

the short crop. The markets outside will possibly advance in the spring months. Grain statistics point to a probable European requirement of 200,000,000 bushels of Wheat to carry them over to next August. That this will be forthcoming is not doubted. There is in sight at present, 33,232,000 visible supply in the United States and Canada, and about 19,000,000 bushels on passage to Europe, making a total of some 53,000,000 bushels of Wheat out of the required 200,000,000 bushels wanted. The market here is quiet. On Monday No. 1 Spring was quoted at \$1.16; No. 2 Spring at \$1.13; No. 2 Fall at \$1.11 and No. 3 Fall at \$1.07. To-day prices were not changed: Goose Wheat is quoted at 87c to 88c, and is not in favor. Stocks on Monday last were slightly increased over the Monday previous, being 76,130 bushels, against 177,706 bushels, December 11, 1882; and 175,127 bushels, December 12, 1881. The total grain in store on Monday was 193,006 bushels, against 383,735 bushels December 11, 1882; and 502,743 bushels December 12, 1881.

COARSE GRAINS.—The *Barley* trade has settled into dulness. The American market is quiet. The receipts during the period from September 8 to December 1, at Western Lake ports, and at Oswego and Buffalo this year, were 12,775,314 bushels; against 10,899,566 bushels in the same period of 1882. Prices in this market are nominally unchanged. There is no speculation in the trade. Quotations are 72c for No. 1; 67c for No. 2; 63c for No. 3 Extra; and 51c to 55c for No. 3, according to the district of production. Stocks have increased since the close of sailing: there were on Monday last 112,947 bushels against 194,161 bushels, December 11, 1882; and 284,456 bushels, December 12, 1881. The market to-day closes quiet and unchanged with sales of No. 3 at 55c. *Oats* are the turn easier, with only a limited demand, and offering at 34c on the truck for No. 1. There were 700 bushels in store on Monday last, against 2,312 bushels, December 11, 1882; and 4,887 bushels December 12, 1881. *Pears* are not offering to any extent and prices are unchanged. No. 2 quoted at 73c to 74c. Stocks on Monday were 3,229 bushels against 2,850 bushels, December 11, 1882; and 5,339 bushels, December 12, 1881. *Rye* nominal at 63c, with no stocks.

COAL OIL.—There is a fair business doing, and prices have ruled rather easier. Single barrel lots of Canadian refined are selling at 15½c to 16c for common, and carbon safety at 18c. American refined is also easier, selling at 24c for prime and 23c for water white. Crude at Petroleum is still dull.

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COAL AND WOOD.—The active demand of a few weeks ago has been satisfied and trade has been rather quieter. There is no change in prices. It is noted that the demand from the country is sensibly greater this season than last. The receipts of coal have also increased. Car lots of coal are quoted at about 50c lower than the price for city delivery. Quotations are: Stove and Chestnut, \$7. per ton; Grate and Egg, \$6.75; Soft Coal, \$6.50 per ton, delivered. Wood is still rather scarce and in good demand at \$6.50 to \$7 per cord for best.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—As reported for some time back, trade is rather dull. Prices are nominally unchanged. A feature in the prices current is the drop in the prices of the roots and herbs that were so largely used last year in brewing operations, in the place of hops. Quotations are as follows:—Aloes, Cape, 20c to 25c per lb.; Gum Arabic, 20c to 35c per lb.; Camphor, 35c to 38c per lb.; Chamomile Flowers, 30c per lb.; Cubeb Berries, \$1.25 per lb.; Opium, \$4.30; Fresh Ergot, 55c to 60c; Castor oil, 12c to 14c; Glycerine, 32c to 35c; Quinine, Howards, \$2.25 per oz.; German, \$2.10; Iodine, ordinary, \$2.75 per lb.; Resublimed, \$3 per lb.; Phosphorus, \$1 to \$1.10; Potass Iodide, \$1.00 to \$2 per lb.; Acid Tannic, \$1.25c per lb.; Salacine, \$4.50 to \$5 per lb.; Turbatic Acid, 63c to 68c per lb.; Cream Tartar, 38c to 40c; Gentian root, 12c to 15c; Colombo root, 25c per lb.; Turpentine, 60c to 65c per gal; Linseed oil, raw, 60c; boiled, 65c for boiled; Madder, best Dutch, 12c to 14c per lb.

GROCERIES.—It is not said that there is any improvement, except an increase in small orders for holiday business. Quotations in leading lines:—*Coffees*, Java, 18c to 25c; Rio 12c to 13c; Mocha, 30c to 32c; *Sugars*, Porto Rico, dark 6½c to 7c; bright, 7c to 7½c; Canadian refined, 6½c to 8½; Standard granulated, 9c. Paris lump, 10c; Scotch refined, 6½c to 7c. *Syrups* common, 54c to 56c; amber, 60c to 63; molasses, 38c to 40c. *Fruits*, muscatel, \$2.25 to \$2.50; layers \$2.25 to \$2.40; seedless raisins, 11c to 12c; Valencias, now, 7c; currants, 5½c to 6c; prunes, 6½c to 7c; figs, mat, 5c to 8c. Almonds S.S. 17c to 18c; filberts, 9c to 10. Peels unchanged. Spices quiet and unchanged. Teas in moderate demand, and prices steady. Tobaccos firm and in fair demand.

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