

23c, and two other lots of October make were placed at 24c to 25c. In Brockville the feeling is weak, sales having been made of good dairies in the country at 16c, at 14c for seconds, and at 10c for culls. **Cheese.**—The market is steady for fine fall stock, there being no fear as to the wind-up on that quality. Things will probably be quiet from now until the holidays: Quotations are unchanged as follows: Western—Fine to finest 11½c to 12c, fair to good 10½c to 11½c, early makes 9c to 10½c. French—Fine to finest 11c to 11½c, fair to good 10c to 10½c, early makes 8½c to 9½c, skims 5c to 7½c. The following were the shipments of butter and cheese from Montreal during the season of navigation for the past ten years:—

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.
1884.....	106,137	1,127,126
1883.....	101,825	896,718
1882.....	68,208	714,485
1881.....	132,980	547,107
1880.....	196,610	541,396
1879.....	180,363	515,360
1878.....	101,596	455,449
1877.....	87,245	398,138
1876.....	168,048	465,560
1875.....	115,417	507,068

The shipments during the season of 1884 just brought to a close were distributed as follows:—

	Butter, pkgs.	Cheese, boxes.
To Liverpool.....	71,322	777,571
" Glasgow.....	21,861	108,049
" London.....	1,118	53,401
" Bristol.....	11,836	188,105

Total..... 106,137 1,127,126

The above were shipped by the following steamship companies:—

	Liverpool.		Glasgow.	
Line of Steamers.	Butter pkgs.	Cheese boxes.	Butter pkgs.	Cheese boxes.
Allan.....	43,314	338,148	20,965	95,686
Dominion.....	28,008	404,322		
Beaver.....		35,101		
Reford.....			898	12,363
	London.		Bristol.	
	Butter pkgs.	Cheese boxes.	Butter pkgs.	Cheese boxes.
Allan.....	757	11,598		
Reford.....	361	41,803	11,836	188,105

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.—The general drug trade has been moderately active at a further advance in prices in several lines, in which mercury takes the lead, having moved up 7c per lb. in the States, at the same time affecting prices in this market. This has caused an appreciation of 5c to 7c per lb. on the whole list of mercurial preparations. A considerable advance has also been established in bromine, which has become quite scarce, and caused all the bromides to twist into the sharp upward curve. Bromide of potash has popped up 5c to 10c per lb. The late advance noticed in iodine has been fully sustained, and manufacturers are not yet disposed to define their position to the trade, but a further advance is generally expected. The iodides are therefore very firm at the advance already established. Quinine has manifested a disposition to sympathize in the upward movement, owing to an advance reported by cable yesterday in the raw material. In other lines there is no material change. Heavy chemicals are quiet but generally steady owing to supplies being less than in former years at this season. Remittances are reported fair.

DRY GOODS.—Travellers are nearly all back from their winter's sorting-up trip, and the burden of their song is the terrible odds they had to contend against from Toronto houses, especially in grey flannels and nearly all kinds of Canadian woollens. An admirer of Tennyson who finished his trip, on Tuesday last, in

describing the situation as he found it out West said:—"There was 'cutting' to right of us, 'cutting' to left of us, 'cutting' in front of us, as we travelled and wondered." That veteran representative of the Montreal brigade has undoubtedly been through a pretty tough engagement, but the chances are that between now and the holidays he will have ample time to recuperate his enervated energies, and be able to start out again as fierce as a trooper with his Spring samples. Travellers have sent in a few straggling orders for Canadian tweeds, intermingled with sorting-up orders for heavy winter goods. Cottons are quiet but prices are reported steady. Remittances scarcely as good as expected.

Eggs.—The market is very quiet at 19c to 21c for held stock as to quality. Fresh cases 22c. The New York market steady at 24c to 24½c for Canadian.

FISH.—The market is quiet all round, Labrador herring meeting with slow demand at \$6 to \$6.25. Owing to light stocks, however, holders are steady in their views. Cape Breton herring sell at \$5 to \$5.25 as to quantity, green cod \$4 for No. 1, \$4.50 for No. 1 large, and \$5 for large draft. Dry cod dull at \$4 to \$4.25. Gaspe, \$3.50 to \$3.75 Nova Scotia and American. Newfoundland salmon \$11, \$10 and \$9 per bbl. for Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and at \$13.50 to \$14 for No. 1 in tierces.

GRAIN AND FLOUR.—The Grain market is dull on spot, No. 2 Canada spring and red winter wheat being nominally quoted at 80c to 83c and No. 2 white winter at 81c to 84c. In Upper Canada, however, sales are reported of about 100,000 bushels of wheat on a through freight to Liverpool at 26c per 100 lbs. The visible supply of wheat on this continent has reached 41,000,000 bushels, which is the largest on record by about 5,000,000 bushels. No business is expected on export account in this market at present, as the freight rates from Western points discriminate too much against Montreal. Corn is nominal, at 70c, duty paid, pease 70c in store or on track, oats 31c to 32c, rye 5½c, and barley 48c to 55c for common kinds, and at 60c to 65c for choice malting grades. The flour market is quiet and easy at \$3.75 to \$3.80 for superior, \$3.65 for extra, and \$3.55 to \$3.60 for spring extra. Oatmeal quiet at \$4 to \$4.25 for ordinary and at \$4.40 to \$4.60 for granulated; cornmeal \$3.20 to \$3.50. Pot barley \$4.25 per bbl and pearl barley \$6.50 to \$6.75. Bran \$13 to \$15 per ton, and shorts \$15 to \$17.

