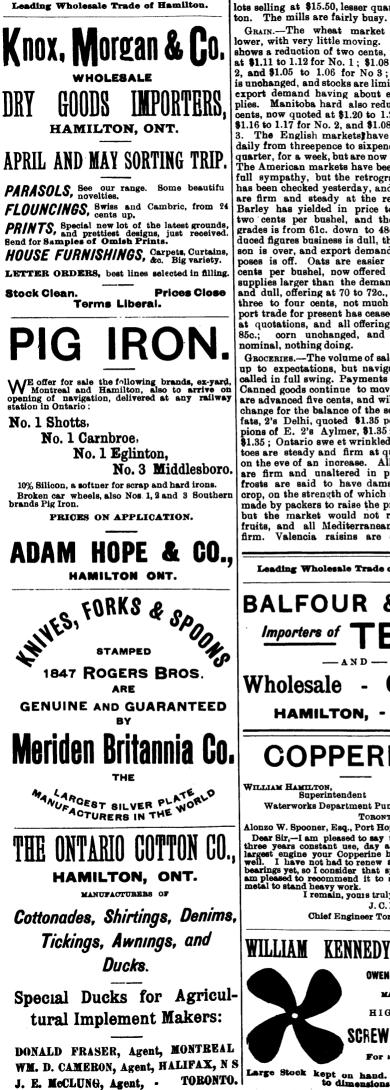
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lots selling at \$15.50, lesser quantities \$16 per ton. The mills are fairly busy.

-The wheat market is weak and lower, with very little moving. Winter wheat lower, with very little moving. Willster when shows a reduction of two cents, is now quoted at \$1.11 to 1.12 for No. 1; \$1.08 to 1.09 for No. 2, and \$1.05 to 1.06 for No 3; spring wheat is unchanged, and stocks are limited, the recent export demand having about exhausted sup-plies. Manitoba hard also reduced about two cents, now quoted at \$1.20 to 1.21 for No. 1; \$1.16 to 1.17 for No. 2, and \$1.08 to 1.09 for No. 3. The English markets have been receding daily from threepence to sixpence sterling per quarter, for a week, but are now firm at decline. The American markets have been declining in The American markets have been declining in full sympathy, but the retrograde movement has been checked yesterday, and to day prices are firm and steady at the reduced figures. Barley has yielded in price to the extent of two cents per bushel, and the range of all grades is from 61c. down to 48c. At the reduced figures business is dull, the malting sea-son is over, and export demand for feed pur-poses is off. Oats are easier by one to two cents per bushel, now offered at 50 to 51c., supplies larger than the demand; peas, weak and dull, offering at 70 to 72c., a reduction of three to four cents, not much doing, and ex-port trade for present has ceased. Rye, steady at quotations, and all offering taken at 83 to 85c.; corn unchanged, and prices purely nominal, nothing doing.

GEOCERIES .- The volume of sales has not come GROCERIES.—The volume of sales has not come up to expectations, but navigation cannot be called in full swing. Payments are improving. Canned goods continue to move freely. Peas are advanced five cents, and will not probably change for the balance of the season. Marrow-fats, 2's Delhi, quoted \$1.35 per doz.; Cham-pions of E. 2's Aylmer, \$1.35; standard, 2's, \$1.35; Ontario swe et wrinkled. \$1.35; toma-toes are steady and firm at quotations; corn on the eve of an increase. All canned fruits are firm and unaltared in price. The late are firm and unaltered in price. The late frosts are said to have damaged the peach crop, on the strength of which an attempt was made by packers to raise the price of peaches, but the market would not respond. Dried fruits, and all Mediterranean products, are firm. Valencia raisins are called a shade

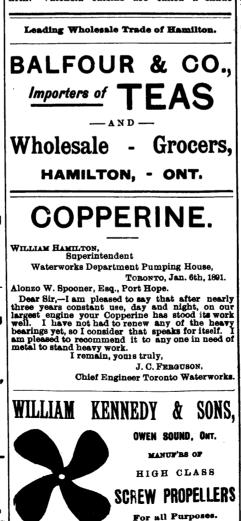
easier ; provincial currants and prunes steady and firm. We note that syrups and molasses are easier. Sugars steady and dull, business doing just for immediate requirements. Rice firm at quotations. As to teas, a cable from China says the Congou market has opened at very high prices. Crop is reported much less than last year's. A cable from Japan says it is still too early for definite quotations; the probabilities are that prices will be about the ame as last year.

HAY AND STRAW .--- The market is well sup-HAY AND STRAW.—The market is well sup-plied with hay and straw. Best timothy hay brings \$14 per ton, ranging down to \$12, ac-cording to quality and condition; mixed hay is selling at \$9 to \$11 per ton; oat sheaf straw, best quality, is realizing \$9, and inferior \$8 per ton.

HIDES AND SKINS .- The hide market has shown more signs of activity during the last shown more signs of activity during the last two or three days than for some time; prices, however, remain unchanged, although firmer. Calfskins are selling readily, and all sheep-skins offering are accepted, but very few are now coming in; in lambskins quotations are unaltered and the usual quantity at this season of the year is being received. Tallow is a little easier, with quotations unaltered.

LEATHER.-The tone of the leather market has improved a little, and local manufacturers are making considerable purchases. The export trade in sole and harness leather continues at figures leaving a margin for profit. This outside trade has tended to keep stocks well within bounds, and future prospects are considered to be good.

PROVISIONS.—In the dairy market business is good; the receipts of butter have increased so much that prices have receded three or four cents per lb.; quotations for choice dairy rolls are 16 to 17c.; fresh dairy tub not quoted; anything out of condition hard to sell. Cheese continues steady and rather dull in movement; new cheese is jobbing at 114 to 1140. per lb. In hog products a fair business is being done; smoked meats are steady and firm at present quotations, long clear bacon, 8 to 8_{1} c. per lb.; breakfast bacon, 10_{4} to 11c.; rolls, 8_{4} to 9c.; hams, 11 to 11_{2} c.; lard is tending upwards in



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