

generally more movement than would be expected at this time of year.

DRY GOODS.—No material change can be noted in the situation. We are waiting now to see how the crops turn out. They were expected to be bad, and should it happen that the yield is a very good average our lines of trade may be expected to boom, because dealers have been very careful in laying in stocks and accepting and giving large credits. Payments are better but not altogether satisfactory.

DRUGS.—Trade is spoken of as a little more brisk with some houses, but generally the conditions indicate but little change, except that some drugs can be procured just now on terms rather more favorable to the buyer. Still prices are maintained without any quotable difference.

FISH.—There is no change of consequence this week. Supply ample and demand active. Prices are well maintained. British Columbia salmon is 16c. a pound; bass, 8c.; some pickarel (though not a large stock) is quoted at 5½c.; trout and whitefish are 5½ and 6c. a pound, and plentiful.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—There has been rather an improved demand heard for flour during the week; but as offerings have been small and held very firmly there has been only a small movement. Straight rollers sold in the latter part of last week and on Monday at equal to \$4.20 here, in which time extra was asked for at \$3.85 to 3.90, but none offered. At the close the feeling was much the same, with no sales quoted. Bran has been very scarce, firm and wanted; a car of Manitoban make sold at equal to \$15.00 here, and at the close \$16.00 was had for a car delivered at the mill. Oatmeal has remained inactive in consequence of the pending collapse of the combination; but small lots have sold at \$6.05 to 6.15 for standard, and \$6.30 to 6.40 for granulated.

GRAIN.—Offerings of nearly everything have been very small, and were it not for those from Manitoba, they would probably have been short. Wheat—Has been in good demand and firm. Manitoban sold freely in the latter part of last week at equal to 96 to 96½c. here for No. 2 brand and No. 1 Northern, with more of the latter grade taken on Monday; No. 2 fall also sold late last week at 96 to 97c. f.o.c., and on Monday and Tuesday this grade was wanted at 97c.; No. 2 red winter at 96c., and No. 2 spring at 89c. on track. At the close No. 1 brand sold at 98c. to arrive on track; No. 2 brand at 96c. and No. 1 northern at 97c., with choice No. 2 fall held at \$1.00 f.o.c., and 98c. bid. Only Manitoban oats have offered and these have been rather unsettled, with cars on track sold last week at 47½, at 48 and 48½c., but on Monday went off at 47c.; and at close for 47 and 46c., and three cars to arrive at 45c. In barley there has been nothing of any consequence offered, and operators seem to have been inclined to wait for new grain before commencing operations. No peas have been available in any quarter, and prices have, therefore, been purely nominal; but if we may judge by crop reports this is unlikely long to continue, as nearly all agree that the yield is likely to be the best in very many years.

HAY.—Pressed has continued in good demand at firm prices with offerings small; timothy on track has sold at \$15.00, which price would probably have been repeated. Market prices closed at \$20.00 to 22.00 for new.

GROCERIES.—Trade is quite as active as we can expect just now, although it has fallen off a little from the strength of last week. Currents and Valentias are again the feature; both are strongly held and in short supply. Tea is moving well at very good prices. Sugar is quiet but firm, and a probability of being yet higher. There is only a small trade in coffee. Tobacco is going at fair figures. The new salmon has opened up and much relieved the market.

HARDWARE.—With the exception of pig lead and tin, which are both firmer, there is no alteration at all in hardware. Business is fairly good and payments are tolerably satisfactory.

HIDES AND SKINS.—Prices of green hides are unchanged, the supply is fair and taken steadily; cured seem to have been easy with sales at 5½ to 6c. Green calfskins entirely unchanged; but one sale of cured is quoted after many months on p.t. In sheepskins, pelts and lambskins have been consolidated for the season and advanced to 40 to 45c. for the best green.

