

HARDWARE.—In a retail and jobbing way there has been a fair amount of activity during the past week. There are few sales of round lots, but the outlook is considered satisfactory. The improvement in United States markets is encouraging. Prices remain steady, there being no changes from last week. Quotations are:—Barbed fencing wire, galvanized, 8½c; painted, 7c; Canada plates, Boar's head, \$3.35; Pontypore, \$3.35; cut nails, per keg, 10d to 60d, \$3.10; 8d and 9d, \$3.35; 6d and 7d, \$3.60; 4d and 5d, \$3.85; 3d, \$4.60. Copper, ingot, 19c to 20c; sheet, 25c to 26c; bar, 30c to 33c. Bar iron, Nova Scotia, \$2.50; ordinary, \$2 to \$2.10; hoops, coopers', \$2.50 to \$2.60; band, \$2.50. Manila rope, 12½c to 13c per lb; deep sea, 14c to 16c. Window glass is rather quiet and unchanged. Steel is steady, at prices 12c to 13c for cast, and 2½c to 2½c for sleigh shoe. Tin steady, bar, 26c to 28c; ingot, 24c to 25c. Pig iron quiet and unchanged at \$22 for Glengarnock and \$22.50 for Summerlee. Tin plates: 10 Coke \$4.75 to \$5; 10 Charcoal, \$5.25 to \$5.50; 1X do, \$7 to \$7.25; DX do, \$5.25; DX do, \$5.25.

GROCERIES.—There is a moderate demand from the country for moderate parcels. No large lots are reported, and prices are steady. Stocks are only moderate, and the feeling is that prices will continue unchanged. An increased volume of business is expected next week. Coffee firm at 18c to 25c for Java; 10c to 11c for Rio; and 30c to 38c for Mocha. Raisins quiet; Valentines are steady at 5½c to 6c. Spices quiet; allspice 17c to 20c; Cassia, whole, 18c to 20c; cloves, 25c to 40c; ginger, ground, 25c to 35c, root, 23c to 27c; nutmeg, 75c to \$1.15. Sugars, Porto Rico, dark to fair, 7c to 7½c; bright to choice, 7½c to 8c; Canada refined, 6½c to 8½c; Standard granulated, 8½c to 9c; Paris lump, 10c to 10½c; Scotch refined, 6½c to 7c. Sympies unchanged. Tobaccos, dark, 31½c to 32½c; Western Leaf, 31½c to 34½c; bright, 48c to 52c; choice, 70c to 75c.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Hides are in fair supply and steady, notwithstanding lower prices in the United States. Deners are paying 7½c and 8½c for No. 1 green cows and steers, and sales of car lots of cured have been made at 8½c and 8½c during the week. Lambskins are higher and so are pelts; the price now paid is 60c. Cat skins are almost nominal at 11c to 13c for green and 15c for cured.

LEATHER.—Orders have been coming in very well from the country, and the feeling among the trade generally is cheering. Some sales of slaughter. Sole are reported, but as yet few round lots are changing hands. Harness is in moderate demand. There are no changes in quotations: Spanish sole, all weights, 28c to 30c; and for No. 2, 25c to 28c; slaughter, heavy, 28c to 30c, and light, 27c to 29c. Hemlock harness leather, 28c to 33c; oak harness, 45c to 50c; hemlock belting, 34c to 43c, according to quality. Kips, French, 75c to 95c; English, 70c to 75c; Chicago slaughter, 65c to 75c; native slaughter, 45c to 60c; splits, large, 28c to 33c; bull, 16c to 18c; pebble, 14c to 18c; russets, shoe, 40c to 50c; saddlers, \$8.50 to \$9. Hemlock calf (36 to 40 lbs. to the dozen), 75c to 90c; light, 60c to 70c; French calf, \$1.10 to \$1.40. Cod oil, 65c to 70c per gal. Straits oil, 55c to 60c; gambier, 7c; Sumach, 4½c to 5c.

LIVE STOCK TRADE.—Cattle.—The feeling has somewhat improved this week, and the tone of British markets is firmer. The receipts here have been small, and values steady. Choice cattle for export sold at 5½c to 6c per lb., and some dealers report as high as 6½c being paid. Choice butchers' stock rules at 4½c to 5c, ordinary at 3½c to 4c, and inferior at 3. The export trade in Sheep is quiet, and prices are un-

changed; choice sell at 5c and ordinary at 4½c to 4¾c. Lambs are easy at \$4.50 to \$4 a head. Calves in fair supply and steady at 7c to 8c per lb., dressed weight. Hogs are steady at 5½c to 6c per lb.

PROVISIONS.—This trade has been quiet, business being rather unsettled by the recent failures. Butter.—The supply of ordinary and inferior qualities is large, and sales of such lots are rather difficult to make. There is no shipping demand, and the trade is confined chiefly to jobbing lots of choice qualities for local requirements—these bringing 15c to 15½c in tubs or crocks. Inferior to ordinary qualities of butter are dull at 10c to 13c. Bacon is quiet and prices easy; the only sales made are for small lots; stocks are large, and prices in Chicago are declining so much that this market is demoralized. Long clear sells at 9c to 9½c per lb, and Cumberland cut at 8½c to 9c. Hams quiet and easy; smoked and canvassed sell at 13½c to 14c, and pickled at 12c to 12½c. Lard is also easy, but transactions are small; tinnets are quoted at 11½c to 11½c, and pail lots at 12c. Pork is dull, and prices nominal at about \$17.50 to 18. Beef is quoted unchanged at \$16 to 17c. Eggs are in moderate demand and steady; offerings are all taken at 16c to 17c per dozen in case lots; and dealers sell at 18c. Cheese is firm; there is a moderate demand and choice sells at 11c. Dried Apples inactive, and prices nominal at 10c for common, and 14c to 15c for evaporated. Beans unchanged, with sales of small lots at \$1.60 to \$1.75 per bushel. Potatoes are steady; bags range from 75c to \$1.00, and barrel lots at \$1.50 to \$1.75. Apples steady; windfalls rule at \$2 to \$2.50, but good winter fruit is quoted at \$3 to \$3.50. Hops dull; old are quoted at 30c to 35c, and new at 40. Hogs slightly easier at \$8.25 to \$8.50. Salt unchanged; coarse Liverpool in bags, 65c in car lots; fine Liverpool, 5-lb. bags, at 50c in small lots; Canadian, \$1.35 per barrel in car lots; dairy salt in 3 lb bags, at \$3.75 per barrel in small lots.

WOOL.—There is little business being transacted. Receipts are light; so is the demand. Values continue about the same as last week. Good selections of Leicester fleeco bring 19c to 19½c, and Cotswold, 16c to 17c. South-down, pure bred, is worth 25c; part bred, 22c to 23c, according to quality. The demand from factories is light, and pulled wools easy; Supers are quoted at 24c to 25c, and Extra at 29c to 30c.

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