

erect their sheds on the wharves, and with warm favorable weather—expected after the steady rain to-day—the river craft will probably be under full sail a week or ten days hence. There has been considerable sorting-up business done in the lighter staples, to keep up stocks until the arrival of the Spring fleet, but values, except in produce and provisions, have been subjected to little change. Flour and grain, hog products, seal oil, and sheep and lambskins are firm and advancing, while dairy produce is weak and lower. Any changes in groceries, etc., will be found below, under that heading. The demand for money is reported more active, advances to mercantile borrowers having considerably increased. The returns of imports at Montreal for the quarter ending 21st March show an increased value of nearly \$2,750,000, which alone would be a sufficient reason for increased demand for accommodation. Short dated commercial bills are negotiated at 6 to 7 per cent., call loans at 5 to 5½, and time advances on good collateral at 6. There has been little business doing in Sterling Exchange, at 9½ for sixty-day bills, 9½ counter, and 10½ demand. Drafts on New York, ½ premium. A moderate amount of business has been done on the local Stock Exchange, Bank of Montreal and Montreal Telegraph having been the favorite investments. The former has advanced 2 per cent., the lowest point touched being 205½, and the latter 4½ per cent. for the week. Other changes are: advanced—Ontario 3, Peoples 1, Toronto 1, Molsons 1, Jacques Cartier 1½, Merchants 1½, Richelieu 3½, and City Gas 2½.

Transactions to-day: Morning Board—380 Montreal at 213; 50 do at 213½; 5 do at 213½; 5-45 Ontario at 68½; 500 do at 68½; 25 do at 67½; 100 do at 67; 100 do at 67½; 80 Merchants at 134½; 25 Commerce at 145½; 25 do at 146; 3-10 Montreal Telegraph at 130½; 200 do at 130½; 150 do at 130; 20 Richelieu at 62; 25 City Gas at 105. Afternoon Board—175 Montreal at 213; 50 Ontario at 67½; 50 do at 67½; 25 do at 68½; 50 do at 68½; 100 Peoples at 90½; 25 Merchants at 134½; 25 Commerce at 146; 20 Guarantee Co. at 85; 435 Montreal Telegraph at 131; 1725 do at 131½; 75 Richelieu at 62; 75 do at 62½; 25 do at 62½.

ASHES.—Receipts continue light. First Pots have sold at from \$5.15 down to \$5.00, according to tares, and close quiet at about \$4.95 to \$5.00. Seconds, \$4.50. No thirds in store. Pearls.—Receipts this week 23 barrels First Sort, which were sold at \$8.00 for shipment. It is doubtful if any quantity could be sold at this price, though it is far below price asked in Liverpool. There can be no doubt that makers will do well to send forward their Pearls as soon as made. Receipts since 1st January, 2,097 brls. Pots, 92 brls. Pearls. Deliveries, 1,635 brls. Pots, 131 brls. Pearls. Stock in store on Wednesday at 6 p.m. 1,200 brls. Pots, 267 brls. Pearls.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—Sorting-up orders are now coming forward through travellers, and some manufacturers report a larger number of these than for the like period last year. Some western jobbers have been in the market within the last few days, and, betwixt supplying their wants and shipping back orders of spring and summer goods, the leading houses are kept quite busy. Remittances reported fairly good for the time of year. A few manufacturers are commencing to cut for fall goods.

CATTLE, ETC.—The demand for shipping cattle continues active, as reported for several weeks past. The offerings at the local markets last Monday comprised about 500 head of cattle, 67 sheep, and 13 hogs. Prices were firmly maintained, choice heaves ranging from 6c to 6½c, and good to fair 5c to 5½c per lb. liv-

weight. Sheep were dear, selling at from 5½c to 6c per lb. live weight, and at from \$7.50 to \$7.75 per 100 lbs. There was a large supply of Calves, of which sales were made at from \$1.50 to \$3 each for small, and from \$4 to \$10 for good to choice. Spring lambs have changed hands at from \$2 to \$4.50 each.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Stocks of old Butter are being gradually reduced, while those of new are steadily increasing, with a corresponding steady decline in values for the new make. Receipts during the week have been rather liberal, and values for new Townships have declined 4c per lb., and for Morrisburgs and Brockvilles 2c to 3c, as compared with a week ago. The demand is fair, though no large sales have been heard of yet; jobbing lots of old have been sold at from 16c to 21c, and of new at 24c to 26c for Townships, and 23c to 25c for Morrisburg and Brockville butter. At the moment, 25c is about the highest figure obtainable. The New York and Boston markets, under heavy receipts, have been dull and weak, with prices drooping, but yesterday the New York market was reported somewhat steeper. Mr. Newman, of McKenzie, Newman & Co., New York, says:—"It is my firm opinion that fully 75 per cent. of the butter consumed in New York and its vicinity is of a spurious nature, being composed of senece or oleomargarine. You will see that this is an enormous percentage, and affords grounds for serious consideration. We have no objection to oleomargarine or any other compound if only sold on its merits, though we keep and deal in none but butter. My opinion is that butter ought to go down in price to such an extent that it could properly compete with oleomargarine and other similar products." It is stated by shippers here that considerable oleomargarine has been shipped from New York to the Lower Ports this Spring, giving good satisfaction to the fishermen, hence so few orders received here this season from the Lower Ports. The local Cheese market rules quiet and steady, at unchanged values, jobbing lots of old having sold at 13c to 14c for fine to choice, as to quantity. Liverpool market is dull and weak, with a further decline yesterday of 6d per cwt, now quoted at 63s. 6d.

