

APPLE TRADE GAINS

Coast Market Has an Upward Tendency.

STOCKS ARE WORKING OFF

Dealers Look for an All Around Advance in Prices Soon After New Year's—Some Higher in California.

As the year draws to a close a stronger tone is developing in the apple market and the general trend is in an all-around advance, prices soon after New Year's. Most of the dealers expected the market would be lifted before this, but the supply was such as to prevent any advance. The alternative prices, especially for low grade fruit, brought in much stock from the country that ordinarily would have been had at home. This sort of apples is now about all cleaned up and in a short time the trade will be supplied with fruit that is in the hands of stronger holders.

There is only a small supply of choice and fancy apples at shipping points, some sections being entirely cleaned up. Storage stocks are moderate and this particular market will be well entered. The leading factor in the situation this year seems to be the difficulty in getting the bulk of the canned supply in now held. The California market is firm and tending upward, some having been advanced 25 cents in the past week and the effect of the strength south will soon be felt here.

There was a good clearance of local stocks in the week preceding Christmas and jobbers look for a good trade this week as there is usually an active New Year's demand on the local market.

STILE A HOLIDAY IN GRAIN MARKET.

Very Little Business Transacted and Prices Are Not Changed.

There is still a holiday air about the local grain market. Trading was very small yesterday and prices were quoted unchanged. The Liverpool Exchange was closed and no wheat cables came through. Oats and barley were without change.

Local receipts in cars, were reported by the Merchants' Exchange as follows:

Wheat Harry Floor Date Hay Monday-Tuesday 200 0 18 0 17

Year ago 200 0 11 2 24

Season to date 200 0 27 10 19

Year ago 344 337 559 1800

The weekly wheat statistics of the Mercantile Exchange follow:

American winter supply—

Bushels, Increases,

Dec. 26, 1911 71,000,000 500,000

Dec. 27, 1910 69,000,000 500,000

Dec. 28, 1909 67,000,000 500,000

Dec. 29, 1908 65,000,000 500,000

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