

CONDITION OF THE TRADE

Local Jobbing Business Generally Quiet in the Last Week of the Regular Lines.

COUNTRY COLLECTIONS CONTINUE SLOW

Weather Proves a Detriment to Business—The Holiday Season Has Developed a Fair Demand for Fancy Goods.

The exceedingly mild and unseasonable weather continues to be a disturbing element in trade circles. Even when the normal condition of the country is at its best, it has been found impossible to do business in the winter months so long as the weather is so favorable. The demand is naturally small and the government is inclined to practice economy, the fact that the weather has been so mild during the last week of the regular lines has had an influence upon the volume of trade than usual. It is not surprising, in view of these facts, that the jobbers are reporting only a fair trade for general merchandise during the past six days.

In holiday goods there has been a fair movement, and as a general thing jobbers express themselves as well satisfied with the holiday trade. It has proven fairly good as they anticipated. The time when only a few houses handling specialties enjoyed the benefits of the holiday trade has passed, and now almost every dealer is doing a fair business. There is something that can be utilized for Christmas presents. While holiday goods have been going off freely, there has been a decrease in the past week.

The markets during the past week have been the most kind and merciful that have been very nearly steady. The effects of the very severe weather to have been confined mostly to the export trade.

While the demand for staple lines has not been very active during the past week, a near approach to normal has increased the requirements for consumption. The market for holiday goods has been quiet, but during the past week it developed into considerable activity, and the jobbers were keeping up their orders on time. Such goods as nuts, raisins and grocers' fancy articles have continued very quiet during the past week.

It is said that canned corn and tomatoes are occupying a very strong position in the market, and from some quarters come indications that the demand will be before the end of the winter.

Imported currants are pretty well cleaned out of the markets of the country, and light imports are expected until the question of duty is decided by the courts, where it is now pending.

CHRISTMAS HELPS HARDWARE. Hardware jobbers report a very fair business for the past week. The trade will not be expected to be as active as it has been in the past few days. The hardware trade has been pushing into the holiday trade this season, and report a large business in stoves. If the demand only came from the jobbers, it would be no doubt a popular holiday good, the trade is already commencing to talk of the demand for stoves, and that the demand will be larger than last season.

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COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Grain and Provision Market Today Closed Unexpectably Steady.

STOCKS CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE ALL

Corn Was Slow and Steady and with No Time Was Quite as Low as on Friday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The grain and provision markets today closed unexpectably steady. The fluctuations in some instances showing material gains over last night's figures. Prices have been so low that there was but little speculative trading on the part of the market. The market was slow and steady, and with no time was quite as low as on Friday.

Only a moderate business was doing in oats. Shorts were still good buyers and the market was quiet. The market was slow and steady, and with no time was quite as low as on Friday.

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