DRI GOODS.—It is now between seasons in this branch, and country retailers are only commencing to be busy; hence there is little doing at wholesale. There has been a few Ottawa district and Peterboro' buyers in the market during the week, and quite an influx from neighborhoods adjacent to the city is expected as soon as navigation is open, probably next week. A few travellers are out on their second trip, but they find it too early for a good sorting-up business, as with the continued cold, raw weather stocks in the country are not much broken as yet; others are preparing to start out next month. With some leading houses remittances have improved, while some others report rather more renewals than is desirable.

FLOUR AND GRAIN.—English wheat markets have been firm on both futures and spot offerings the last few days; to-day Liverpool market ruled quiet and steady. Imports in the United Kingdom for the week show an increase of 45,000 qrs. wheat, 500,000 qrs. corn, and 70,000 qrs. flour, as compared with the week previous. The recent advance of 6c to 7c per bush. for wheat in Chicago was followed by a decline yesterday of 2½c May and 1½c June, but it has since recovered, and is quoted 1c to 2c higher to-day than the closing figures of yesterday; corn also is about 4c higher. In the local grain market business is improving, considerable having been done in wheat the past week for May delivery. Cargoes of Canada red wheat were sold yesterday at \$1.40 to \$1.40½, and cargoes of Canada White have changed hands at \$1.41; Red Winter quoted at \$1.48 to \$1.49, and Canada Spring at \$1.40 to \$1.50, as to quality. An active American demand for Onts has prevailed, re-

sulting in sales of heavy cargoes at 42c to 43c; 20,000 bush. sold yesterday on p. t. In peace buyers and sellers have been widely apart in their views, but large quantities have changed hands at \$1 for May delivery; quoted at \$1 to \$1.02½. The local flour market has been firmer, under an increased demand from Quebec and the lower ports in anticipation of the opening of navigation, and all offering have commanded a ready sale at an average advance of 15c per brl. on last week's quotations. There has also been some enquiry on English account, about 2,500 sacks having been sold yesterday for the English market on p. t. It is estimated that stocks in store in this city will show a shrinkage of 20,000 to 25,000 when the next returns are published.

FRUITS.—A fair local demand reported for nearly all kinds now in the market. Valencia Oranges have been arriving this week, and selling at \$8 to \$10 per case. Lemons in good request, at \$6 per case, or \$4 per box; receipts for the week light, but supply is ample. Apples continue in good demand from the local trade, at \$3.50 to \$5 per brl. as to kind and quality; 500 brls. were shipped from this city to Liverpool during the week. Latest advices, received here on Tuesday, report sales of Canadian apples in Liverpool at 35s.—a considerable advance on the figure previously quoted. Bananas steady at \$2.50 to \$4 per bunch; good ones very scarce. Cocoanuts selling well at \$5.50 per hundred, and imported strawberries at 75c to \$1 per quart.

GROCERIES.—Sugars during the week have not varied much. The upward tendency is probably for the time at least stayed. Granulated is 10c to 10½c. Yellow Refined 8c to 9½c. Porto Rico in only moderate request. Teas.—There is an improved feeling for good low qualities Japan, and a slight advance established. Fine to choice Teas in fair demand at full figures. Black Teas and Choice Greens quiet. Molasses.—Barbados advices still show full prices there, a cargo Barbados reported sold in St. John, N.B. for Boston at 47c wine measure. Syrups firm. Coffees.—Demand quietly grows to some extent for genuine. Mocha and Java firm. Rice dull. Spices.—Pepper is in light supply and firm. Nutmegs also maintain full value. Fruits.—Valencia Raisins of choice quality are scarce, ordinary not in much supply and firm. Malaga fruit keeps quiet. Currants more asked for. Walnuts are higher. Almonds firm.

PETROLEUM.—This market has advanced to 16c f.o.b. at London, equal to 19½c per Imp. gal. car lots in store; smaller lots, 20½c to 22c. Crude at Petroleum firm at \$1.55 in tank.

HARDWARE AND IRON.—Business in shelf goods has continued good, and prices rule steady and unchanged, but a number of shipments have been delayed until the opening of navigation, for lower freight rates, when a more active movement is expected. Tin Plates continue in moderate request, round lots of I. C. Charcoal having been sold at \$5.40 to \$5.50, and of Cokes at \$4.50 to \$4.75. Tin and Copper are both lower in England, the former being quoted at £35 and the latter at £38, for best selected. Lead also easier in England. In this market Copper has declined to 25c, at which sales have been made; Ingot Tin remains quiet, at 18½c for Canadian, and 18c for English. Bar Iron has been moving off at unchanged rates, some 300 tons, in two lots, of Staffordshire and Scotch having been sold at \$2.25, and about 140 tons Siemens at \$2.35. "Warrants" in Glasgow quoted steady, at 47s. In Pig Iron there has been more business doing, some buyers having commenced to order their Summer supplies, and quite a number of sales have occurred on p. t. for future delivery; these include 500 tons Gartsherrie and Eglinton, a lot of Summerlee at about \$21.75 for delivery the latter half of May, at 17s 6d freight, and a lot of Eglinton at \$20