GREEN FRUIT.—The apple market, although quiet, appears to be steadily developing strength, as most of the ordinary lots have been worked off, and holders are firmer on choice qualities. Prices, however, have still a pretty wide range, being quoted at \$1.60 to \$2.25 as to quality, the latter price for fancy selections. The shipments last week were 18,708 bbls. from Montreal, 21,401 from New York, and 19,199 from Boston. The total shipments from Montreal so far this season are 85,479 bbls., and the total exports from Montreal, Boston and New York 291,265 bbls. Cables from Liverpool report sales of Canadian apples, ex-steamship Sarmatian, averaged 12s to 12s 6d. One parcel averaged 10s for inferior varieties. In Glasgow sales ex SS. Manitoba averaged 15s 6d, 15s, 13s 6d, 13s and 14s, one parcel 10s 6d. Steamship Corean, averaged 16s, 15s 6d, 14s, 13s 6d, 13 and 12s 6d. The first arrivals of Palermo and Messina lemons and of new Valencia oranges have been received by Messrs. Hart & Tuckwell, with sales reported of lemons at \$6 per case and the oranges at same figure. A car load of Florida was also received by the same firm part of which sold at \$4 per box. Box lemons are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5. Almeria grapes sell at \$4.50 to \$6 per keg. Cranberries firm, at \$13 to \$16 per bbl. for Cape Cod, Catwabs 12c to 13c, and California at \$5 to \$6 per

case. Coconuts \$5 to \$6 per 100. English cable nuts sold at 26c per lb., 10 bbls. being disposed of.

GROCERIES.—Sugar is easier both for granulated and raw, the former at 6 3-8c to 6½c and the latter at 4 3-8c to 5½c. Two cargoes of bright Porto-Rico sugar were recently sold on Montreal account in Halifax at 4½c to 4¾c for 90 to 92 test, costing 4 3-8c to 4¾c laid down here. Cable advices from London state: Cane sugar weak with downward tendency. Beet just a shade firmer. Stock in four ports United Kingdom, Nov. 15, 3,800 tons over last week, or 245,634 tons, against 205,084 tons same time last year. Quotations: Java No. 15, 14s 6d; centrifugals 96°, fully fair refining muscovado, 11s 6c; Austrian and German beet, 88°, 10s 7½d. From Havana advices by cable report sugar dull at last quotations. Stock at Havana and Matanzas, Nov. 21, 31,000 tons, against 21,000 tons same time last year. Quotations: Centrifugals, 95° to 98°, 5½ rials; fair refining, 89° test, 4 rials. Freight from outports, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Exchange—short sight, 10 to 10½ per cent premium. Molasses dull, but holders are not inclined to give way much on prices. Barbadoes being quoted at 31c to 32½c, Porto Rico at 26c to 27c, and Trinidad 23½c to 24½c. Syrups quiet at 28c to 50c as to quality and quantity. In dried fruit there is a firm feeling in Valencia raisins, which have been sold at 8½c to 8¾c, a lot of 1,000 boxes of an off brand selling at 8½c. Malagas are very scarce and prices are firm. A lot of 500 boxes of Eleme raisins containing 56 lbs. each was sold at 7½c. Sultana raisins have sold at a wide range, owing to the great difference in qualities, which are quoted at from 6½c to 7½c per lb. Prunes plentiful and cheap, with sales at 4½c to 4¾c for French. Currants are quoted at 5½c to 6½c, and Vostizian in cases as high as 7c. Natural figs are steady and quoted in 50 lb. boxes at 5½c to 6c, in 10 lb. boxes, 11½c for first and 11c for seconds, and 9 lb. boxes at 11c. Figs in 80 lb bags 5½c to 6c. The tea market is quiet, at unchanged prices. A large business has been done in black teas, sales being reported at 5½d to 1s 4½d on English account. Here there is a good demand for low grade Japans which, however, are unobtainable. Sales during the week have taken place at 19c for good common up to 28c for good medium to fine. Coffee and spices are quiet and unchanged; Rice dull at \$3.50.

HIDES, ETC.—Buyers in this city complain loudly of the loose manner in which hides are inspected in some parts of Ontario, causing them frequent losses and annoyance. It is alleged that in some of the smaller Western towns the inspection has actually been done by the dealers themselves, and afterwards certified by the inspectors. A lot of Belleville hides was recently received here inspected No. 1, half of which turned out No. 2. These practices beget general distrust, and the trade in the West will no doubt adopt stringent steps to put a stop to such unfair trading. Here the market is steady, with a moderate amount of business passing, green butchers hides having sold readily at 8½c for No. 1, and quotations are 8½c, 7½c and 6½c for Nos. 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Montreal inspected meet with good sale at 9½c No. 1. A car load of Hamilton sold at 9½c No. 1 and 8½c No. 2; a few bulls brought 8c. Toronto No. 1 are quoted at 9½c, and No. 2, 9c. In Western there is no change, No. 1 Buff 9½c to 9¾c. Manitoban dry hides 16c. Sheep skins are firm at 70c to 75c each.

HOPS.—The market rules quiet and weak, and it is difficult to say how low prices will go. There are free sellers at 15c for choice Canadian, a Picton dealer having pretty well tested the market of late, but without succeeding in disposing of much stock. Brewers are as persistent as ever in buying for present wants only, and as they are small and the export movement nil, the market is in a very un-