LEATHER.—A considerable change has occurred since our last report. Business has improved very much this week. Many large lots have been sold to local dealers, who have at last commenced stocking up for the fall trade. The demand has mostly been for No. 1 Spanish, the stocks of which are rather low, but there is a plentiful supply of other grades. The trade of the manufacturers is at a standstill, as they have closed down until after the civic holiday, when a busy time may be expected as they have allowed their stocks to run very low. Quotations are unchanged.

LIVE STOCK.—A good export trade going on, but its full development is spoilt for want of transport accommodation just now. Liverpool cables of to-day give fairly good accounts of the demand for "American" cattle in England, which is said to be active for prime at sixpence a pound. The local trade is good, but our market is overloaded with very inferior stock, which will not sell and thus injure the trade in better grades. Considering the large runs, poor quality, and hot weather, trade is good and prices quite up to the average.

PAINTS AND OILS.—Very dull indeed. There is an advance in turpentine, which is now quoted steady at 57c. Other prices not altered. There is not likely to be any substantial improvement in this trade until next month, when we usually commence to be more active.

PROVISIONS.—Trade for the season is fair. Butter has been in good demand at steady prices; choice grades for local consumption have ranged from 15c. for really good store to 17 to 18c. for gilt-edged dairy; some enquiry has been heard for trade-lots of good quality to hold over, and sales of mixed store and dairy with all white carefully thrown out have been made at 15 and 15½c. Common grades have been wanted by bakers at 12 to 14c., but scarcely any offered; and a very few refrigerator-box-lots of choice rolls have changed hands at 16 to 17c. Cheese is rather unsettled; the general run has been 10 to 10½c., but some dealers have been asking 11c. for choice, and some poor has been obtainable at 9½c. Eggs are easier, with the demand rather slack; prices closed usually at 15c. for cases and no demand heard for trade lots. Pork has been selling freely and firmly at \$18.00 to 18.50. In bacon native products seem nearly run out; there was one car of long-clear, apparently the last in the market, sold at 11c., and for tons and cases 11½ to 11¾c. was asked at the close. No rolls offered; and a few bellies held at 13½c. Hams are very scarce and in very good demand; prices usually steady at 13 to 13½c., though a very few have been obtainable at 12½c., for heavy weights. Lard has sold freely and closed held higher at 11½c., for tins and 11½ to 12c. for tubs and pails. The few hogs selling are generally on order and at about \$8.50. Dried apples are nearly finished; but a few were to be had at the close for about 7c.; and evaporated were steady at 9 to

9½c.; trade-lots nominal and not wanted. There has been a few small lots of hops sold to local brewers at from 10 for old and 15c. for last years of good quality; but when this has been done the total remains small. There has been some treaty for trade-lots which at latest intelligence remained open. Nothing of any consequence doing in white beans; prices as before at \$2.25 to 2.35c. for hand picked.

SALT.—still quiet, with little or no Liverpool on hand; but we understand that the ballast room of the fall fleet has been engaged to be filled for our benefit. Canadian quiet at former prices.

WOOL.—Fleece has been moving fairly well at 19c., for good merchantable; at 19½ and 20c., for good selected, and at 14 to 16c. for rejected; therh have been a very few small lots of South Down sold at 23c., but pulled of all sorts has been purely nominal.

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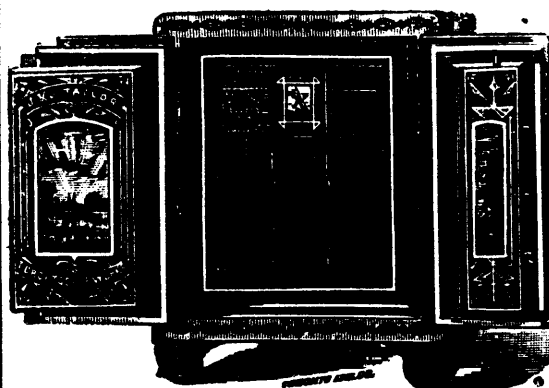
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