florida, \$3.50; Mexican, \$2.50; Valencia, \$4.25 to \$5.50 per case; Jamaica, \$2.75; Almeria grapes, \$5.50 to \$6.50; apples, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per bbl.; bananas, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bunch; cranberries, \$9 and \$10 per bbl.; Spanish onions, \$3.50 per case; Canadian, \$1.10 per bag.

Groceries.—As may be expected at this time of the year, wholesale grocery houses have been very busily employed this week. The chief feature naturally is dried fruits, and it is believed that more table raisins have been sold this season than ever before. There is a good movement in teas, but Young Hysons are quite scarce. In sugars little is being done. The United States refineries advanced 5c. last week, but their example has not been followed by Canadians. Pale syrup has gone up owing to the scarcity of corn.

Hardware.—In seasonable lines business has been fully up to the average during the past week. Cutlery, skates, sleigh bells, etc., have been moving quite freely. Rope has gone up a little. Metals are meeting with active enquiry. Iron pipe has advanced 7½ per cent. Pig tin is weak.

Hides and Skins.—A downward tendency is noticeable in the hide market, though no actual decline has taken place in prices. Sheepskins are coming in in liberal quantities, but the demand is slow. Deerskins remain steady. Tallow is firm.

Live Stock.—The approach of Christmas is causing a lively demand at the cattle market. Both butchers' and export cattle sell at good prices. Sheep also are firm. Quality in several lines seems to have improved lately.

Provisions.—Dairy butter is coming in in large quantities, though the quality in many cases leaves much to be desired. For good stuff the demand is brisk. For cheese the call is light. The market for new laid eggs is very good, offerings being light. Poultry of the right sort sells quickly, but half-finished birds are very numerous, both among chickens and turkeys. Not much hops is coming forward, and prices are steady at 13c. for Canadian, 1901 crop. Hog products are very firm in sympathy with the advance in live hogs.

Wool.—So far as it goes, it is satisfactory to note that a considerable quantity of fleece wool, about 300,000 pounds in fact, has been sold this week to go to the United States. Unfortunately, however, the price given, 14c. for round lots allows practically no margin for profit. In pulled wools, the demand is only moderate. At the London wool sales on the 10th inst. the offerings numbered 10,890 bales, mainly medium grades. Queensland, Victoria and New Zealand scoured were in good demand, and were taken by home, French and German buyers. Following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 3,500 bales; scoured, 6½d. to 1s. 4½d.; greasy, 2d. to 11½d. Queensland, 8,000 bales; scoured, 6½d. to 1s. 6d.; greasy, 3½d. to 8½d. Victoria, 1,500 bales; scoured, 3½d. to 1s. 7d.; greasy, 4d. to 10½d. South Australia, 100 bales; scoured, 6½d. to 8½d.; greasy, 4d. to 8d. New Zealand, 3,600 bales; scoured, 3¼d. to 1s. 4½d.; greasy, 2½d. to 9½d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 200 bales; scoured, 3d. to 1s. ½d.; greasy, 4¾d. to 5½d.

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