

not a hopeful one and it is predicted that holders will have to take less than current figures before long; this is attributed to the low price of Egyptian beans and other breadstuffs in England, odd cars recently sold at a western point at 57c., a few changed hands for splitting purposes at an advance on these rates. The following are the stocks in store:

| | Oct. 13, 1884. | Oct. 6, 1884. | Oct. 15, 1883. |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fall wheat, bush... | 34,771 | 22,689 | 14,550 |
| Spring wheat, bush.. | 43,281 | 39,612 | 19,236 |
| Oats .. | 1,462 | 1,462 | |
| Barley .. | 118,878 | 78,022 | 58,072 |
| Peas .. | 5,963 | 3,078 | 967 |
| Rye .. | 436 | 982 | 635 |
| Corn .. | | | |
| Total Grain.... | 205,003 | 145,845 | 93,460 |

GROCERIES.—The situation in this market does not present any very noteworthy features; a fair trade is being done, but there are some complaints as to backward remittances. The fruit department seems to be in good shape now, the quality of first arrivals is excellent, but that of what will follow cannot, from the recent heavy rains, be as fine. Ordinary layer raisins are worth \$2.50 to 2.75; black baskets, \$3.80 to 4.00; superior Dehesa, \$5 to 5.50; finest Vega, \$7.25 to 7.50. Figs are already on the market, and the date is early compared with other years. Elemes, in pound boxes, are selling at 13 to 14c 10 pound ditto, 15 to 16c. Malagas, in mats, \$1.25 to 1.40; this latter quality is likely to be scarce. Sugars are a little firmer at home and our price list will about represent figures here. There is a steady demand for tesa; a good many Japans have arrived and are moving freely. It is rather early yet for Young Hysons. Tobaccos are steady and prices unchanged. There is only a limited sale for rice. Owing to a small catch, Sardines have advanced 2 cents per tin from lowest point.

HIDES AND SKINS.—There appears to be no accumulation of stock; the demand is fairly good and about equal to the supply. Our quotation for calfskins may be considered nominal, the season being near an end. Sheepskins are in good supply and have advanced 5c since our last report. There is a very good demand for tallow; stocks of which are rather light. Other items are as previously quoted.

LUMBER.—There is no liveliness in business, and prices for poor grades are weak. Advices from points south of the lakes show dulness prevailing there and but few enquiries come thence of late days. Prices of choice lumber are maintained, more by reason of a belief that it will be wanted hereafter than from any present demand. Joists and scantling can be had at \$11 to \$11.50. Flooring is steady. Dressing unchanged at \$15 to \$15.50; shingles are lower. We quote \$2.30 to \$2.40 for XXX and XX as before.

PROVISIONS.—We have to report a quiet week's business. The supplies of fine butter have increased and the demand still continues good. There is no improvement to note in inferior qualities, some sales of which have been made as low as 10c. In hog products a fair movement has taken place; quotations for long clear bacon are 11½ to 11¼, with a downward tendency. There is still a scarcity of hams, which command 15 to 15¼. The supply of dressed hogs is increasing and they are selling for about \$7.00. Eggs are firm with all receipts wanted. The market for cheese is quiet and unchanged. Nothing of importance is doing in dried fruits.

WOOL.—Factorymen are buying steadily of pulled and low grade fleece, but purchases are for the most part small. There is little or nothing doing in selected combings. We have no alterations to make in prices.

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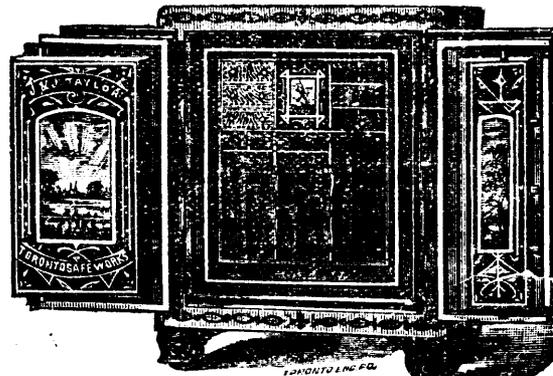
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